And King David was old, advanced in days, and they kept clothing him with clothes, and he was not being warmed. And his servants said, "Let them search for a young virgin for our lord the king, and she shall wait on the king, and she shall be keeping him warm and shall fall asleep with him, and our lord the king shall be warmed." 3And they searched for a beautiful girl from every boundary of Israel and found Abisak the Somanite and brought her to the king. 4And the girl was beautiful, extremely so, and she was keeping the king warm and was ministering to him, but the king did not know her.

5 And Adonias son of Haggith was exalting himself, saying, "I will be king," and he prepared for himself chariots and horsemen and fifty men to run along before him. 6And his father did not ever hinder him, saying, "For what reason did you act?" And indeed he was very youthful in appearance, and he begot him after Absalom. 7And his conferences were with Joab the son of Sarouia and with Abiathar the priest, and they were helping behind Adonias. 8And Sadok the priest and Banaia son of Iodae and Nathan the prophet and Semei and Rei and the powerful men of David were not behind Adonias.

9 And Adonias offered sacrifices, sheep and calves and lambs, with stone of Zoelaleth, which was next to the spring of Rogel, and he invited all his brothers and all the prominent men of Iouda, servants of the king. 10And Nathan the prophet and Banaia the son of Iodae and the powerful men and Salomon his brother he did not invite.

11 And Nathan spoke to Bersabee mother of Salomon, saying, "Did you not hear that Adonias son of Haggith became king, and our lord David did not know? 12And now come, I will indeed give you advice. And deliver your own life and the life of your son Salomon. 13Come on, go in to King David, and you shall speak to him, saying, 'Did you not, my lord O king, swear to your slave, saying: Salomon your son shall be king after me, and he shall sit on my throne? And why is it that Adonias became king?' 14And behold, while you are still there speaking with the king, I too will go in after you and will fill out your words."

15 And Bersabee went in to the king into the chamber. And the king was very old, and Abisak the Somanite was ministering to the king. 16And Bersabee bent down and did obeisance to the king, and the king said, "What is it with you?" 17And she said, "My lord O king, you swore by the Lord your God to your slave, saying: Salomon your son shall be king after me, and he shall sit on my throne. 18And now, behold, Adonias became king, and you, my lord O king, did not know. 19And he offered sacrifices, calves and lambs and sheep in great numbers, and invited all the sons of the king and Abiathar the priest and the commander of the force, but Salomon your slave he did not invite. 20And you, my lord O king—the eyes of all Israel are towards you to tell them who shall sit on the throne of my lord the king after him. 21And it will come to pass, when my lord the king sleeps with his fathers, that I myself and my son Salomon will be sinners."

22 And behold, while she was still speaking with the king, Nathan the prophet also came. 23And it was told the king, "Behold, Nathan the prophet." And he entered in front of the king and did obeisance to the king, in front of him on the ground. 24And Nathan said, "My lord O king, did you say, 'Adonias shall be king after me, and he shall sit on my throne'? 25For today he went down and offered sacrifices, calves and lambs and sheep in great numbers, and invited all the sons of the king and the commanders of the force and Abiathar the priest, and behold, they are eating and drinking before him, and they said, 'Let King Adonias live!' 26But me myself your slave and Sadok the priest and Banaia the son of Iodae and Salomon your slave he did not invite. 27If this thing has been brought about by my lord the king, then you did not let your slave know who shall sit on the throne of my lord the king after him."

28 And David answered and said, "Summon to me Bersabee." And she came in before the king and stood before him. 29And the king swore and said, "The Lord lives, who redeemed my life from every affliction, 30that as I swore to you by the Lord, the God of Israel, saying, 'Salomon your son shall be king after me, and he shall sit on my throne instead of me,' that so will I do this day." 31And Bersabee bent down on her face on the ground and did obeisance to the king, and said, "Let my lord King David live forever!"

32 And King David said, "Summon to me Sadok the priest and Nathan the prophet and Banaia son of Iodae." And they came in before the king. 33And the king said to them, "Take the slaves of your lord with you and mount my son Salomon on my own mule and bring him down to Gion.

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34 And there let Sadok the priest and Nathan the prophet anoint him king over Israel. And trumpet with a horn, and you shall say, 'Let King Salomon live!' 35 And he shall sit on my throne, and he shall be king instead of me, and I myself commanded that he be ruler over Israel and louda. 36 And Banaias son of Iodae answered the king and said, "May it be! May the Lord, the God of my lord the king, so guarantee. 37 As the Lord was with my lord the king, so may he be with Salomon, and may he make his throne greater than the throne of my lord King Dauid." 38 And Sadok the priest went down, and Nathan the prophet and Banaias son of Iodae and Chereththi and Pheleththi, and they seated Salomon on the mule of King Dauid and led him away to Gion. 39 And Sadok the priest took the horn of oil from the tent and anointed Salomon and trumpeted with the horn. And all the people said, "Let King Salomon live!" 40 And all the people went up after him, and they were dancing in choruses and rejoicing with great joy; and the earth burst at their sound.

41 And Adonias heard, and all his guests, and they finished eating. And Ioab heard the sound of the horn and said, "What, the sound of the city echoing?" 42 While he was still speaking, also be- stered and did obeisance to King Salomon, and Sadok the priest and Nathan the prophet and Banaias son of Iodae and Chereththi and Pheleththi, and they seated Salomon on the throne of the kingdom. 43 And the slaves of the king came in to bless our lord King Dauid, saying, "May God make the name of Salomon your son better than your name and make his throne greater than your throne.' And the king did obeisance on his bed, 44 and indeed thus said the king, 'Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel, who today gave from my offspring one sitting on my throne, and my eyes see it.'

49 And all the guests of Adonias were astounded and rose, and they went away, a man on his way. 50 And Adonias was afraid from before Salomon and got up and went away and took hold of the horns of the altar. 51 And it was told Salomon, saying, "Behold, Adonias was afraid of King Salomon, and he is holding fast to the horns of the altar, saying, 'Let King Salomon swear to me today, whether he will not put his slave to death with a sword.'" 52 And Salomon said, "If he should become a son of power, if one of his hairs shall fall on the ground . . . , but if wickedness is found in him, he shall be put to death." 53 And King Salomon sent and brought him down from upon the altar. And he entered and did obeisance to King Salomon, and Salomon said to him, "Come on, to your house.'

22 And Salomon sat on the throne of his father, Dauid, a son of twelve years, and his kingdom was well prepared. 23 And Adonias son of Haggith came in to Bersabee, Salomon's mother, and did obeisance to her. But she asked, "Is your visit peace?" And he said, "Peace; 24 a word for me with you." And she said to him, "Speak." 25 And he said to her, "You know that the kingdom was mine and all Israel set its face on me to be king, and the kingdom was turned about and became my brother's, for it was his from the Lord. 26 And now I request one request from you; do not turn away your face." And Bersabee said to him, "Speak on." 27 And he said to her, "Speak now to King Salomon—for he will not turn his face from you—and he will give me Abisak the Somanite for a wife." 28 And Bersabee said, "Very well; I will speak to the king on your behalf.'
19 And Bersabee went in to King Salomon to speak to him on behalf of Adonias. And the king rose to meet her and kissed her, and he sat on his throne, and a throne was placed for the king’s mother, and she sat on his right. 20And she said to him, “I request one small request from you; do not turn your face away.” And the king said to her, “Make your request, my mother, for I will not refuse you.” 21And she said, “Let now Abisak the Samaite be given to your brother Adonias as a wife.” 22And King Salomon answered and said to his mother, “And why do you request Abisak for Adonias? And request for him the kingdom! For he is my brother, the great one beyond me, and he has the priest Abiathar, and he has loab the son of Sarouia the commander-in-chief for a companion!” 23And King Salomon swore by the Lord, saying, “This is what God may do to me, and this may he add, for Adonias spoke this word at the risk of his life! 24And now the Lord lives, who prepared me and placed me on the throne of my father Dauid, and he made me a house, as the Lord spoke, for today Adonias shall be put to death.” 25And King Salomon sent by the hand of Banaiou son of Iodae and did away with him, and Adonias died on that day. 26 And the king said to the priest Abiathar, “Depart quickly to Anathoth, to your field, for you are a man of death on this day, and I will not put your face away.” 27And Salomon banished Abiathar from being a priest of the Lord, to fulfill the word of the Lord that he spoke reverence. And he made me a house, as the Lord spoke, for today Adonias shall be put to death.” 28And the news came to loab the son of Sarouia for loab had incline after Salomon—and loab fled to the covert of the Lord and grasped the horns of the altar. 29And it was told to Salomon, saying, “loab fled to the tent of the Lord, and behold, he is grasping the horns of the altar.” And Salomon sent to loab, saying, “What happened to you that you have fled to the altar?” And loab said, “Because I was afraid from before you, and I fled to the Lord.” And King Salomon sent Banaiou son of Iodae, saying, “Go, and do away with him, and bury him.” 30And Banaiou son of Iodae came to loab into the tent of the Lord and said to him, “This is what the king says, ‘Come out.’” And loab said, “I am not going out, for I will die here.” And Banaiou son of Iodae returned and said to the king, saying, “This is what loab has spoken, and this is what he has answered me.” 31And the king said to him, “Go, and do to him as he has said, and do away with him, and you shall bury him, and today you will take away from me and from my father’s house the blood that loab shed without cause. 32And the Lord brought back the blood of his injustice on his head, as he fell upon the two persons who were more righteous and better than he, and he killed them with a sword, and my father Dauid did not know of their blood, Abenner son of Ner, commander-in-chief of Israel, and Amessa son of leer, commander-in-chief of Ioudas, and their spilled blood was brought back on his head and on the head of his offspring forever, and to Dauid and to his offspring and to his house and to his throne may there be peace from the Lord forever.” 33And Banaiou son of Iodae came upon loab and put him to death and buried him at his house in the wilderness. 34And the king put Banaiou son of Iodae in command in his place, and the kingdom was being established in Ierousalem, and the king appointed the priest Sadok first priest in the place of Abiathar. 35a (4.29) And the Lord gave Salomon discernment and very great wisdom and breadth of mind like the sand which is by the sea, and the discernment of Salomon was greatly multiplied above the discernment of all ancient sons and above all prudent ones of Egypt. 35b(4.30) And he took the daughter of Pharao and brought her into the city of Dauid until he first finished his house and the house of the Lord and the wall of Ierousalem round about; in seven years he made and finished them. 35c(5.15) And Salomon had seventy thousand bearing a burden and eighty thousand stonemasons in the hill country. 35d(7.23) And Salomon made the sea and the supports and the great washbasins and the pillars and the fountain of the court and the bronze sea. 35e(7.23) And he built the citadel and its defenses, and he cut through the city of Dauid; (9.24) thus Pharao’s daughter used to go up from the city of Dauid to her house which he built for her. Then he built the citadel. 35f(9.25) And Salomon would offer up in the year three whole burnt offerings and peace offerings on the altar that he built for the Lord and would burn incense before the Lord. And he finished the house. 35h(9.23) And these are the chief officers who were appointed over the works of Salomon: three thousand six hundred overseers of the people who did the works. 35i(9.23) And he built Assour and Magdo and Gazer and Upper Baithoron and Baalath; 35k(9.23) after he built the house of the Lord and the wall of Ierousalem round about, after these he built these cities. 35l And while Dauid was still alive, he commanded Salomon, saying, (2.8) “Behold, with you is Semei son of Gera, son of the offspring of the Lemini, from Chebron; 35m(2.8) he cursed me with a painful curse on the day I was going into Camps, and he would come down to meet me at the Jordan, and I swore to him by the Lord, saying: If he will be put to death with a sword . . . !” 35n(2.8) And now do not hold him guiltless, for you are a prudent man, and you will know what you shall do to him, and you shall bring his gray head down with blood to Hades.” 36 And the king summoned Semei and said to him, “Build yourself a house in Ierousalem, and sit there, and you shall not go out from there to any place whatever, and it will be on the day of your going out, and you shall cross the Wadi Ke-
dron, knowing you shall know that by death you shall die; your blood shall be on your own head." And the king caused him to swear on that day.

38 And Semei said to the king, "The dictum is fair that you have spoken, my lord O king; so will your slave do." And Semei stayed in Ierousalem three years.

39 And it happened after three years that two of Semei's slaves ran away to King Anchous son of Maacha of Geth, and it was told Semei, saying, "Behold, your slaves are in Geth," 40 and Semei arose and saddled his donkey and went to Anchous in Geth to search for his slaves, and Semei went and brought his slaves from Geth. And it was reported to Salomon, saying, "Semei went from Ierousalem to Geth and brought back his slaves." And the king sent and summoned Semei and said to him, "Did I not make you swear by the Lord and solemnly adjure you, saying, 'Knowing you shall know that on the day you go out of Ierousalem and go to the right or to the left, by death you shall die?' And why is it that you have not kept the oath of the Lord and the commandment which I commanded against you?" And the king said to Semei, "You know all your evil that your heart knew that you did to my father Dauid, and the Lord has recompensed your evil on your own head, and King Salomon is blessed, and the throne of Dauid shall be established before the Lord forever." And King Salomon commanded Banaia son of Iodae, and he went out and did away with him, and he died.

46a And King Salomon was very prudent and wise, (4.20) and loudas and Israel were very many as the sand which is by the sea in great number, eating and drinking and being happy, (4.21) and he had seventy threescore and ten princes over Ierousalem, and thirty princes in all Israel and Judas. (4.22) He had officers over all his chariots, (4.23) and he had twelve thousand brood mares for chariots and twelve thousand horsemen, (4.21) And he was chief among all the kings from the river and as far as the land of allophyles and to the borders of Egypt.

46b Salomon son of Dauid reigned over Israel and loudas in Ierousalem.

3 2 Only, the people were burning incense at the high places, because until now a house had not been built for the name of the Lord.

3 And Salomon loved the Lord, to walk in the ordinances of his father Dauid; only, he would sacrifice and offer incense at the high places. 4 And he arose and went to Gabaon to sacrifice there, for this was the highest ground and great; Salomon offered a thousand whole burnt offerings on the altar at Gabaon. 5 And the Lord appeared to Salomon in a dream by night, and the Lord said to Salomon, "Request some request for yourself." 6 And Salomon said, "You did great mercy with your slave, my father Dauid, as he passed through before you in truth and in righteousness and in uprightness of heart with you, and you have kept for him this great mercy to give his son on his throne, and I am a little lad, and I do not know my going out and my coming in, 8but your slave is in the midst of your people whom you chose, a large people, who shall not be counted, (4.24) and I shall give your slave a heart to hear and to judge your people in righteousness to discern between good and evil; for who will be able to judge this your weighty people?"

10 And it was pleasing before the Lord that Salomon requested this thing. 11 And the Lord said to him, "Because you requested this thing from me and did not request riches and did not request lives of your enemies but requested for yourself understanding to listen to judgment, (4.25) behold, I have done according to your word; behold, I have given you a prudent and wise heart; like you there has not been before you, and after you there shall not arise similar to you. 13 And I have given you what you did not request, both riches and honor; there has not been a man like you among kings, 14 and if you walk in my way, to keep my commandments and my ordinances as your father Dauid walked, I will also lengthen your days."

15 And Salomon awoke, and behold, it was a dream, and he arose and came to Ierousalem and stood facing the altar which is before the ark of the Lord in Sion and offered up whole burnt offerings and made peace offerings and made a great feast for himself and all his servants.

16 Then, two women, prostitutes, appeared before the king and stood before him. 17 And the one woman said, "With regard to me, my lord, this woman and I, we live in one house, and we gave birth in the house, (4.26) and it happened, on the third day after I gave birth, that this woman also gave

4 Heb 1 kor = 220 liters
birth, and we were together, and there was no one else with us besides both of us in the house. 19 And this woman's son died in the night, as she lay on him, 20 and she got up in the middle of the night and took my son from my arms and laid him in her bosom and laid her dead son in my bosom. 21 And I arose in the morning, to nurse my son, and that one was dead, and beheld, I looked at him closely in the morning, and beheld, it was not my son whom I had borne. 22 And the other woman said, "No, but the living son is mine, but the dead son is yours." And they spoke before the king.

23 And the king said to them, "You say, 'This is my son that is alive, and this woman's son is the dead one,' and you say, 'Not so! but my son is the living one, and your son is the dead one.'" 24 And the king said, "Take a dagger for me," and they brought the dagger before the king. 25 And the king said, "Divide the living boy, the suckling, in two, and give the half of it to this woman and the half of it to this woman." 26 And the woman whose was the living son answered and said to the king--because her womb was troubled over her son—and she said, "With regard to me, my lord, give her the boy and by death do not put him to death." 27 And the king answered and said: "Give the boy to the one who said, 'Give it to her, and she will take my son.'" 28 And the king said to them, "You say, 'This is my son whom I had borne,' and you say, 'Not so! but my son is the living son, and your son is the dead one,' and you say, 'Not so! but my son is the living one, and this woman's son is the dead one,' and you say, 'Give it to her, and she will take my son.'" 29 And all Israel heard this judgment that the king judged, and they stood in awe from before the king, because they perceived that divine discernment was in him to execute judgment.

4 And King Salomon was ruling over Israel, 2 and these were the rulers who were his: Azariau son of Sadok 3 and Eliareph and Achia son of Sadouch and Abiathar, priests, 4 and Ornua son of Nathan, over the officials, and Zabouth son of Nathan, the king's companion, 5 and Achiel, steward, and Eliab son of Saph, over the paternal family, and Adoniram son of Epha, over the levy.

7 And Salomon had twelve appointed over all Israel to provide for the king and his household; it would be that for one month in the year the one would provide. 8 And these are their names: Benor in the hill country of Ephraim, one; 9 and Rechab in Machemus and Bithsamus and Ailton as far as Baithanan, one; 10 and Esoth Berthbemus, Lousamenca and Rephra; 11 and Chinanadab and Anaphathi, a man of Tableth (his wife was a daughter of Salomon), one; 12 and Bakcha son of Achil Thana and Mekedo and all the house of San which is beside Sesethan below the Esrae and from Baisaphoud Ebelmaola as far as Maebre Loukam, one; 13 and Son of Gaber in Remath Galaad, and to this the allotment Eregba, which is in Basan, sixty great cities with walls and bronze bars, one; 14 and Achinadab son of Achel Maanain, one; 15 and Achimasa, in Nephthali (and he took Basemmath, Salomon's daughter, as wife), one; 16 and Baan son of Chousi in Maalath, one; 17 and Samaa son of Ele in Benjamin; 18 and Gaber son of Adai in the land of Gad, the land of King Seon of Hesebon and of King Og of Basan; and one nasiph 4 in the land of Ioudas; 19 and Iosaphat son of Phousasoud in Issachar.

5 (4.27) And thus the officials would supply provisions for King Salomon and everything ordered for the table of the king, each one in his month, they did not alter a thing, and they also used to bring to the place where the king might be barley and straw for the horses and the chariots, each according to his charge. (4.22) And these were Salomon's provisions for one day: thirty kors 5 of choice flour and sixty kors 5 of ground meal 3 and ten choice calves and twenty pasture-fed oxen and one hundred sheep, besides deer and gazelles and choice birds, 6 grain fed: 4.24 For he was ruler across the river, and he was at peace on all sides round about.

9 (4.29) And the Lord gave Salomon discernment and very great wisdom and volume of mind like the sand that is by the sea. 10 And Salomon was greatly multiplied, above the discernment of all ancient people and above all the discerning of Egypt. 11 And he was wise beyond all humans; he was wise beyond Gaithan the Ezrate and Haiman and Chalkal and Darda, sons of Mal. (4.32) And Salomon spoke three thousand illustrations, and his songs were five thousand. 13 And he spoke of trees, from the cedar that is in Lebanon and as far as the hyssop that comes out through the wall, and he spoke of animals and of birds and of reptiles and of fish. 14 And all the people used to come to hear the wisdom of Salomon, and he would receive gifts from all the kings of the earth who were hearing of his wisdom. 14a (3.1) And Salomon took the daughter of Pharaoh for himself as a wife and brought her into the city of David until he finished the house of the Lord and his own house and the wall of Jerusalem. 14 (9.16) Then Pharaoh king of Egypt went up and captured Gazer and burned it and the cities of Enor and of Gezer and of Bethalmah and of Beth-El and of Beth-Assen and of all the cities of the kings of the earth who were hearing of his wisdom.

15 (5.1) And King Chiram of Tyre sent his servants to anoint Salomon in place of his father David, for Chiram had affection for David all the days. (5.2) And Salomon sent to Chiram, saying, "(5.3) You know my father David that he could not build a house for the name of the Lord, my God, from the presence of the wars that surrounded him until the Lord put them under the traces of his feet, 18 And now the Lord my God gave me rest all around; there is no plotter, and there is no evil encounter. 19 And behold, I intend to build a house for the name of the Lord, my God, as the Lord God spoke to my father David, saying, 'Your son whom I will give on your throne in your place, 11(4.30) And Salomon's provisions for one day: thirty kors of choice flour and sixty kors of ground meal and ten choice calves and twenty pasture-fed oxen and one hundred sheep, besides deer and gazelles and choice birds, grain fed: 4.24 For he was ruler across the river, and he was at peace on all sides round about.

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this one shall build the house for my name.' 20(5.6) And now command, and let them cut timber from Lebanon for me, and behold, my slaves are with your slaves, and I will give you the wages of your services according to all that you say, for you know that we have no one who knows how to cut timber like the Sidonians."

21(5.7) And it happened, when Chiram heard the words of Salomon, he rejoiced greatly and said, "Blessed be God today, who gave to Dauid a discerning son over this numerous people." 22(5.8) And he sent to Salomon, saying, "I have heard concerning all that you sent to me; I will do your every wish, cedar timber and pine. 23(5.9) My slaves shall bring them down to the sea from Lebanon, and I will make them rafts to the place that you indicate to me, and I will have them broken up there, and you will take them away, and you shall do my wish by providing food for my household."

24(5.10) And Chiram was giving Salomon cedars and his every wish. 25(5.11) And Salomon in turn gave Chiram twenty thousand kors a of wheat and machiri for his household and twenty thousand baths of beaten oil; like this Salomon would give to Chiram yearly. 26(5.12) And the Lord gave Salomon wisdom, as he spoke to him, and there was peace between Chiram and between Salomon, and they made a covenant between themselves.

27(5.13) And the king raised a levy out of all Israel, and the levy was thirty thousand men. 28(5.14) And he sent them to Lebanon, ten thousand a month alternating, they were a month in Lebanon and two months in their home, and Adoniram was in charge of the levy. 29(5.15) And Salomon had seventy thousand bearing a burden and eighty thousand stonecutters in the hill country, 30(5.16) besides the rulers appointed over Salomon’s works, three thousand six hundred supervisors who managed the works. 32(5.18) And for three years they prepared the stones and the wood.

And it happened, in the four hundred fortieth year of the departure of the sons of Israel from Egypt, in the fourth year in the second month, when King Salomon reigned over Israel, 1(5.17) that the king commanded, and they took great, costly stones for the foundation of the house, and unhewn stones, 1b(5.18) and the sons of Salomon and the sons of Chiram hewed and laid them. 1c(6.37) In the fourth year he laid the foundation of the house of the Lord in the month Niso, the second month; 1d(6.38) in the eleventh year in the month Baal (this is the eighth month) the house was finished in all its plan and in all its arrangement. 2And the house that King Salomon built for the Lord, forty cubits its length and twenty its width in cubits and twenty-five its height in cubits. 3And the ailmad in front of the shrine, twenty its width in cubits for the width of the house and ten its depth in cubits in front of the house. 6(6.14) And he built the house and finished it. 4And for the house he made hidden, peep windows. 5And he placed beams on the wall of the house all around the shrine and the dabir, and he made sides all around. 6 The lower side five cubits its width and the middle six and the third seven its width in cubits; he gave the house a space all around, outside the house, in order that they should not lay hold of the walls of the house.

7 And the house while it was being built was built with rough, unworked stones, neither hammer nor ax nor any tool of iron was heard in the house while it was being built.

8 And the gateway of the lower side was under the right shoulder of the house, and there was a winding ascent into the middle and from the middle to the third-story. 9 And he built the house and finished it, and he made a coffered ceiling for the house from cedars. 10 And he built the bondings through the whole house, its height five in cubits, and he enclosed the bonding with cedar boards. 11 And he built the walls of the house with cedars boards from the floor of the house and as far as the rafters and to the walls; he made a coffered ceiling enclosed with boards within, and he covered the inside of the house with sides of pine. 12 And he built the twenty cubits from the top of the house, the one side from the floor to the rafters, and he made from the dabir to the holy of holies. 13 And the shrine was forty cubits in front of the dabir in the midst of the house within, to set there the ark of the covenant of the Lord. 14 And he built the walls of the house with cedars boards to the floor of the house and as far as the rafters and the walls; he made a coffered ceiling enclosed with boards within, and he covered the inside of the house with sides of pine. 15 And he made a winding ascent into the middle and from the middle to the third-story. 16 And he built the walls of the house with cedars boards from the floor of the house and as far as the rafters and to the walls; he made a coffered ceiling enclosed with boards within, and he covered the inside of the house with sides of pine. 17 And he made the doors of juniper wood and a five-sided lintel 32 and two doors of pine boards and carved on them carved cherubin and palm trees and open flower-leaves, and he overlaid with gold, and the gold

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3Heb 1 kor = 220 liters 4Heb = price 5Heb 1 bath = 22 liters 6Heb = porch 7Heb = inner chamber 8I.e. side
9Or angle
went down on the cherubim and on the palm trees.

33 And thus he made for the gateway to the shrine lintels of juniper, four-sided porticoes. 34 And pine boards in both the doors; the one door two leaves and their hinges and the second door two leaves, hinged; 35 carved cherubim and palm trees and open flower-leaves and overlaid with gold brought down upon the relief work. 36 And he built the inner court, three courses of unhewn stones and a course of prepared cedar round about. And he built the veil of the court of the altar of the house, which is before the shrine.

7 (13) And King Solomon sent and received Chiram from Tyre, 2(14) son of a widow, and he was from the tribe of Nephthali, and his father was a Tyrian man, an artisan in bronze and accomplished in skill and understanding and knowledge to perform every work in bronze, and he was brought in to King Solomon, and he made all the works.

3(15) And he cast the two pillars for the altar of the house; eighteen cubits was the height of a pillar, and a circumference of fourteen cubits encompassed it, and the thickness of the pillar was the hollow of four fingers, and so the second pillar. 4(16) And he made two covers of molten bronze to set on the tops of the pillars, five cubits the height of the one cover and five cubits the height of the second cover. 5(17) And he made two lattice works to wrap around the cover of the pillars, and a lattice-work for the one cover and a lattice-work for the second cover. 6(18) And he made the one cover with a hanging work, two rows of bronze pomegranates wrought in net-works, a hanging work, row upon row, and thus he did with the second cover. 7(19) And he set up the pillars of the altar of the shrine, and he set up the one pillar and called its name Baaz. 8(20) And on the tops of the pillars was lily-work of four cubits, against the shrine lintels of juniper, four-sided porticoes.

10(23) And he made the sea, ten in cubits from its rim to its rim; the same was round in a circle; its height was five in cubits, and b drawn together, thirty-three in cubits encompassed it. 11(24) And supports under its rim all round were encircling it, ten in cubits all round, to raise up the sea. 12(26) And its rim was like the work of the rim of a cup, like a bud of a lily, and the thickness of it a handbreadth. 13(27) And twelve oxen were under the sea, the three facing north and the three facing seaward, and the three facing south and the three facing east, and all the hindquarters were toward the house, and the sea was upon them from above.

14(27) And he made ten bronze mechonoth, five cubits the length of the one mechonoth, and four cubits its width and six in cubits its height. 15(28) And this was the work of the mechonoth; they had a stopper, and a stopper between the projections were lions and oxen and cherubim, and on the projections thus: enclosed spaces both above and below the lions and the oxen, a work of descent. 17(30) And the one mechonoth had four bronze wheels and the bronze attachments and their four sides, shoulder pieces under the wash-basins. 18(32) And there were hands in the wheels in the mechonoth, and the height of the one wheel was a cubit and a half. 19(33) The work of the wheels was the work of chariot wheels; their hands and their backst and their works, the whole castings. 20(34) The four shoulder pieces were at the four corners of the one mechonoth; its shoulders were from the mechonoth, one order and measure for all.

24(38) And he made ten bronze buckets, the one bucket holding forty chous by measurement; the one bucket on the one mechonoth, for the ten mechonoth, 25(39) And he placed the ten mechonoth, five on the shoulder of the house on the right and five on the shoulder of the house on the left and the sea on the shoulder of the house on the right, eastward, on the side of the south.

26(40) And Chiram made the cauldrons and the tongs and the saucers, and Chiram finished making all the works that he made for King Solomon in the house of the Lord: 27(41) two pillars and the wreathed works of the pillars on the tops of the two pillars and the two lattice works to cover both the wreathed works of the carvings that were on the pillars, 28(42) and four hundred pomegranates for both the lattice works, two rows of pomegranates for the one lattice-work, to wrap around both the wreathed works on both the pillars, 29(43) and the ten buckets on the mechonoth, 30(44) and the one sea and the twelve oxen underneath the sea, 31(45) and the cauldrons and the tongs and the saucers, all the implements that Chiram made for King Solomon for the house of the Lord, and the forty-eight pillars of the house of the king and the house of the Lord.

All the works of the king that Chiram made, entirely of bronze; 32(47) the weight of the bronze of which he made all these works, very much in abundance. 33(48) In the region of the Jordan the king cast them, in the thickness of the ground between Sokchoth and between Sira.

34(48) And King Solomon gave the implements that he made in the house of the Lord: the golden altar, and the table upon which were the loaves of the offering—golden, 35(49) and the lampstands, five on the right and five on the left, in front of the dabirol—overlaid gold, and the torches and the lamps and the golden pouring vessels and the
porticoes and the nails and the saucers and the bowls and the golden censers, overlaid, and the doorways of the innermost part of the house, the holy of the holies and the golden doors of the shrine. 37(7.1) And all the work that King Salomon did on the house of the Lord was fulfilled, and Salomon brought in the holy things of his father David and all the holy things of Salomon, the silver and the gold and the implements, and gave them into the treasures of the house of the Lord.

38(7.1a) And Salomon built his house in thirteen years.

39(7.2) And he built the House to the Forest of the Lebanon, one hundred cubits its length and fifty cubits its width and thirty cubits its height, and three courses of cedar logs, and cedar shoulders for the logs. 40(7.3) And he paneled the house, from above, on the sides of the logs, and the number of logs was forty-five; the course was fifteen, 41(7.4) and there were three beams and space on space, three times, 42(7.5) and all the doorways and the spaces linked by beams were square and from the doorway on the door three times.

43(7.6) And the Ailam of the Pillars was fifty cubits long and thirty in cubits in width, linked together. There was an ailam in front of them, and pillars and thickness before it for the ailammini.

44(7.7) And the Ailam of the Thrones, there where he pronounced judgment, Ailam of the Court.

45(7.8) And he had a house, there where he sat, one court evolved for those according to this work, and a house for Pharaoh’s daughter whom Salomon took, corresponding to this ailam.

46(7.9) All these were of costly stones, sculptured at intervals on the inside, even from the foundation to the coping, and on the outside into the great court forty cubits long and thirty in cubits in width, linked together. There was an ailam in front of them, and pillars and thickness before it for the ailammini.

47(7.10) And above with costly stones, according to the measure of unhewn, and with cedars.

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49(7.12) For the great court three courses of unhewn and a course of sculptured cedar. 50(7.1b) And Salomon finished his whole house.

8 And it happened, when Salomon finished building the house of the Lord and his own house after twenty years, then King Salomon assembled all the elders of Israel in Sion to bring up the ark of the covenant of the Lord out of the city of David (this is Sion) in the month Athanin.

3And the priests carried the ark and the covert of witness and all the holy vessels that were in the tent of witness, and the king and all Israel were before the ark sacrificing countless sheep and oxen. 6And the priests brought the ark into its place in the dabir of the house, into the holy of holies, underneath the wings of the cherubim, for the cherubim were spread out by their wings over the place of the ark, and the cherubim would cover above the ark and above its holy things from above, 8and the sacred things projected, and the heads of the sacred things were seen from the holy place in front of the dabir, but they could not be seen from outside. 9There was nothing in the ark except the two stone tablets, tablets of the covenant, that Moyses had placed there at Choreb—which things the Lord arranged with the sons of Israel, when they came out of the land of Egypt. 10And it happened, when the priests came out of the holy place, that a cloud filled the house, 11and the priests could not stand to minister from before the cloud, for the glory of the Lord filled the house.

14 And the king turned his face away, and the king blessed all Israel, and all the assembly of Israel had stood. 15And he said, “Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel today, who spoke with his mouth concerning my father David and fulfilled with his hands, saying, 16Since the day that I brought my people Israel out of Egypt, I have not chosen in a city, in one scepter of Israel, to build a house for my name to be there, but I chose in Jerusalem for my name to be there, and I chose David to be over my people Israel.” 17And it was in the heart of my father David to build a house for the name of the Lord, God of Israel. 18And the Lord said to my father David, ‘because it came into your heart to build a house for my name, you did well that it came into your heart; 19nevertheless, you shall not build the house, but your son who will come forth out of your sides, he shall build the house for my name.’ 20And the Lord raised up his word that he spoke, and I arose in the place of my father David, and I sat on the throne of Israel, as the Lord had spoken, and I built the house for the name of the Lord, God of Israel. 21And I set there a place for the ark, there wherein is the covenant of the Lord, which the Lord made with our fathers, when he brought them out of the land of Egypt.”

22 And Salomon stood before the altar of the Lord before all the assembly of Israel and spread out his hands to heaven 23and said, “O Lord God of Israel, there is no God like you in heaven above and on the earth beneath, keeping covenant and mercy for your slave who goes before you with his whole heart, 24which things you kept for your slave my father David and spoke with your mouth and have, as this day, fulfilled with your hands. 25And now, O Lord God of Israel, keep for your slave, my father David, what you spoke to him, saying, ‘There shall not be taken from you a man from before me to sit on the throne of Israel, if only your children keep their ways to go before me, as you went before me!’ 26And now, O Lord God of Israel, do let your word to my father David be confirmed. 27 ‘For will God indeed dwell with people on the earth? If heaven and the heaven of the heaven will not suffice for you, how much less even this house that I built for your name? 28And you shall look upon my petition, O Lord God of Israel, to hear the delight with which your slave prays before you to you today, 29that your eyes may be open day
and night toward this house, toward the place of which you said, 'My name shall be there,' that you may heed the prayer that your slave prays toward this place day and night. 30And you shall hearken to the petition of your slave and of your people Israel, which things they pray toward this place, and you shall listen in heaven, in the place of your habitation, and you shall do and be merciful.

31 "What each sins against his neighbor, and if he takes a curse upon him that he be cursed and comes and confesses before your altar in this house, 32then you shall listen from heaven and act and shall judge your people Israel, that a lawless person has acted lawlessly—to give his way to his head—and to declare righteous a righteous person—to give him according to his righteousness.

33 "When your people Israel fall before enemies, because they will sin against you, and they shall return and acknowledge your name and pray and plead in this house, 34then you shall listen from heaven and act and give to their fathers.

35 "When heaven is shut up and there is no rain, because they will sin against you, and they pray toward this place and acknowledge your name and turn from their sins, when you humble them, 36then you shall listen from heaven and be merciful to the sins of your people Israel and bring them again to the land that you gave to your fathers.

36 "And for the stranger, he who is not of your people, 42when they shall come and pray toward this place, 43then you shall listen from heaven, and will be merciful and act and give to a man according to his ways, just as you know his heart, for you alone know the heart of all the sons of people, 40that they may fear you all the days that they live in the land that you gave to your people in inheritance.

37 "If there is famine, if there is death—for there will be burning, locust larva—if there is mildew and if their enemy afflicts them in one of their cities, any plague, any pain, 38any prayer, any petition, if it be to any person, when each knows the heart of his own heart and spits towards this house, 39then you shall listen from heaven and be merciful to the sins of your slave and your people Israel, because you will make clear to them the good way to go in it, and you will grant rain on the land that you gave to your people in inheritance.

38 "When your people Israel fall before enemies, because they will sin against you, and they shall return and acknowledge your name and pray and plead in this house, 34then you shall listen from heaven and act and give to their fathers.

39 "Therefore, O Lord, let your hand be on your servant, and on the house that I have built for your name, and on all Israel, your people, 40that their heart may turn to you, and they may fear you all the days they live in the land that you gave to your people.

40 "If my people, Israel, and your servants, the men of Israel, turn to you and say, 'We have sinned; we have acted lawlessly; we have acted unrighteously,' 48and they turn to you with their whole heart and with their whole soul in the land of their enemies where you transferred them, and they shall pray to you by way of their land, which you gave to their fathers, the city that you have chosen, and the house that I have built for your name, 49then you shall listen from heaven, from your established dwelling place, and will grant rain on the land that you gave to your people in inheritance.

41 "For your people will go out to battle against your enemies, by a way that you shall turn them, and they will pray in the name of the Lord by way of the city, which you have chosen to be in it, and the house that I have built for your name, 45then you, from heaven, shall listen to their petition and their prayer and maintain their cause.

42 "And for the stranger, he who is not of your people, 42when they shall come and pray toward this place, 43then you shall listen from heaven, from your established dwelling place, and do according to all that the stranger calls to you for, that all the peoples may know your name and fear you towards this house, 39then you shall listen from heaven and be merciful to the sins of your slave and your people Israel, because you will make clear to them the good way to go in it, and you will grant rain on the land that you gave to your people in inheritance.

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45 "Because they will sin against you—for there is not a person who will not sin—and you will bring against them and hand them over before enemies, and those who take captive shall take them captive to a land far off and near, 47and they will turn their hearts in the land, there where they were transferred. And should they turn and plead with you in the land of their deportation, saying, 'We have sinned; we have acted lawlessly; we have acted unrighteously,' 48and they turn to you with their whole heart and with their whole soul in the land of their enemies where you transferred them, and they shall pray to you by way of their land, which you gave to their fathers, the city that you have chosen, and the house that I have built for your name, 49then you shall listen from heaven, from your established dwelling place, and will grant rain on the land that you gave to your people in inheritance.

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62 And the king and all the sons of Israel offered a sacrifice before the Lord. 63 And King Salomon offered the sacrifices of peace that he sacrificed to the Lord, twenty-two thousand oxen and one hundred twenty thousand sheep, and the king and all the sons of Israel dedicated the house of the Lord. 64 On that day the king consecrated the middle of the court that was in front of the house of the Lord, for there he made the whole burnt offering and the sacrifices and the fat pieces of the peace offerings, because the bronze altar that was before the Lord was small so as not to be able to bear the whole burnt offering and the sacrifices of peace.

65 And Salomon held the feast in that day, and all Israel with him, a great assembly, from the entering in of Hemath to the river of Egypt, before the Lord, our God, in the house that he built, eating and drinking and rejoicing before the Lord, our God, seven days. 66 And in the eighth day he sent the people away, and he blessed them, and they went each to his tents joyful and in good heart because of the good things that the Lord did to his slave David and to his people Israel.

9 And it happened, when Salomon had finished building the house of the Lord and the house of the king and all the business of Salomon that he desired to do, 2 that the Lord appeared to Salomon a second time, as he appeared at Gabaon, 3 and the Lord said to him, "I heard the sound of your prayer and your petition which you petitioned before me; I have done for you according to all your prayer; I will establish the house that you built to put the name of the Lord there forever, and my eyes and my heart will be there all the days. 4 And if you go before me, and do obeisance to them, and embrace foreign gods and did obeisance to them and were subject to them, therefore the Lord has brought this evil upon them. 5 For twenty years, in which Salomon built the two houses, the house of the Lord and the king's house, 11 King Chiram of Tyre supplied Salomon with cedar timber and with pine timber and with gold and with every wish of his. Then the King gave Chiram twenty cities in the land of Galilee. 12 And Chiram departed from Tyre and went to Galilee, to see the cities that Salomon gave him, and they did not please him, 13 and he said, "What kind of cities are these that you gave me, brother?" 14 And he called them Boundary to this day. 15 And Chiram brought Salomon one hundred twenty talents of gold, 16 and with that King Salomon made a ship at Gasonaber, which is near Ailath on the shore of the last sea in the land of Edom. 17 And Chiram sent off in the ship some of his servants, seafaring men who knew how to row the sea, together with the servants of Salomon. 18 And they went to Sophera and took from there one hundred twenty talents of gold and brought them to King Salomon.

10 And the queen of Saba heard the name of Salomon and the name of the Lord and came to test him with riddles, 2 and she came to Jerusalem with a very weighty force, and there were camels bearing spices and very much gold and precious stone. Like those spices, which the queen of Saba gave to King Salomon, there was not a word overlooked by the king that he did not report to her. 4 And the queen of Saba observed all the discernment of Salomon and the house that he built 5 and the food of Salomon and the sitting of his servants and the standing of his public servants and his servants and the standing of his public servants and his clothing and his cupbearers and his whole burnt offering that he offered in the house of the Lord, and she was beside herself.

6 And she said to King Salomon, "The word is true that I heard in my land concerning your word and concerning your discernment, 7 and I did not believe those who spoke to me until I came and my own eyes had seen it, and behold, as they reported to me, it is not the half. You have added good things to them in every report that I heard in my land. 8 Happy are your wives! Happy are these your servants who continually stand before you, who hear all your discernment! 9 May the Lord your God be blessed who wanted you, to give you on the throne of Israel. Because the Lord loves Israel to establish it forever, he also made you king over them to do judgment in righteousness, even in their lawsuits. 10 And she gave Salomon one hundred twenty talents of gold and very much spices and precious stone. Like those spices, which the queen of Saba gave to King Salomon, there have not come again in quantity.

11 (And the ship of Chiram which carried the gold from Souphir brought very much unewhn wood and precious stone. 12 And the king made the unewhn wood supports of the house of the Lord and of the house of the king and nablases and cinyras for the singers. Such unewhn wood had
not come into the land or been seen anywhere to this day.)

13 And King Salomon gave the queen of Saba everything, as much as she desired, as much as she requested, beyond all that Salomon had given her through the hand of the king, and she returned and went to her own land, and she and all her servants.

14 And the weight of gold that had come to Salomon in one year was six hundred sixty-six talents of gold. 15 Besides the tributes from those subjected and from the merchants and from all the kings who are from beyond and the satraps of the land.

16 And Salomon made three hundred beaten gold spears; three hundred gold pieces went into the one spear. 17 And he made three hundred beaten gold weapons; three minas of gold went into the one weapon, and he put them in the House of the Forest of Lebanon. 18 And the king made a great ivory throne and gilded it with pure gold; 19 the throne had six steps, and the throne had heads of calves in relief behind it and on this side and on that, on the place of the seat, were arms and two lions standing beside the arms. 20 And twelve lions standing ‘on this side and on that’, on the six steps; it was not done so in any kingdom. 21 And all Salomon’s drinking vessels were of gold, and gold washbasins, all the vessels of the House of the Forest of Lebanon, were of overlaid with gold; there was no silver, for it was not reckoned in the days of Salomon.

22 For the king had a ship of Tharsis at sea with the ships of Chiram, one ship used to come to the king from Tharsis every three years with gold and silver and carved and hewn stones.

22a This was the business of the foraging that King Salomon brought to build the house of the Lord and the house of the king and the wall of Jerusalem and the citadel, to fortify all round the fence of the city of Dauid and Assour and Magdane and Gazer and Upper Baithoron and Iethermath and all the cities for the horsemen and the business of Salomon which he was engaged in, to build in Jerusalem and in all the land.

22b So that all the people who remained of the Chettite and of the Amorrite and of the Hethite and of the Jebusite and of the Gergesite, those who were not of the sons of Israel—(9.21) their children who remained after them in the land, whom the sons of Israel were not able to destroy—would not rule over him. And Salomon brought them under tribute until this day.

22c And from the sons of Israel Salomon exacted nothing, for they were men who fought, and his servants and captains of his chariots and his horsemen.

23 And Salomon was greater than all the kings of the earth in riches and in discernment. And all the kings of the earth were seeking the face of Salomon to hear his discernment, which the Lord gave into his heart. 25 And they each would bring their gifts, gold utensils and raiment, oil of myrrh and spices and horses and mules, this every year by year.

26 And Salomon had four thousand mares for chariots and twelve thousand horsemen, and he put them in the cities for the chariots and with the king in Ierousalem. 26a And he was ruling all the kings from the river and as far as the land of allophyles and to the borders of Egypt. 27 And the king gave gold and silver in Ierousalem like stones, and he gave the cedar trees like sycamores that are in a plain in abundance.

11 And King Salomon was a philogynist. And he had seven hundred ruling women and three hundred concubines. And he took foreign women, both the daughter of Pharao, Moabites, Ammonites, Syrians and Idumeans, Chettites and Amorrites, from the nations that the Lord forbade to the sons of Israel: “You shall not go in to them, and they shall not go in to you, lest they turn away your hearts after their idols”; Salomon clung to them for love. 4 And it happened at the time of Salomon’s old age that his heart was not perfect with the Lord, his God, as was the heart of his father Dauid, and his foreign wives turned away his heart after their gods. 5 Then Salomon built a high place to Chamos, idol of Moab, and to their king, idol of the sons of Ammon, (9.15) and to Astarte, abomination of the Sidonians. 7 And thus he did for all his foreign wives; they were offering incense and sacrificing to their idols, and Salomon did evil before the Lord; he did not go after the Lord as Dauid his father.

9 And the Lord was angry with Salomon, because his heart had turned away from the Lord God of Israel, who appeared to him twice, 10 and commanded him concerning this matter that he should definitely not go after other gods and should keep to do what the Lord God commanded him. 11 And the Lord said to Salomon, “Since these things were with you and you did not keep my commandments and my ordinances that I commanded you, tearing I will tear your kingdom from your hand and give it to your slave. 12 Yet, for the sake of your father Dauid I will not do them in your days; I will take it out of the hand of your son. 13 Yet, I will not take the entire kingdom; I will give one scepter to your son for the sake of my slave Dauid and for the sake of Ierousalem, the city which I chose.”

14 And the Lord raised up a satan against Salomon, Hader the Idumean (11.23) and Hesrom son of Eliade who was in Raemmth, Hadrazar, king of Souba, his master, (11.24) and men were gathered around him, and he was leader of a band, and he

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\[a\text{Gk 1 mina} = 100\text{ drachmas} = 0.6\text{ kg}\]

\[b\text{Or hands}\]

\[c\text{Possibly at opposite ends of each step}\]

\[d\text{i.e. the mares}\]

\[e\text{Heb = adversary}\]
first captured Damasek, (11.25) and they were a sa-
tan to Israel all the days of Salomon. And Hader
the Idumean was of the seed of the kingdom in Id-
umea. 13And it happened, when Dauid utterly de-
stroyed Edom while Ioab, commander of the army,
went to bury the casualties, that they cut off every
male in Idumea 16(for Ioab and all Israel en-
camped there in Idumea six months until he had
eliminated every male from Idumea), 17and Hader
fled, he and all the Idumean men of the servants of
his father with him, and they went into Egypt, and
Hader was a young lad. 18And men from the city
of Madiam rose up and came into Pharan, and
they took men with them and came to Pharao,
king of Egypt, and Hader entered in before Pharao,
and he gave him a house and arranged food for
him. 19And Hader found great favor in the sight of
Pharao. 21And Hader heard in Egypt that Dauid
went to bury the casualties, that they cut off every
male in Idumea. 22And Hader said to Pharao, "Send-
me off, and I will return to my land." 22And Pharao said to Hader, "What do you lack with me?
And behold, you seek to go to your land." And
Hader said to him, "Sending off send me off." And
Hader returned to his land. 25This was the evil
which Hader did, and he was indignant with Isra-
el, and he reigned in the land of Edom.

26 And Ieroboam son of Nabat the Ephrathi
from Sarira, son of a widow woman, was a slave of
Salomon. 27And this was the matter when he lift-
ed up hands against King Salomon. He built the
citadel, closed up the fence of the city of Dauid his
father, 28and the person Ieroboam was mighty in
power, and Salomon saw the lad, that he was a
man of action, and he gave him charge over the
levies of the house of Joseph. 29And it happened
at that time that Ieroboam went out of Ierusalem,
and the prophet Achias the Selonite found him on
the way and took him aside out of the way, and
Achias had clothed himself with a new garment,
and both were in the plain. 30And Achias laid hol-
iday of his life, for the sake of my slave Dauid, him
whom I chose. 35And I will take the kingdom out
of the hand of his son and give you the ten
scepters, 36but to his son I will give the two
scepters in order that there be an institution for my
slave Dauid all the days before me in Ierousalem, the
city which I chose for myself to put my name
there. 37And I will take you, and you shall reign in
what your soul desires, and you shall be king over
Israel. 38And it will be, if you keep all that I com-
mand you and go in my ways and do what is right
before me, to keep my commandments and my
ordinances, as Dauid, my slave, did, then I will be
with you and will build you a sure house, as I built
for Dauid." 40And Salomon sought to put Ier-
oboa to death, and he arose and fled to Egypt to
King Sousakim of Egypt, and he was in Egypt until
Salomon died.

41 And the rest of the words of Salomon and
all that he did and all his discernment, behold,
have these not been written in a book of the words
of Salomon? 42And the days that Salomon reigned
in Ierousalem were forty years. 43And Salomon
slept with his fathers, and they buried him in
the city of his father Dauid. And it happened, (12.2)when Ieroboam son of Nabat heard (and he
was still in Egypt, since he fled from before Sa-
loom and settled in Egypt), he went straight and
came to his city in the land of Sarira which is in the
hill country of Ephraim. And King Salomon slept
with his fathers, (11.43)and his son Roboam ruled
in his stead.

12 And King Roboam went to Sikima, for all
Israel was coming to Sikima to make him
king. 3And the people spoke to Roboam the king,
saying, 4"Your father made our collar heavy, and
division of the Levites, and for the wood and for the
people to his God. 18And the king summoned the
elders who had attended before his father Salomon while he was
still living, saying, "How do you advise and I an-
swer this people a word?" 7And they spoke to him,
saying, "If you will be a slave to this people in this
day and be subject to them and speak good words
to them, they will also be your slaves all the days." 8And he disregarded the advice of the elders that
they counseled him and took counsel with the
young men who had grown up with him who at-
tended before him 9and said to them, "What do
you advise, and what should I answer this people
who spoke to me, saying, 'Lighten some of the col-
lar that your father put on us?'" 10And the young
men who had grown up with him who attended
before him spoke to him, saying, "This is what you
shall speak to this people who spoke to you, say-
ing, 'Your father made our collar heavy, and now
you, lighten it from off us,' this is what you shall
speak to them, 'My smallness is thicker than my fa-

4Heb = adversary
12 And all Israel came to King Roboam in the third day, as the king told them, saying, "Come to me again on the third day." 13 And the king answered the people harshly, and Roboam disregarded the advice of the elders that they counseled him, 14 and spoke to them according to the advice of the young men, saying, "My father made your collar heavy, and I will add to your collar; my father disciplined you with whips, but I will discipline you with scorpions." 15 And the king did not listen to the people, because the change was from the Lord that his word which he spoke by the hand of Achia the Selonite concerning Ieroboam son of Nabat might stand.

16 And all Israel saw that the king did not listen to them, and the people answered the king, saying, "What share do we have in David? And we have no inheritance in the son of Jesse; depart to your coverts, O Israel! Now feed your own house, O David." And Israel went away to its coverts.

And the king sent Adoniram who was over the levy, and all Israel stoned him with stones, and he died, and King Roboam was the first to mount to flee to Jerusalem. 17 And Israel rebelled against the house of David to this day.

20 And it happened, when all Israel heard that Ieroboam had returned from Egypt, that they sent and called him to the gathering and made him king over Israel, and there was no one behind the house of David except the scepter of Ioudas and Benjamin alone.

21 And Roboam entered into Jerusalem and convened the gathering of Ioudas and sceptor of Benjamin, one hundred twenty thousand young men, practicing war, to fight against the house of Israel to restore the kingdom to Roboam son of Salomon. 22 And a word of the Lord came to Samaia, a man of God, saying: 23 Say to Roboam king of Ioudas, son of Salomon and to all the house of Ioudas and Benjamin and to the rest of the people, saying, 24 "This is what the Lord says, 'You shall not go up or fight with your brothers, the sons of Israel; let each return to his own house, for this thing has come from me.' " And they heeded the word of the Lord and forbore to go, according to the word of the Lord.

24a(11.43) And King Salomon slept with his fathers and was buried with his fathers in the city of Daud. And his son Roboam ruled in his stead in Jerusalem being a son of sixteen years when he began to reign, and he reigned twelve years in Jerusalem, and his mother’s name was Naanah daughter of Anan son of Naas, king of the sons of Ammon, (14.22) and he did evil before the Lord and did not go in the way of Daud his father.

24b(11.26-28) And there was a person of Mount Ephraim, a slave of Salomon, and his name was Ieroboam, and his mother’s name was Sarira, a prostitute, and Salomon made him ruler of the cedgel over the burdens of the house of Joseph, and he built for Salomon Sarira, which was in Mount Ephraim, and he had three hundred chariots of horses; he built the citadel with the burdens of the house of Ephraim; he enclosed the city of Daud, and he was aspiring to the kingdom. 24c(11.40) And Salomon was seeking to put him to death, and he was afraid and ran away to King Sousakim of Egypt, and he was with him until Salomon died. 24d(11.21,22) And Ieroboam heard in Egypt that Salomon had died, and he spoke in the ears of Sousakim, king of Egypt, saying, "Send me off, and I will depart into my land," and Sousakim said to him, "Request any request, and I will give it to you." 24e And Sousakim gave Ieroboam Ano, the older sister of Thekemina his wife, to him as wife; she was great among the king’s daughters, and she bore to Ieroboam Abia his son. 24f And Ieroboam said to Sousakim, "Do really send me off, and I will depart." And Ieroboam departed from Egypt and came into the land of Sarira, which is in Mount Ephraim, and there all the sceptors of Ephraim gathered, and Ieroboam built a palisaded camp there.

24g(14.1) And his lad was sick with a very severe sickness, and Ieroboam went to inquire about the lad, (14.2) and he said to Ano his wife, "Arise, and go; ask God about the lad, whether he will recover from his sickness." 24h And there was a person in Selon, and his name was Achia, and he was a son of sixty years, and the word of the Lord was with him. And Ieroboam said to his wife, "Arise, and (14.3) take in your hand for the man of God loaves and cakes and grapes and a jar of honey." 24i And the woman arose and took in her hand loaves and two cakes and grapes and a jar of honey for Achia, and the person was rather old, and his eyes were dim-sighted to see. 24j And she arose from Sarira and came, and it happened, after she entered into the city to Achia the Selonite, that Achia said to his lad: Indeed, go out to meet Ano the wife of Ieroboam and you will say to her, (14.6) "Come in and do not stand, for this is what the Lord says, 'I will send hard things upon you.' " 24k And Ano entered in before the man of God, and Achia said to her, "Why have you brought me loaves and grapes and cakes and a jar of honey? This is what the Lord says, 'Behold, you will depart from me, and it will be when you enter the gate to Sarira that your girls will come out to meet you and will say to you, "The lad has died."' 24l And the birds of the air will devour the one who has died in the field. And they shall lament for the child, "Woe, O Lord," for there was found in him a good
thing concerning the Lord." 23And the woman departed when she heard, and it happened, as she entered into Sarira, that the lad died, (14.18)and the wailing came out to meet her.

24o And Ieroboam went to Sikima which is in Mount Ephraim and gathered there the tribes of Israel, and Roboam son of Salomon came up there, and a word of the Lord came to Samaias the Elami, saying, "Take for yourself a new garment which has not been immersed in water and tear it into twelve pieces, and you shall give to Ieroboam and say to him, 'This is what the Lord says, Take for yourself ten pieces to cover yourself." and Ieroboam took them, and Samaias said, "This is what the Lord says concerning the ten tribes of Israel."

24p(12.3) And the people said to Roboam son of Salomon, (12.4)"Your father made his collar heavy upon us and the food of his table heavy. And now if you will ease up on us, then we will be subject to you," and Roboam said to the people, (12.5)"Yet three days, and I will answer you a word." 24q(12.6)And Roboam said, "Bring in the elders to me and I will take counsel with them what word I should answer the people in the third day." And Roboam spoke in their ears as the people sent to him, and the elders of the people said, "Thus the people spoke to you." 24r(12.8)And Roboam rejected their advice, and it was not pleasing before him, and he sent and gathered those who had been brought up with him (12.9)and spoke to them the issues, "And the people sent to me, saying these things," (12.10)And those who had been brought up with him said: "Thus you shall speak to the people, saying, 'My smallness is thicker than my father's loins; (12.11)my father chastised you with whips, but I will rule you with scorpions.'" 24sAnd the word was pleasing before Roboam, (12.14)and he answered the people according as the lads who grew up with him advised him. 24t(12.16)And all the people as one man advised him, and the elders of the people said, "Thus the people spoke to you." 24u(12.23)And Roboam rejected their advice, and it was not pleasing before him, and he sent and gathered those who had been brought up with him and spoke to them the issues, "And the people sent to me, saying these things," (12.10)And those who had been brought up with him said: "Thus you shall speak to the people, saying, 'My smallness is thicker than my father's loins; (12.11)my father chastised you with whips, but I will rule you with scorpions.'" 24vAnd the word was pleasing before Roboam, (12.14)and he answered the people according as the lads who grew up with him advised him. 24w(12.16)And all the people as one man said, each to his neighbor, and all cried out, saying, "There is no part for us in Daud, neither inheritance in the son of lessai; to your coverts, O Israel, for this person is not for a ruler or for a leader."

24xAnd all the people were dispersed from Sikima, and each departed to his coverts. (12.21)And Roboam retained control and departed and mounted on his chariot and entered into Ierusalem, and all the scepter of l oudas and all the scepter of Beniamin went after him. 24y(12.24)And it happened at the beginning of the year that Roboam gathered every man of l oudas and Beniamin and went up to fight against Ieroboam at Sikima. (12.22)And a word of the Lord came to Samaias a man of God, saying: (12.23)Say to Roboam, king of l oudas, and to all the house of l oudas and Beniamin and to the rest of the people, saying, (12.24)"This is what the Lord says, You shall not go up or fight against your brothers, sons of Israel; return each to his house, for this word has come from me." 24zAnd they heard the word of the Lord and forbore to go, according to the word of the Lord.

25 And Ieroboam built Sikima, which is in Mount Ephraim and settled in it, and he went out from there and built Phanouel. 26And Ieroboam said in his heart, "Behold, now the kingdom will revert to the house of Daud. 27If these people go up to offer sacrifices in the house of the Lord in Ierusalem, the heart of the people will also turn again to the Lord and their lord, to King Roboam of l oudas, and they will kill me." 28And the king took counsel and went and made two golden calves and said to the people, "Let it suffice for you to go up to Ierusalem; behold, your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt." 29And he set the one in Baithel, and the one he gave in Dan. 30And this thing became a sin, and the people would go before the one as far as Dan. 31And he made houses on high places and made some part of the people priests who were not of the sons of Leui. 32And Ieroboam made a feast in the eighth month in the fifteenth day of the month like the feast that was in the land of l oudas, and he went up onto the altar that he made in Baithel to sacrifice to the calves that he had made, and he placed in Bethel the priests of the high places that he made. 33And he went up onto the altar that he had made on the fifteenth day in the eighth month on the feast that he fashioned from his heart, and he made a feast for the sons of Israel and went up onto the altar to sacrifice.

13 And behold, a man of God came out of l oudas to Baithel by word of the Lord, and Ieroboam was standing by the altar to sacrifice, and proclaimed against the altar by a word of the Lord and said, "O altar, altar, this is what the Lord says, 'Behold, a son shall be born to the house of Daud, Iosias by name, and he shall sacrifice on you the priests of the high places who sacrifice on you and shall burn human bones on you.'" 3And he gave a sign in that day, saying, "This is the word that the Lord spoke, saying, 'Behold, the altar shall be torn down, and the fatness that is on it shall be poured out.'" 4And it happened, when King Ieroboam heard the words of the man of God who called out against the altar which was at Baithel, that the king stretched out his hand from the altar, saying, "Seize him!" And behold, his hand that he stretched out against him withered, and he could not return it to himself, and the altar also was torn down, and the fatness poured out from the altar according to the sign that the man of God gave by a word of the Lord. 5And King Ieroboam said to the man of God, "Entreat the face of the Lord your God, and let my hand return to me." And the man of God entreated the face of the Lord, and the king's hand returned to him, and it became as it was before. 6And the king spoke to the man of God, "Come home with me, and dine, and I will give you a gift." And the man of God said to the king, "If you give me half your house, I will not go in with you, nor will I eat food or drink water in this place. 7For thus the Lord commanded by a word, saying: Do not eat food, and do not drink water, and do not return by the way that you came.
11 And one old prophet lived in Baithel and his sons came and told him all the deeds that the man of God did in that day in Baithel, and the words that he spoke to the king, and they turned the face of their father. 12 And their father spoke to them, saying, "Which way has he gone?" And his sons showed him the way on which the man of God who came from Ioudas returned. 13 And he said to his sons, "Saddle the donkey for me," and they saddled the donkey for him, and he mounted it. 14 And he went after the man of God and found him sitting under an oak tree, and he said to him, "Are you the man of God who came from Ioudas?" And he said to him, "I am." 15 And he said to him, "Come with me, and eat some food." 16 And he said, "I am not able to return with you neither will I eat food nor drink water in this place," 17 for thus the Lord has commanded me by a word, saying: Do not eat food there, and do not drink water there, and do not return by the way that you came on it." 18 And he said to him, "I also am a prophet as you are, and an angel has spoken to me by a word of the Lord," saying: Bring him back to yourself into your house, and let him eat food and drink water," and he lied to him. 19 And he brought him back, and he ate food and drank water in his house.

20 And it happened, as they were sitting at the table, that a word of the Lord came to the prophet who had brought him back, 21 and he said to the man of God who came from Ioudas, saying, "This is what the Lord says: Because you embittered the word of the Lord and did not keep the commandment that the Lord your God commanded you 22 and came back and ate food and drank water in this place about which he spoke to you, saying, 'Do not eat food, and do not drink water,' your body shall not come to the tomb of your fathers." 23 And it happened, after he ate food and drank water, that he saddled for him the donkey, and he turned back. 24 And he departed, and a lion found him on the road and put him to death, and his body was thrown in the road, and the donkey and the lion stood beside the body. 25 And behold, men were passing by and saw the carcass thrown in the road, and the lion was standing by the carcass, and they came in and spoke in the town wherein the old prophet lived.

26 And the one who had brought him back from the way heard and said, "This is the man of God who embittered the word of the Lord." 27 And he went and found his body thrown in the road, and the donkey and the lion stood beside the body, and the lion did not eat the body of the man of God and did not crush the donkey. 28 And the prophet took up the body of the man of God and laid it on the donkey, and the prophet brought it back to the city to bury him 29 in his own grave; lay me beside his bones, that my bones may be preserved with his bones, 30 for the saying that he spoke by the word of the Lord against the altar which is in Baithel and against the houses of the high places that are in Samaria shall come to pass." 31 And after this event Jeroboam did not turn from his evil, and he turned and made priests for the high places from part of the people; anyone who wanted to, he would fill his hand, and he would become a priest for the high places. 32 And this matter became to the house of Jeroboam sin and ruin and desolation from the face of the earth.

14 21 And Roboam son of Solomon reigned over Ioudas; Roboam was a son of forty and one years when he began to reign, and he reigned seventeen years in Ierousalem, the city that the Lord chose out of all the tribes of Israel to put his name there, and his mother's name was Naama the Ammanite. 22 And Roboam did what was evil before the Lord and provoked him to jealousy with all that his fathers did and with their sins with which they sinned, 23 and they built for themselves high places and poles and groves on every high hill and under every shady tree, 24 and there was also a conspiracy in the land, and they did some of all the abominations of the nations that the Lord drove out from before the sons of Israel.

25 And it happened, in the fifth year when Roboam was reigning, King Sousakim of Egypt came up against Ierousalem 26 and took all the treasures of the house of the Lord and the treasures of the king's house and the golden shields that Dauid took from the hand of the servants of Hadraazar, king of Souba, and brought them into Ierousalem; he took all the golden shields. 27 And King Roboam made bronze shields instead of them. And the officers of the runners who keep the gateway of the king's house put them on him. 28 And it happened, when the king would go into the house of the Lord, that the runners would remove them and deposit them in the Thee of the runners.

29 And the rest of the histories of Roboam and all that he did, behold, are these things not written in a book of Histories of the Days of the Kings of Ioudas? 30 And there was war between Roboam and between Jeroboam all the days. 31 And Roboam slept with his fathers and was buried with his fathers in the city of Dauid, and his son Abiou reigned instead of him.

15 And in the eighteenth year of the reign of Jeroboam son of Nabat, Abiou son of Roboam began to reign over Ioudas, 2 and he reigned six years, and his mother's name was Maacha daughter of Abessalom. 3 And he went in the sins of his father that he did before him, and his heart was not perfect with the Lord, his God, like the heart of his father Dauid. 4 For because of Dauid the Lord gave him a remnant, that he might

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*a*I.e. guards  
*b*Heb = chamber
he did what was evil before the Lord and went in the way of his father and in his sins with which he made Israel sin.

27 And Baasa son of Achia, over the house of Belaan, laid siege against him and struck him down at Gabathon, which belonged to the allophyles, and Nadab and all Israel were laying siege to Gabathon. 28 And Baasa put him to death in the third year of Asa son of King Abiou of loudas, and he reigned. 29 And it happened, when he reigned, that he smote the house of lerofoam and did not leave the house of lerofoam any breath until he destroyed it according to the word of the Lord that he spoke by the hand of his slave Achia the Selonite concerning the sins of lerofoam as he made Israel sin and by his provocation with which he provoked the Lord God of Israel.

31 And the rest of the histories of Nadab and all that he did, behold, are these things not written in a book of Histories of the Days for the Kings of Israel?

32 And in the third year of King Asa of loudas, Baasa son of Achia began to reign over Israel at Thersa for twenty-four years. 33 And he did what was evil before the Lord and went in the way of Ieroboam son of Nebat and in his sins as he made Israel sin.

16 And a word of the Lord came by the hand of Iou son of Hanani against Baasa. 2 "Since I raised you from the ground and gave you as a leader over my people Israel and you went in the way of Ieroboam and made my people Israel sin, provoking me to anger with their vain things, 3 behold, I am rousing up after Baasa and after his house, and I will render your house like the house of lerofoam and the dogs shall devour, and his dead person on the plain, him the birds of the air shall devour."

5 And the rest of the histories of Baasa and all that he did and his acts of dominance, behold, are these things not written in a book of Histories of the Days of the Kings of Israel? 6 And Baasa slept in the city, him the dogs shall devour, and his dead person on the plain, him the birds of the air shall devour."

11 And it happened, when he began to reign, when he sat on his throne, that he smote the whole house of Baasa 12 according to the word which the Lord spoke against the house of Baasa to the prophet Iou concerning all the sins of Baasa and his son Ela as made Israel sin, provoking the
Lord God of Israel to anger with their vain things. 
14 And the rest of the histories of Ela and all that he did, behold, are these things not written in a book of Histories of the Days of the Kings of Israel?

15 And Zambri reigned seven days in Thersa. And the camp of Israel was against Gabathon, which belonged to the allophyles, and the people in the camp heard, saying, "Zambri conspired and struck the king," and in Israel they made Ambri, the commander of the army, king over Israel on that day in the camp. And Ambri went up from Gabathon, and all Israel with him, and they laid siege to Thersa. And it happened, when Zambri saw that his city had been taken, that he went into the cave of the house of the king and burned down the house of the king over himself with fire, and he died because of his sins that he did, to do what was evil before the Lord, to go in the way of Jeroboam son of Nabat and in his sins as he made Israel sin. And the rest of the histories of Zambri and the collisions in which he colluded, behold, are these things not written in a book of Histories of the Days of the Kings of Israel?

Then the people of Israel were divided; half of the people were behind Thamni son of Gohnath to make him king, and half of the people were behind Ambri. The people who were behind Ambri overcame the people who were behind Thamni son of Gohnath, and Thamni died, and Ioram his brother, at that time, and Ambri became king after Thamni. In the thirty-first year of King Asa, Ambri began to reign over Israel for twelve years. He reigned six years in Thersa.

And Ambri bought mount Semeron from Semer, the owner of the mount, for two talents of silver, and he built the mount and called the name of the mount that he built Saemeron after the name of Semer, the owner of the mount.

Ambri did what was evil before the Lord and did more evil than all who were before him, and he went in every way of Jeroboam son of Nabat and in his sins with which he made Israel sin, provoking the Lord God of Israel, to anger with their vain things. And the rest of the words of Ambri and all that he did and his dominance, behold, are these not written in the Book of the Words of the Days of the Kings of Israel? And Ambri slept with his fathers and was buried in Samaria, and his son Achaab reigned in his stead.

And in the eleventh year of Ambri, Josaphat son of Asa began to reign, being thirty-five years at his reign, and he reigned twenty-five years in Jerusaleme, and his mother’s name was Gazouba daughter ofSelei. And he went in the way of his father Asa, and he did not turn aside from it to do what was right before the Lord; except the high places they did not remove. They kept sacrificing and offering incense on the high places. And what Josaphat agreed to and all the dominance that he exercised and whom he fought, behold, are these things not written in a book of Histories of the Days of the Kings of Ioudas?

And the rest of the combinations that they practiced in the days of his father Asa, he removed from the land.

And there was no king in Syria, a nasib. And King Josaphat made a ship for Tharsis, to go to Sophir for gold, and it did not go, for the ship was wrecked at Gasiongaber.

Then the king of Israel said to Josaphat, "I will send forth your servants and my lads in the ship," and Josaphat was not willing. And Josaphat slept with his fathers and was buried with his fathers in the city of Dauid, and his son Ioram reigned in his stead.

In the second year of Josaphat, Achaab son of Ambri began to reign; he reigned over Israel in Samaria twenty-two years. And Achaab did what was evil before the Lord, he was more wicked than all who were before him, and it was not enough for him to go in the sins of Jeroboam son of Nabat, and he took as his wife Iezebel daughter of King Ethebrael of the Sidonians and went and was subject to Baal and did obeisance to him. And he set an altar for Baal in the house of his offences which he built in Samaria, and Achaab made a grove, and Achaab added to do provocations to provoke to anger so that his life might be destroyed; he did more evil than all the kings of Israel who were before him. In his days Achiel the Bethelite built Iericho; he laid its foundation with Abiron his firstborn and set up its doors with his younger son Segoub according to the word of the Lord, which he spoke by the hand of Iesous son of Naue.

And Eliou the prophet, the Thesbite from Thesbon of Galaad, said to Achaab, "The Lord lives, the God of hosts, the God of Israel before whom I stand, if there shall be dew and rain these years, except by the word of my mouth." And a word of the Lord came to Eliou. Go from here eastward, and hide yourself by the wadi Chorrath which is before the Jordan. And it will be that you shall drink water from the wadi, and I will command the ravens to feed you there." And Eliou did according to the word of the Lord, and the ravens would bring him bread in the morning and meat in the evening, and he drank water from the wadi. And it happened after days that the wadi dried up, because there was no rain in the land.

And a word of the Lord came to Eliou, "Arise, and go to Sarepta of Sidonia; behold, I have commanded a widow there to feed you." And he arose and went to Sarepta, to the gateway of the town, and behold a widow there to feed you." And he arose and went to Sarepta, to the gateway of the town, and behold a widow was there gathering sticks, and Eliou shouted after her and said, "Bring me now a little water in a vessel, and I will drink." And she went to take it, and Eliou shouted after her and said to her, "Indeed take for me a morsel of bread in your hand." And the woman said, "The Lord your God lives, if I have a cake, but there is only a handful of meal in the jar and a little oil in the jug, and behold, I am now gathering
two sticks, and I shall go in and make it for myself and my children, and we shall eat and die." 13And Eliou said to her, "Be of good courage; go in, and do according to your word, but first make me a little cake of it, and you shall bring it to me, but afterwards you shall make something for yourself and your children. 14For this is what the Lord says, 'The jar of meal will not fail, and the jug of oil will not diminish until the day that the Lord gives rain on the earth.' " 15And the woman went and did it, and she and he and her children ate. 16And the jar of meal did not fail, and the jug of oil did not diminish according to the word of the Lord that he spoke by the hand of Eliou.

17 And it happened after these things that the son of the woman, the mistress of the house, became ill, and his illness was so severe until there was no breath left in him. 18And she said to Eliou, "What to me and to you, O man of God? You have come to me to bring my injustices to remembrance and to put to death my son!" 19And Eliou said to the woman, "Give me your son." And he took him from her bosom and carried him up into the upper chamber, there where he was lodging, and laid him on his bed. 20And Eliou cried out and said, "Alas, O Lord, the witness of the widow, her with whom I am staying, you have done evil by putting to death her son." 21And he breathed on the lad three times and called on the Lord and said, "O Lord my God, let this lad's life now come into him." 22And it happened thus, and the lad cried out. 23And he brought him down from the upper chamber into the house and gave him to his mother, and Eliou said, "See, your son is alive." 24And the woman said to Eliou, "Behold, I know that you are a divine man and that a word of the Lord in your mouth is true."

18 And it happened after many days that a word of the Lord came to Eliou in the third year, saying, "Go, and appear to Achaab, and I will give rain on the surface of the earth." 2And Eliou went to appear to Achaab. And the famine was severe in Samaria. 3And Achaab summoned Abdiou the steward. (And Abdiou was one who revered the Lord greatly, and it happened, when Iezabel smote the prophets of the Lord, that Abdiou took a hundred men, prophets, and hid them by fifty to a cave and kept providing them with bread and water.) 5And Achaab said to Abdiou, "Come, and let us pass through the land to springs of water and to wadis, if perhaps we may find grass and keep the horses and mules alive, and none of the animals will be destroyed." 6And they divided for themselves the way to pass through it; Achaab went in one direction alone, and Abdiou went in another direction alone.

7 And Abdiou was on the way alone, and Eliou came to meet him alone, and Abdiou hastened and fell on his face and said, 'Are you he, my lord Eliou?' 8And Eliou said to him, "It is I; go, say to your lord, Behold, Eliou." 9And Abdiou said, "What have I sinned, that you give your slave into the hand of Achaab, to put me to death?"

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And Eliu said, "Being zealous, I have been zealous for the Lord God and that you turned the heart of this people back. 38And fire from the Lord fell from heaven and consumed the whole burnt offering and the firewood and the water that was in the thalaa and the stones, and the fire licked up the dust. 39And all the people fell on their face and said, "Truly the Lord is God; he is God." 40And Eliu said to Achaab, "Go up, and eat, for there is a sound of the feet of the clouds and wind, and there was a heavy rain, and he said, "Take for me four jars of water, and pour it on the whole burnt offering and on the firewood," and they did so. 41And he said, "Do it a second time," and they did it a second time. And he said, "Do it a third time," and they did it a third time. 42And the water ran all around the altar, and filled the thalaa with water. 43And Eliu cried aloud to heaven and said, "O Lord, God of Abraam and Isaak and Israel, heed me, O Lord, heed me today with fire, and let all this people know that you are Lord, God of Israel, and I am your slave, and I have done these works on your account. 44And he said, "Truly the Lord is God; he is God." 45And Eliu said to the people, "Seize the prophets of Baal; do not let one of them escape." And they seized them, and Eliu brought them down to the wadi Kisson and slaughtered them there.

And Eliu said to Achaab, "Go up, and eat, and drink, for there is a sound of the feet of the rain." 42And Achaab went up to eat and to drink, and Eliu went up on Carmel and bowed down upon the earth and put his face between his knees, and he said, "Go up, and look the way of the sea." And the lad looked and said, "There is nothing." And Eliu said, "Now you—go again seven times." And the lad returned seven times. 43And it happened at the seventh time, and behold, a little cloud—like the sole of a person's foot—brought water. And he said, "Go up, and say to Achaab, 'Harness your chariot, and go down; do not let the rain overtake you.'" 44And it happened until thus and thus, and they grew black with clouds and wind, and there was a heavy rain, and Achaab wept and went to Iezrael. 46And the hand of the Lord was on Eliu, and he girded up his loins and ran in front of Achaab to Iezrael.

And Achaab told Iezabel his wife all that Eliu did and how he killed the prophets with a sword. 2And Iezabel sent to Eliu and said, "If you are Eliu and I am Iezabel, this is what God may do to me, and this is what he may add, because I will make your life like the life of one of them by this hour tomorrow." 3And Eliu was afraid and got up and went away for his life and came to Bersabee which belongs to loudas, and he left his lad there.

And he went a day's journey into the wilderness and came and sat down under one rahm and asked that his soul die and said "Let it be enough now; indeed, take away my life from me, Lord, for I am no better than my fathers." 5And he lay down there under a plant and fell asleep, and behold, someone touched him and said to him, "Get up, and eat." 6And Eliu looked, and behold, at his head was a wheat cake and a jar of water, and he arose and ate and drank. And turning away, he slept. 7And "the angel of the Lord returned a second time and touched him and said to him, "Get up, eat, for the journey will be too much for you." 8And he got up and ate and drank, and he went in the strength of that food forty days and forty nights as far as Mount Choreb. 9And there he entered into a cave and lodged there.

And behold, a word of the Lord came to him and said, "Why are you here, Eliu?" 10And Eliu said, "Being zealous, I have been zealous for the Lord Almighty, for the sons of Israel forsook you; they threw down your altars and killed your prophets with a sword, and I alone am a remnant, and they are seeking my life, to take it." 11And he said, "You shall go out tomorrow and shall stand before the Lord on the mountain; behold, the Lord will pass by." And there was a great, strong wind splitting mountains and crushing rocks before the Lord, and the Lord was not in the dseismic upheavald, 12and after the dseismic upheaval d a fire; the Lord was not in the wind, and after the wind a 4seismic upheavald; the Lord was not in the 4seismic upheaval, 12and after the 4seismic upheaval a fire; the Lord was not in the fire, and after the fire the sound of a light breeze, and the Lord was there. 13And it happened, when Eliu heard it, that he wrapped his face in his hairy mantle and went out and stood by the cave, and behold, there came a voice to him, and it said, "Why are you here, Eliu?" 14And Eliu said, "Being zealous, I have been zealous for the Lord Almighty, for the sons of Israel forsook your covenant; they tore down your altars and killed your prophets with a sword, and I alone am a remnant, and they are seeking my life, to take it." 15And the Lord said to him, "Go, return on your way, and you will come to the way of the wilderness of Damascus, and you shall anoint Hazael as king of Syria, and you shall anoint Iou son of Namessi as king over Israel, and you shall anoint

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Elisaie son of Saphat from Abelmaoula as prophet in your stead. 17 And it will be that the one who escapes from the sword of Hazael Iou shall put to death, and the one who escapes from the sword of Iou Elisaie shall put to death. 18 And you will leave seven thousand men in Israel, all the knees that did not bow a knee to Baal and every mouth that did not do obeisance to him.

19 And he set out from there and found Elisaie son of Saphat, and he was plowing with oxen—twelve yoke of oxen ahead of him, and he was with the twelve—and he came upon him and threw his hairy mantle over him. 20 And Elisaie left the oxen and ran after Eliou and said, “I will kiss my father and will follow after you,” and Eliou said, “Go back, for I am done with you.” 21 And he returned from behind him and took the yoke of oxen and slaughtered and boiled them with the equipment from the oxen and gave it to the people, and they ate, and he arose and went after Eliou and ministered to him.

20(21) And Nabouthai the Iezraelite had one vineyard beside the threshing floor of King Achaab of Samaria. 2And Achaab spoke to Nabouthai, saying, “Give me your vineyard, and it will be to me for a garden of vegetables, because it is nearer my house, and I will give you another vineyard better than it, but if it seems pleasing before you, I will give you money in exchange for this your vineyard, and it will be to me for a garden of vegetables.” 3And Nabouthai said to Achaab, “May it not be to me from my God to give you the inheritance of my fathers.” 4And the spirit of Achaab became troubled, and he lay down on his bed and covered his face and did not eat bread.

5 And his wife Iezabel came in to him and said, “Why is your spirit troubled, and you are not eating bread?” 6 And he said to her, “Because I spoke to Nabouthai the Iezraelie, saying, ‘Give me your vineyard for money, but if you prefer, I will give you another vineyard for it,’ and he said, ‘I will not give you the inheritance of my fathers.’” 7 And his wife Iezabel said to him, “Do you now thus act the king over Israel? Get up, eat bread, and be yourself, I will give you the vineyard of Nabouthai the Iezraelie.”

8 And she wrote a document in Achaab’s name and sealed it with his seal and sent the document to the elders and the freemen who lived with Nabouthai. 9And it was written in the documents, saying, “Fast a fast, and seat Nabouthai at the head of the people, 10and seat two men, sons of transgressors, opposite him and have them testify against him, saying, ‘You have blessedb God and king,’ and let them take him out and stone him, and let him die.” 11And the men of his city, the elders and the freemen who lived in his city, did as Iezabel sent to them, just as it was written in the documents that she sent to them. 12They called a fast and seated Nabouthai at the head of the people, 13and two men, sons of transgressors, came and sat opposite him and testified against him, saying, “You have blessed God and king,” and they took him outside the city and stoned him with stones, and he died. 14And they sent to Iezabel, saying, “Nabouthai has been stoned and is dead.”

15 And it happened, when Iezabel heard, that she said to Achaab, “Get up, take possession of the vineyard of Nabouthai the Iezraelite, which he refused to give you for money, for Nabouthai is not alive, for he is dead.” 16And it happened, when Achaab heard that Nabouthai the Iezraelite was dead, that he tore his garments and put on sackcloth, and it happened after these things that Achaab arose and went down to the vineyard of Nabouthai the Iezraelite to possess it.

17 And the Lord said to Eliou the Thesbite, saying: 18Arise, and go down to meet King Achaab of Israel who is in Samaria; behold, he is in the vineyard of Nabouthai, for he has gone down there to possess it. 19And you shall speak to him, saying, “This is what the Lord says: Since you murdered and took possession,” therefore, “this is what the Lord says: In every place where swine and dogs licked up the blood of Nabouthai, there dogs will lick up your blood, and the prostitutes will wash themselves in your blood.”

20 And Achaab said to Eliou, “Have you found me, O my enemy?” And he said, “I have found you, because you have vainly sold yourself to do what is evil before the Lord, to provoke him to anger. 21This is what the Lord says, ‘Behold I am bringing disaster on you, and I will burn after you and will cut off from Achaab every one who urinates against a wall, both shut up and one left in Israel, 22and I will render your house like the house of Ieroboam son of Nabat and like the house of Baasa son of Achia concerning the provocations with which you provoked, and you made Israel sin.’ 23And to Iezabel the Lord spoke, saying, ‘The dogs shall eat her by the fortification of Iezrael.’ 24The dead of Achaab in the city the dogs shall eat, and his dead on the plain the birds of the air shall eat.”

25 (Yet, Achaab did act foolishly when he sold himself to do what was evil before the Lord, as his wife Iezabel led him astray, and he acted most abominably in going after abominations, according to all that the Amorrites did, whom the Lord utterly destroyed from before the sons of Israel.)

27 And because of the word, when Achaab was smitten with remorse from before the Lord, he went weeping, and he tore his tunic and girded himself with sackcloth on his body and fasted and put on sackcloth in the day on which he smote Nabouthai the Iezraelie. 28And a word of the Lord by the hand of his slave Eliou came concerning Achaab, and the Lord said, 29 “Have you seen how Achaab is smitten with remorse from before me? I will not bring the disaster in his days, but in his son’s days I will bring the disaster.”

21(20) And Hader’s son gathered all his force together and went up and
laid siege against Samaria, and thirty-two kings with him and every horse and chariot, and they went up and laid siege against Samaria and fought against it. And he sent into the city to King Achaab of Israel and said to him, “This is what Hader’s son says: Your silver and your gold are mine, and your wives and your children are mine.” And the king of Israel answered and said, “As you spoke, O lord, king, I am yours, and all that is mine.” And the messengers came again and said, “This is what Hader’s son says: I have sent to you, saying: You shall give me your silver and your gold and your wives and your children, for I will send my servants to you tomorrow at this time, and they shall search your house and the houses of your servants, and it will be the desirable objects of their eyes, on which they shall lay their hands, they will take.” And the king of Israel called all the elders, and said, “Indeed, know, and see that this man is seeking trouble, for he has sent to me concerning my wives and concerning my sons and concerning my daughters; my silver and my gold I did not keep back from him.” And the elders and all the people said to him, “Do not listen, and do not consent.” And he said to the messengers of Hader’s son, “Say to your master: All things that you have sent to your slave about at first I will do, but this matter I cannot do.” And the men left and returned word to him. And Hader’s son sent back to him, saying, “This may God do to me, and this may he add, if the dust of Samaria will suffice for foxes for all the people, for my footmen.” And the king of Israel answered and said, “Let it suffice; let not the hunchback boast as he who is straight.” And it happened when he answered him this word, he was drinking, he and all the kings with him, in booths, and he said to his servants, “Build a palisade!” And they placed a palisade against it. Then he sent into the city to King Achaab of Israel and said, “This is what the Lord says, Because Syria said, ‘The God of Israel is a god of mountains and not a god of valleys,’ I will give this great multitude to you in the morning.” And the king of Israel answered and said, “As you spoke, O lord, king, I am yours, and all that is mine.” And the messengers came again and said, “This is what Hader’s son says: You shall give me your silver and your gold and your wives and your children, for I will send my servants to you tomorrow at this time, and they shall search your house and the houses of your servants, and it will be the desirable objects of their eyes, on which they shall lay their hands, they will take.” And the servant of Achaab, the steward of the house, said to him, “Ah, my master, what shall we do?” And he said, “Go in, and put sackcloths around our waists and ropes on our heads and say to the king, ‘We found this great multitude, and we could not find any wine; neither have we found any bread. Send now for wheat, that we may give it to the people to eat, and we shall be saved.’” And he sent a word to the king, saying: “The Lord has said, ‘I will give this great multitude to you.’” And the king of Israel called all the elders, and said to them, “Have you seen all this great multitude? Behold, I am small in my own eyes, because of all this great multitude; for in my eyes is only the king of Israel, and I have known that an infirmity has befallen him this day.” And the king of Israel said, “This is what the Lord says, This battle is not for strength, for strength is of God; and he will give it into your hand today, and you shall know that I am the Lord.” And the king of Israel went out and took all the horses and the chariots, and sent them against Syria, and they fought against them on level ground, and we shall prevail over them. And do this: send away the kings, each to their place, and put satraps in place of them, and we will exchange with you a form like the force that you have lost, both horse for horse and chariot for chariot, and we will fight against them on level ground, and we shall prevail over them.” And he heeded their voice and did so. And it happened when the year turned that Hader’s son mustered Syria and went up to Apheka for battle against Israel. And the sons of Israel were ready to fight, and the sons of Israel mustered and went out to meet them, and Israel encamped opposite them like two flocks of goats, and Syria filled the country. And the man of God approached and said to the king of Israel, “This is what the Lord says, Because Syria said, ‘The Lord the God of Israel is a god of mountains and not a god of the valleys,’ I will give this great force into your hand, and you shall know that I am the Lord.” And they encamped opposite one another seven days, and it happened on the seventh day that the battle drew near, and Israel smote Syria, one hundred thousand foot soldiers in one day. And the rest fled into the city of Apheka, and the wall fell on twenty-seven thousand of the men that were left. And Hader’s son fled and entered the house into the inner chamber of the bedroom. And he said to his servants, “I know that the kings of Israel are merciful kings; let us now put sackcloths around our waists and ropes on our heads and go out to the king of Israel, perhaps he will spare our lives.” And they tied sackcloths around their waists and put ropes on their heads and said to the king of Israel, “Your slave, Hader’s son, says, ‘Indeed, let my soul live.’” And he said, “Is he still alive? He is my brother.” And the men practiced ornithomancy, and they hastened and seized upon the word from his mouth and said, “Hader’s son is your brother.” And he said, “Go in, and bring him,” and Hader’s son came out to him, and they made him come up to him into the chariot. And Hader’s son said to him, “I will restore to you the towns that my father took from your father, and you shall establish streets for yourself in Damascus, as my father did in Samaria, and I will send you off with a covenant.” So he made a covenant with him and sent him off. And by a word of the Lord one person of the sons of the prophets said to his neighbor, “Indeed, smite me!” And the person refused to smite him. And he said to him, “Because you have not...
obeyed the voice of the Lord, behold, you will depart from me, and a lion will smite you." And he went out from him, and a lion found him and smote him. 32 And he found another person and said, "Now smite me!" And the person smote him, and he smote and smashed him. 38 And the prophet departed and waited for the king of Israel along the road and bound his eyes with a bandage.

And it happened, as the king was passing by, that he shouted to the king and said, "Your slave went out to the army for the battle, and behold, a man brought a man to me and said to me, 'Guard this man, but if escaping he escapes, then your life shall be for his life, or else you shall pay a talent of silver.' 40 And it happened: your slave looked around here and there, and he was not. And the king of Israel said to him, "Behold, you have also slain the ambushes on my side." 41 And he hastened and removed the bandage away from his eyes, and the king of Israel recognized him that he was one of the prophets. 42 And he said to him, "This is what the Lord says, 'Because you carried off a man destined for destruction at your hand, your life shall also be for his life, and your people for his people." 43 And the king of Israel departed, troubled and faint, and came to Samaria.

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And he stayed for three years, and there was no war between Syria and between Israel. 2 And it happened in the third year that Josaphat, king of Judah, came down to the king of Israel. 3 And the king of Israel said to his servants, "Do you know that Remmuth Galaad belongs to us, and we are saying nothing to take it out of the hand of the king of Syria?" 4 And the king of Israel said to Josaphat, "Will you go up with us to Remmuth Galaad to battle?" And Josaphat said, "As I am, so also are you; as my people, are your people; as my horses, are your horses." 5 And Josaphat, king of Judah, said to the king of Israel, "Do inquire of the Lord today." 6 And the king of Israel gathered all the prophets together, about four hundred men, and the king said to them, "Shall I go to battle against Remmuth Galaad, or shall I refrain?" And they said, "Go up, and giving the Lord will give it into the hands of the king." 7 And Josaphat said to the king of Israel, "Is there not a prophet of the Lord here? And we will inquire of the Lord through him." 8 And the king of Israel said to Josaphat, "There is still one man to inquire of the Lord through him, but I hate him, for he does not speak anything good about me, but only evil, Michias son of Iemla." And Josaphat, king of Judah, said, "Let the king not say so." 9 And the king of Israel summoned one eunuch and said, "Quickly, Michias son of Iemla." 10 And the king of Israel and Josaphat king of Judah were sitting, a man upon his throne, armed in the gates of Samaria, and all the prophets were prophesying before them.

And Sedekias son of Chanana made words be like the words of one of them, and speak good things about the king; now you too, let your words be like the words of one of them, and speak good things." 14 And Michias said, "The Lord lives, for whatever the Lord says to me, that I will speak."

15 And he came to the king, and the king said to him, "Michias, shall I go up to Remmuth Galaad to battle, or shall I refrain?" And he said, "Go up, and you will succeed, and the Lord will give it into the hand of the king." 16 And the king said to him, "How many times must I make you swear that you tell me the truth in the name of the Lord?" 17 And Michias said, "Not so—I have seen all Israel scattered on the mountains, like a flock that has no shepherd, and the Lord said, 'These have no master; let each one go home in peace.'" 18 And the king of Israel said to Josaphat, king of Judah, "Did I not tell you that this one does not prophesy anything good to me, for on the contrary evil?"

19 And Michias said, "Not so, not I—hear the word of the Lord—not so: I saw the Lord God of Israel, sitting on his throne, and all the host of heaven stood near him on his right and on his left. 20 And the Lord said, 'Who will entice Achaab, king of Israel, and he will go up and fall at Remmuth Galaad?' And one spoke one way, and another another way. 21 And a spirit came forward and stood before the Lord and said, 'I will entice him.' And the Lord said to him, 'In what way?' 22 And he said, 'I will go out and be a lying spirit in the mouth of all his prophets.' And he said, 'You shall entice him, and indeed you shall prevail; go out, and do so.' 23 And now, behold, the Lord has put a lying spirit in the mouth of all these your prophets, and the Lord has spoken evil against you."

24 And Sedekias son of Chanana came near and struck Michias on the cheek and said, "What kind of a spirit of the Lord has spoken in you?" 25 And Michias said, "Behold, you shall see in that day, when you go into a chamber of the chamber to hide." 26 And the king of Israel said, "Take Michias, and return him to Emer the governor of the city, and tell loas son of the king 27 to put this fellow in prison and to feed him bread of affliction and water of affliction until I return in peace." 28 And Michias said, "If returning you return in peace, the Lord has not spoken by me." 29 And the king of Israel and Josaphat, king of Judah, with him went up to Remmuth Galaad.

30 And the king of Israel said to Josaphat, king of Judah, "I will disguise myself and enter into the battle, and you wear my clothing." And the king of Sedekias = Ra
Israel disguised himself and entered into the battle. And the king of Syria commanded the thirty-two commanders of his chariots, saying, “Fight not small or great, but only the king of Israel.” And it happened, as the commanders of the chariots saw Iosaphat, king of Iouda, that they said, “This appears to be the king of Israel.” And they surrounded him to fight him, and Iosaphat cried out. And it happened, as the commanders of the chariots saw that this was not the king of Israel, that they turned back from him. And one drew his bow aiming well and struck the king of Israel between the lungs and between the breastplate. And he said to the driver of his chariot, “Turn your hands around, and carry me away out of the battle, for I am wounded.” And the battle turned into a rout in that day, and the king stood on his chariot facing Syria from morning until evening, and he shed blood from the wound into the hollow of the chariot, and he died in the evening, and blood of a rout flowed out to the hollow of the chariot.

And the herald of the army stood at sunset, saying, “Every man to his own city and to his own country, for the king is dead!” And they came to Samaria and buried the king in Samaria. And they washed off the chariot by the spring of Samaria, and the sows and the dogs licked up the blood, and the prostitutes washed themselves in the blood, according to the word of the Lord that he had spoken. And the rest of the histories of Achaab and all that he did and the ivory house that he built and all the cities that he made, behold, are these things not written in a book of Histories of the Days of the Kings of Israel? And Achaab slept with his fathers, and Ochozias his son reigned in his stead.

And Iosaphat son of Asa reigned over Iouda. In the fourth year of Achaab, king of Israel, he became king. Iosaphat was a son of thirty-five years when he became king, and he reigned twenty and five years in Jerusclem. And his mother’s name was Azouba daughter of Selei. And he walked in all the way of Asa his father; he did not turn aside from it, doing what was right in the sight of the Lord; yet he did not take away any of the high places; the people were still sacrificing and offering incense on the high places.

And Iosaphat made peace with the king of Israel.

And the rest of the histories of Iosaphat and his acts of dominance that he exercised, behold, are these things not written in a book of Histories of the Days of the Kings of Iouda?

And Iosaphat slept with his fathers and was buried with his fathers in the city of David his father, and Ioram his son reigned in his stead.

And Ochozias son of Achaab reigned over Israel in Samaria in the seventeenth year of Iosaphat, king of Iouda, and he reigned in Israel two years.

And he did what was evil in the sight of the Lord and walked in the way of Achaab his father and in the way of Iezabel his mother and in the sins of the house of Ieroboam son of Nabat, who made Israel sin.

And he was subject to the Baalim and did obeisance to them, and he provoked the Lord, God of Israel, to anger, according to all that had been done before him.

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