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Genesis

Chapter 1

1 IN the beginning God made the heaven and the earth.

2 But the earth was unsightly and unfurnished, and darkness was over the deep, and the Spirit of God moved over the water.

3 And God said, Let there be light, and there was light.

4 And God saw the light that it was good, and God divided between the light and the darkness.

5 And God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night, and there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

6 And God said, Let there be a firmament in the midst of the water, and let it be a division between water and water, and it was so.

7 And God made the firmament, and God divided between the water which was under the firmament and the water which was above the firmament.

8 And God called the firmament Heaven, and God saw that it was good, and there was evening and there was morning, the second day.

9 And God said, Let the water which is under the heaven be collected into one place, and let the dry land appear, and it was so. And the water which was under the heaven was collected into its places, and the dry land appeared.

10 And God called the dry land Earth, and the gatherings of the waters he called Seas, and God saw that it was good.

11 And God said, Let the earth bring forth the herb of grass bearing seed according to its kind and according to its likeness, and the fruit-tree bearing fruit whose seed is in it, according to its kind on the earth, and it was so.

12 And the earth brought forth the herb of grass bearing seed according to its kind and according to its likeness, and the fruit tree bearing fruit whose seed is in it, according to its kind on the earth, and God saw that it was good.

13 And there was evening and there was morning, the third day.

14 And God said, Let there be lights in the firmament of the heaven to give light upon the earth, to divide between day and night, and let them be for signs and for seasons and for days and for years.

15 And let them be for light in the firmament of the heaven, so as to shine upon the earth, and it was so.

16 And God made the two great lights, the greater light for regulating the day and the lesser light for regulating the night, the stars also.

17 And God placed them in the firmament of the heaven, so as to shine upon the earth,

18 and to regulate day and night, and to divide between the light and the darkness. And God saw that it was good.

19 And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day.

20 And God said, Let the waters bring forth reptiles having life, and winged creatures flying above the earth in the firmament of heaven, and it was so.

21 And God made great whales, and every living reptile, which the waters brought forth according to their kinds, and every creature that flies with wings according to its kind, and God saw that they were good.

22 And God blessed them, saying, Increase and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let the creatures that fly be multiplied on the earth.

23 And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day.

24 And God said, Let the earth bring forth the living creature according to its kind, quadrupeds and reptiles and wild beasts of the earth according to their kind, and it was so.

25 And God made the wild beasts of the earth according to their kind, and cattle according to their kind, and all the reptiles of the earth according to their kind, and God saw that they were good.

26 And God said, Let us make man according to our image and likeness, and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the flying creatures of heaven, and over the cattle and all the earth, and over all the reptiles that creep on the earth.

27 And God made man, according to the image of God he made him, male and female he made them.

28 And God blessed them, saying, Increase and multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it, and have dominion over the fish of the seas and flying creatures of heaven, and all the cattle and all the earth, and all the reptiles that creep on the earth.

29 And God said, Behold I have given to you every seed-bearing herb sowing seed which is upon all the earth, and every tree which has in itself the fruit of seed that is sown, to you it shall be for food.

30 And to all the wild beasts of the earth, and to all the flying creatures of heaven, and to every reptile creeping on the earth, which has in itself the breath of life, even every green plant for food; and it was so.

31 And God saw all the things that he had made, and, behold, they were very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

Chapter 2

1 And the heavens and the earth were finished, and the whole world of them.

2 And God finished on the sixth day his works which he made, and he ceased on the seventh day from all his works which he made.

3 And God blessed the seventh day and sanctified it, because in it he ceased from all his works which God began to do.

4 This is the book of the generation of heaven and earth, when they were made, in the day in which the Lord God made the heaven and the earth,

5 and every herb of the field before it was on the earth, and all the grass of the field before it sprang up, for God had not rained on the earth, and there was not a man to cultivate it.

6 But there rose a fountain out of the earth, and watered the whole face of the earth.

7 And God formed the man of dust of the earth, and breathed upon his face the breath of life, and the man became a living soul.

8 And God planted a garden eastward in Edem, and placed there the man whom he had formed.

9 And God made to spring up also out of the earth every tree beautiful to the eye and good for food, and the tree of life in the midst of the garden, and the tree of learning the knowledge of good and evil.

10 And a river proceeds out of Edem to water the garden, thence it divides itself into four heads.

11 The name of the one, Phisom, this it is which encircles the whole land of Evilat, where there is gold.

12 And the gold of that land is good, there also is carbuncle and emerald.

13 And the name of the second river is Geon, this it is which encircles the whole land of Ethiopia.

14 And the third river is Tigris, this is that which flows forth over against the Assyrians. And the fourth river is Euphrates.

15 And the Lord God took the man whom he had formed, and placed him in the garden of Delight, to cultivate and keep it.

16 And the Lord God gave a charge to Adam, saying, Of every tree which is in the garden you may freely eat,

17 but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil—of it you shall not eat, but in whatsoever day you eat of it, you shall surely die.

18 And the Lord God said, It is not good that the man should be alone, let us make for him a help suitable to him.

19 And God formed yet farther out of the earth all the wild beasts of the field, and all the birds of the sky, and he brought them to Adam, to see what he would call them, and whatever Adam called any living creature, that was the name of it.

20 And Adam gave names to all the cattle and to all the birds of the sky, and to all the wild beasts of the field, but for Adam there was not found a help like to himself.

21 And God brought a trance upon Adam, and he slept, and he took one of his ribs, and filled up the flesh instead thereof.

22 And God formed the rib which he took from Adam into a woman, and brought her to Adam.

23 And Adam said, This now is bone of my bones, and flesh of my flesh; she shall be called woman, because she was taken out of her husband.

24 Therefore shall a man leave his father and his mother and shall cleave to his wife, and they two shall be one flesh.

25 And the two were naked, both Adam and his wife, and were not ashamed.

Chapter 3

1 Now the serpent was the most crafty of all the brutes on the earth, which the Lord God made, and the serpent said to the woman, Wherefore has God said, Eat not of every tree of the garden?

2 And the woman said to the serpent, We may eat of the fruit of the trees of the garden,

3 but of the fruit of the tree which is in the midst of the garden, God said, You shall not eat of it, neither shall you touch it, lest you die.

4 And the serpent said to the woman, You shall not surely die.

5 For God knew that in whatever day you should eat of it your eyes would be opened, and you would be as gods, knowing good and evil.

6 And the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was pleasant to the eyes to look upon and beautiful to contemplate, and having taken of its fruit she ate, and she gave to her husband also with her, and they ate.

7 And the eyes of both were opened, and they perceived that they were naked, and they sewed fig leaves together, and made themselves aprons to go round them.

8 And they heard the voice of the Lord God walking in the garden in the afternoon; and both Adam and his wife hid themselves from the face of the Lord God in the midst of the trees of the garden.

9 And the Lord God called Adam and said to him, Adam, where are you?

10 And he said to him, I heard your voice as you walkedst in the garden, and I feared because I was naked and I hid myself.

11 And God said to him, Who told you that you were naked, unless you have eaten of the tree concerning which I charged you of it alone not to eat?

12 And Adam said, The woman whom you gave to be with me—she gave me of the tree and I ate.

13 And the Lord God said to the woman, Why have you done this? And the woman said, The serpent deceived me and I ate.

14 And the Lord God said to the serpent, Because you have done this you are cursed above all cattle and all the brutes of the earth, on your breast and belly you shall go, and you shall eat earth all the days of your life.

15 And I will put enmity between you and the woman and between your seed and her seed, he shall watch against your head, and you shall watch against his heel.

16 And to the woman he said, I will greatly multiply your pains and your groanings; in pain you shall bring forth children, and your submission shall be to your husband, and he shall rule over you.

17 And to Adam he said, Because you have hearkened to the voice of your wife, and eaten of the tree concerning which I charged you of it only not to eat—of that you have eaten, cursed is the ground in your labours, in pain shall you eat of it all the days of your life.

18 Thorns and thistles shall it bring forth to you, and you shall eat the herb of the field.

19 In the sweat of your face shall you eat your bread until you return to the earth out of which you were taken, for earth you are and to earth you shall return.

20 And Adam called the name of his wife Life, because she was the mother of all living.

21 And the Lord God made for Adam and his wife garments of skin, and clothed them.

22 And God said, Behold, Adam is become as one of us, to know good and evil, and now lest at any time he stretch forth his hand, and take of the tree of life and eat, and so he shall live for ever—

23 So the Lord God sent him forth out of the garden of Delight to cultivate the ground out of which he was taken.

24 And he cast out Adam and caused him to dwell over against the garden of Delight, and stationed the cherubs and the fiery sword that turns about to keep the way of the tree of life.

Chapter 4

1 And Adam knew Eve his wife, and she conceived and brought forth Cain and said, I have gained a man through God.

2 And she again bore his brother Abel. And Abel was a keeper of sheep, but Cain was a tiller of the ground.

3 And it was so after some time that Cain brought of the fruits of the earth a sacrifice to the Lord.

4 And Abel also brought of the firstborn of his sheep and of his fatlings, and God looked upon Abel and his gifts,

5 but Cain and his sacrifices he regarded not, and Cain was exceedingly sorrowful and his countenance fell.

6 And the Lord God said to Cain, Why are you become very sorrowful and why is your countenance fallen?

7 Have you not sinned if you have brought it rightly, but not rightly divided it? be still, to you shall be his submission, and you shall rule over him.

8 And Cain said to Abel his brother, Let us go out into the plain; and it came to pass that when they were in the plain Cain rose up against Abel his brother, and slew him.

9 And the Lord God said to Cain, Where is Abel your brother? and he said, I know not, am I my brother's keeper?

10 And the Lord said, What have you done? the voice of your brother's blood cries to me out of the ground.

11 And now you are cursed from the earth which has opened her mouth to receive your brother's blood from your hand.

12 When you till the earth, then it shall not continue to give its strength to you: you shall be groaning and trembling on the earth.

13 And Cain said to the Lord God, My crime is too great for me to be forgiven.

14 If you cast me out this day from the face of the earth, and I shall be hidden from your presence, and I shall be groaning and trembling upon the earth, then it will be that any one that finds me shall slay me.

15 And the Lord God said to him, Not so, any one that slays Cain shall suffer seven-fold vengeance; and the Lord God set a mark upon Cain that no one that found him might slay him.

16 So Cain went forth from the presence of God and dwelt in the land of Nod over against Edem.

17 And Cain knew his wife, and having conceived she bore Enoch; and he built a city; and he named the city after the name of his son, Enoch.

18 And to Enoch was born Gaidad; and Gaidad begot Maleleel; and Maleleel begot Methuselah; and Methuselah begot Lamech.

19 And Lamech took to himself two wives; the name of the one was Ada, and the name of the second Sella.

20 And Ada bore Jobel; he was the father of those that dwell in tents, feeding cattle.

21 And the name of his brother was Jubal; he it was who invented the psaltery and harp.

22 And Sella also bore Thobel; he was a smith, a manufacturer both of brass and iron; and the sister of Thobel was Noëma.

23 And Lamech said to his wives, Ada and Sella, Hear my voice, you wives of Lamech, consider my words, because I have slain a man to my sorrow and a youth to my grief.

24 Because vengeance has been exacted seven times on Cain's behalf, on Lamech's it shall be seventy times seven.

25 And Adam knew Eve his wife, and she conceived and bore a son, and called his name Seth, saying, For God has raised up to me another seed instead of Abel, whom Cain slew.

26 And Seth had a son, and he called his name Enos: he hoped to call on the name of the Lord God.

Chapter 5

1 This is the genealogy of men in the day in which God made Adam; in the image of God he made him:

2 male and female he made them, and blessed them; and he called his name Adam, in the day in which he made them.

3 And Adam lived two hundred and thirty years, and begot a son after his own form, and after his own image, and he called his name Seth.

4 And the days of Adam, which he lived after his begetting Seth, were seven hundred years; and he begot sons and daughters.

5 And all the days of Adam which he lived were nine hundred and thirty years, and he died.

6 Now Seth lived two hundred and five years, and begot Enos.

7 And Seth lived after his begetting Enos, seven hundred and seven years, and he begot sons and daughters.

8 And all the days of Seth were nine hundred and twelve years, and he died.

9 And Enos lived an hundred and ninety years, and begot Cainan.

10 And Enos lived after his begetting Cainan, seven hundred and fifteen years, and he begot sons and daughters.

11 And all the days of Enos were nine hundred and five years, and he died.

12 And Cainan lived an hundred and seventy years, and he begot Maleleel.

13 And Cainan lived after his begetting Maleleel, seven hundred and forty years, and he begot sons and daughters.

14 And all the days of Cainan were nine hundred and ten years, and he died.

15 And Maleleel lived an hundred and sixty and five years, and he begot Jared.

16 And Maleleel lived after his begetting Jared, seven hundred and thirty years, and he begot sons and daughters.

17 And all the days of Maleleel were eight hundred and ninety and five years, and he died.

18 And Jared lived an hundred and sixty and two years, and begot Enoch:

19 and Jared lived after his begetting Enoch, eight hundred years, and he begot sons and daughters.

20 And all the days of Jared were nine hundred and sixty and two years, and he died.

21 And Enoch lived an hundred and sixty and five years, and begat Methuselah.

22 And Enoch was well-pleasing to God after his begetting Methuselah, two hundred years, and he begot sons and daughters.

23 And all the days of Enoch were three hundred and sixty and five years.

24 And Enoch was well-pleasing to God, and was not found, because God translated him.

25 And Methuselah lived an hundred and sixty and seven years, and begot Lamech.

26 And Methuselah lived after his begetting Lamech eight hundred and two years, and begot sons and daughters.

27 And all the days of Methuselah which he lived, were nine hundred and sixty and nine years, and he died.

28 And Lamech lived an hundred and eighty and eight years, and begot a son.

29 And he called his name Noah, saying, This one will cause us to cease from our works, and from the toils of our hands, and from the earth, which the Lord God has cursed.

30 And Lamech lived after his begetting Noah, five hundred and sixty and five years, and begot sons and daughters.

31 And all the days of Lamech were seven hundred and fifty-three years, and he died.

32 And Noah was five hundred years old, and he begot three sons, Shem, Ham, and Japheth.

Chapter 6

1 And it came to pass when men began to be numerous upon the earth, and daughters were born to them,

2 that the sons of God having seen the daughters of men that they were beautiful, took to themselves wives of all whom they chose.

3 And the Lord God said, My Spirit shall certainly not remain among these men for ever, because they are flesh, but their days shall be an hundred and twenty years.

4 Now the giants were upon the earth in those days; and after that when the sons of God were wont to go in to the daughters of men, they bore children to them, those were the giants of old, the men of renown.

5 And the Lord God having seen that the wicked actions of men were multiplied upon the earth, and that every one in his heart was intently brooding over evil continually,

6 then God laid it to heart that he had made man upon the earth, and he pondered it deeply.

7 And God said, I will blot out man whom I have made from the face of the earth, even man with cattle, and reptiles with flying creatures of the sky, for I am grieved that I have made them.

8 But Noah found grace before the Lord God.

9 And these are the generations of Noah. Noah was a just man; being perfect in his generation, Noah was well-pleasing to God.

10 And Noah begot three sons, Shem, Ham, Japheth.

11 But the earth was corrupted before God, and the earth was filled with iniquity.

12 And the Lord God saw the earth, and it was corrupted; because all flesh had corrupted its way upon the earth.

13 And the Lord God said to Noah, A period of all men is come before me; because the earth has been filled with iniquity by them, and, behold, I destroy them and the earth.

14 Make therefore for yourself an ark of square timber; you shall make the ark in compartments, and you shall pitch it within and without with pitch.

15 And thus shall you make the ark; three hundred cubits the length of the ark, and fifty cubits the breadth, and thirty cubits the height of it.

16 You shall narrow the ark in making it, and in a cubit above you shall finish it, and the door of the ark you shall make on the side; with lower, second, and third stories you shall make it.

17 And behold I bring a flood of water upon the earth, to destroy all flesh in which is the breath of life under heaven, and whatsoever things are upon the earth shall die.

18 And I will establish my covenant with you, and you shall enter into the ark, and your sons and your wife, and your sons' wives with you.

19 And of all cattle and of all reptiles and of all wild beasts, even of all flesh, you shall bring by pairs of all, into the ark, that you may feed them with yourself: male and female they shall be.

20 Of all winged birds after their kind, and of all cattle after their kind, and of all reptiles creeping upon the earth after their kind, pairs of all shall come in to you, male and female to be fed with you.

21 And you shall take to yourself of all kinds of food which you eat, and you shall gather them to yourself, and it shall be for you and them to eat.

22 And Noah did all things whatever the Lord God commanded him, so did he.

Chapter 7

1 And the Lord God said to Noah, Enter you and all your family into the ark, for you have I seen righteous before me in this generation.

2 And of the clean cattle take in to you sevens, male and female, and of the unclean cattle pairs male and female.

3 And of clean flying creatures of the sky sevens, male and female, and of all unclean flying creatures pairs, male and female, to maintain seed on all the earth.

4 For yet seven days having passed I bring rain upon the earth forty days and forty nights, and I will blot out every offspring which I have made from the face of all the earth.

5 And Noah did all things whatever the Lord God commanded him.

6 And Noah was six hundred years old when the flood of water was upon the earth.

7 And then went in Noah and his sons and his wife, and his sons' wives with him into the ark, because of the water of the flood.

8 And of clean flying creatures and of unclean flying creatures, and of clean cattle and of unclean cattle, and of all things that creep upon the earth,

9 pairs went in to Noah into the ark, male and female, as God commanded Noah.

10 And it came to pass after the seven days that the water of the flood came upon the earth.

11 In the six hundredth year of the life of Noah, in the second month, on the twenty-seventh day of the month, on this day all the fountains of the abyss were broken up, and the flood-gates of heaven were opened.

12 And the rain was upon the earth forty days and forty nights.

13 On that very day entered Noah, Shem, Ham, Japheth, the sons of Noah, and the wife of Noah, and the three wives of his sons with him into the ark.

14 And all the wild beasts after their kind, and all cattle after their kind, and every reptile moving itself on the earth after its kind, and every flying bird after its kind,

15 went in to Noah into the ark, pairs, male and female of all flesh in which is the breath of life.

16 And they that entered went in male and female of all flesh, as God commanded Noah, and the Lord God shut the ark outside of him.

17 And the flood was upon the earth forty days and forty nights, and the water abounded greatly and bore up the ark, and it was lifted on high from off the earth.

18 And the water prevailed and abounded exceedingly upon the earth, and the ark was borne upon the water.

19 And the water prevailed exceedingly upon the earth, and covered all the high mountains which were under heaven.

20 Fifteen cubits upwards was the water raised, and it covered all the high mountains.

21 And there died all flesh that moved upon the earth, of flying creatures and cattle, and of wild beasts, and every reptile moving upon the earth, and every man.

22 And all things which have the breath of life, and whatever was on the dry land, died.

23 And God blotted out every offspring which was upon the face of the earth, both man and beast, and reptiles, and birds of the sky, and they were blotted out from the earth, and Noah was left alone, and those with him in the ark.

24 And the water was raised over the earth an hundred and fifty days.

Chapter 8

1 And God remembered Noah, and all the wild beasts, and all the cattle, and all the birds, and all the reptiles that creep, as many as were with him in the ark, and God brought a wind upon the earth, and the water stayed.

2 And the fountains of the deep were closed up, and the flood-gates of heaven, and the rain from heaven was withheld.

3 And the water subsided, and went off the earth, and after an hundred and fifty days the water was diminished, and the ark rested in the seventh month, on the twenty-seventh day of the month, on the mountains of Ararat.

4 And the water continued to decrease until the tenth month.

5 And in the tenth month, on the first day of the month, the heads of the mountains were seen.

6 And it came to pass after forty days Noah opened the window of the ark which he had made.

7 And he sent forth a raven; and it went forth and returned not until the water was dried from off the earth.

8 And he sent a dove after it to see if the water had ceased from off the earth.

9 And the dove not having found rest for her feet, returned to him into the ark, because the water was on all the face of the earth, and he stretched out his hand and took her, and brought her to himself into the ark.

10 And having waited yet seven other days, he again sent forth the dove from the ark.

11 And the dove returned to him in the evening, and had a leaf of olive, a sprig in her mouth; and Noah knew that the water had ceased from off the earth.

12 And having waited yet seven other days, he again sent forth the dove, and she did not return to him again any more.

13 And it came to pass in the six hundred and first year of the life of Noah, in the first month, on the first day of the month, the water subsided from off the earth, and Noah opened the covering of the ark which he had made, and he saw that the water had subsided from the face of the earth.

14 And in the second month the earth was dried, on the twenty-seventh day of the month.

15 And the Lord God spoke to Noah, saying,

16 Come out from the ark, you and your wife and your sons, and your sons' wives with you.

17 And all the wild beasts as many as are with you, and all flesh both of birds and beasts, and every reptile moving upon the earth, bring forth with you: and increase you and multiply upon the earth.

18 And Noah came forth, and his wife and his sons, and his sons' wives with him.

19 And all the wild beasts and all the cattle and every bird, and every reptile creeping upon the earth after their kind, came forth out of the ark.

20 And Noah built an altar to the Lord, and took of all clean beasts, and of all clean birds, and offered a whole burnt-offering upon the altar.

21 And the Lord God smelled a smell of sweetness, and the Lord God having considered, said, I will not any more curse the earth, because of the works of men, because the imagination of man is intently bent upon evil things from his youth, I will not therefore any more smite all living flesh as I have done.

22 All the days of the earth, seed and harvest, cold and heat, summer and spring, shall not cease by day or night.

Chapter 9

1 And God blessed Noah and his sons, and said to them, Increase and multiply, and fill the earth and have dominion over it.

2 And the dread and the fear of you shall be upon all the wild beasts of the earth, on all the birds of the sky, and on all things moving upon the earth, and upon all the fishes of the sea, I have placed them under your power.

3 And every reptile which is living shall be to you for meat, I have given all things to you as the green herbs.

4 But flesh with blood of life you shall not eat.

5 For your blood of your lives will I require at the hand of all wild beasts, and I will require the life of man at the hand of his brother man.

6 He that sheds man's blood, instead of that blood shall his own be shed, for in the image of God I made man.

7 But do you increase and multiply, and fill the earth, and have dominion over it.

8 And God spoke to Noah, and to his sons with him, saying,

9 And behold I establish my covenant with you, and with your seed after you,

10 and with every living creature with you, of birds and of beasts, and with all the wild beasts of the earth, as many as are with you, of all that come out of the ark.

11 And I will establish my covenant with you and all flesh shall not any more die by the water of the flood, and there shall no more be a flood of water to destroy all the earth.

12 And the Lord God said to Noah, This is the sign of the covenant which I set between me and you, and between every living creature which is with you for perpetual generations.

13 I set my bow in the cloud, and it shall be for a sign of covenant between me and the earth.

14 And it shall be when I gather clouds upon the earth, that my bow shall be seen in the cloud.

15 And I will remember my covenant, which is between me and you, and between every living soul in all flesh, and there shall no longer be water for a deluge, so as to blot out all flesh.

16 And my bow shall be in the cloud, and I will look to remember the everlasting covenant between me and the earth, and between every living soul in all flesh, which is upon the earth.

17 And God said to Noah, This is the sign of the covenant, which I have made between me and all flesh, which is upon the earth.

18 Now the sons of Noah which came out of the ark, were Shem, Ham, Japheth. And Ham was father of Canaan.

19 These three are the sons of Noah, of these were men scattered over all the earth.

20 And Noah began to be a husbandman, and he planted a vineyard.

21 And he drank of the wine, and was drunk, and was naked in his house.

22 And Ham the father of Canaan saw the nakedness of his father, and he went out and told his two brothers without.

23 And Shem and Japheth having taken a garment, put it on both their backs and went backwards, and covered the nakedness of their father; and their face was backward, and they saw not the nakedness of their father.

24 And Noah recovered from the wine, and knew all that his younger son had done to him.

25 And he said, Cursed be the servant Canaan, a slave shall he be to his brethren.

26 And he said, Blessed be the Lord God of Shem, and Canaan shall be his bond-servant.

27 May God make room for Japheth, and let him dwell in the habitations of Shem, and let Canaan be his servant.

28 And Noah lived after the flood three hundred and fifty years.

29 And all the days of Noah were nine hundred and fifty years, and he died.

Chapter 10

1 Now these are the generations of the sons of Noah, Shem, Ham, Japheth; and sons were born to them after the flood.

2 The sons of Japheth, Gamer, and Magog, and Madoi, and Jovan, and Elisa, and Thobel, and Mosoch, and Thiras.

3 And the sons of Gamer, Aschanaz, and Riphath, and Thorgama.

4 And the sons of Jovan, Elisa, and Tharseis, Cetians, Rhodians.

5 From these were the islands of the Gentiles divided in their land, each according to his tongue, in their tribes and in their nations.

6 And the sons of Ham, Chus, and Mesrain, Phud, and Canaan.

7 And the sons of Chus, Saba, and Evila, and Sabatha, and Rhegma, and Sabathaca. And the sons of Rhegma, Saba, and Dadan.

8 And Chus begot Nebrod: he began to be a giant upon the earth.

9 He was a giant hunter before the Lord God; therefore they say, As Nebrod the giant hunter before the Lord.

10 And the beginning of his kingdom was Babylon, and Orech, and Archad, and Chalanne, in the land of Senaar.

11 Out of that land came Assur, and built Nineveh, and the city Rhooboth, and Chalach,

12 and Dase between Nineveh and Chalach: this is the great city.

13 And Mesrain begot the Ludiim, and the Nephthalim, and the Enemetiim, and the Labiim,

14 and the Patrosoniim, and the Chasmoniim (whence came forth Phylistiim) and the Gaphthoriim.

15 And Canaan begot Sidon his first-born, and the Chettite,

16 and the Jebusite, and the Amorite, and the Girgashite,

17 and the Evite, and the Arukite, and the Asennite,

18 and the Aradian, and the Samarean, and the Amathite; and after this the tribes of the Chananites were dispersed.

19 And the boundaries of the Chananites were from Sidon till one comes to Gerar and Gaza, till one comes to Sodom and Gomorrah, Adama and Seboim, as far as Dasa.

20 These were the sons of Ham in their tribes according to their tongues, in their countries, and in their nations.

21 And to Shem himself also were children born, the father of all the sons of Heber, the brother of Japheth the elder.

22 Sons of Shem, Elam, and Assur, and Arphaxad, and Lud, and Aram, and Cainan.

23 And sons of Aram, Uz, and Ul, and Gater, and Mosoch.

24 And Arphaxad begot Cainan, and Cainan begot Sala. And Sala begot Heber.

25 And to Heber were born two sons, the name of the one, Phaleg, because in his days the earth was divided, and the name of his brother Jektan.

26 And Jektan begot Elmodad, and Saleth, and Sarmoth, and Jarach,

27 and Odorrha, and Aibel, and Decla,

28 and Eval, and Abimael, and Saba,

29 and Uphir, and Evila, and Jobab, all these were the sons of Jektan.

30 And their dwelling was from Masse, till one comes to Saphera, a mountain of the east.

31 These were the sons of Shem in their tribes, according to their tongues, in their countries, and in their nations.

32 These are the tribes of the sons of Noah, according to their generations, according to their nations: of them were the islands of the Gentiles scattered over the earth after the flood.

Chapter 11

1 And all the earth was one lip, and there was one language to all.

2 And it came to pass as they moved from the east, they found a plain in the land of Senaar, and they dwelt there.

3 And a man said to his neighbour, Come, let us make bricks and bake them with fire. And the brick was to them for stone, and their mortar was bitumen.

4 And they said, Come, let us build to ourselves a city and tower, whose top shall be to heaven, and let us make to ourselves a name, before we are scattered abroad upon the face of all the earth.

5 And the Lord came down to see the city and the tower, which the sons of men built.

6 And the Lord said, Behold, there is one race, and one lip of all, and they have begun to do this, and now nothing shall fail from them of all that they may have undertaken to do.

7 Come, and having gone down let us there confound their tongue, that they may not understand each the voice of his neighbour.

8 And the Lord scattered them thence over the face of all the earth, and they left off building the city and the tower.

9 On this account its name was called Confusion, because there the Lord confounded the languages of all the earth, and thence the Lord scattered them upon the face of all the earth.

10 And these are the generations of Shem: and Shem was a hundred years old when he begot Arphaxad, the second year after the flood.

11 And Shem lived, after he had begotten Arphaxad, five hundred years, and begot sons and daughters, and died.

12 And Arphaxad lived a hundred and thirty-five years, and begot Cainan.

13 And Arphaxad lived after he had begotten Cainan, four hundred years, and begot sons and daughters, and died. And Cainan lived a hundred and thirty years and begot Sala; and Cainan lived after he had begotten Sala, three hundred and thirty years, and begot sons and daughters, and died.

14 And Sala lived an hundred and thirty years, and begot Heber.

15 And Sala lived after he had begotten Heber, three hundred and thirty years, and begot sons and daughters, and died.

16 And Heber lived an hundred and thirty-four years, and begot Phaleg.

17 And Heber lived after he had begotten Phaleg two hundred and seventy years, and begot sons and daughters, and died.

18 And Phaleg lived an hundred and thirty years, and begot Ragau.

19 And Phaleg lived after he had begotten Ragau, two hundred and nine years, and begot sons and daughters, and died.

20 And Ragau lived an hundred thirty and two years, and begot Seruch.

21 And Ragau lived after he had begotten Seruch, two hundred and seven years, and begot sons and daughters, and died.

22 And Seruch lived a hundred and thirty years, and begot Nachor.

23 And Seruch lived after he had begotten Nachor, two hundred years, and begot sons and daughters, and died.

24 And Nachor lived a hundred and seventy-nine years, and begot Tharrha.

25 And Nachor lived after he had begotten Tharrha, an hundred and twenty-five years, and begot sons and daughters, and he died.

26 And Tharrha lived seventy years, and begot Abram, and Nachor, and Arrhan.

27 And these are the generations of Tharrha. Tharrha begot Abram and Nachor, and Arrhan; and Arrhan begot Lot.

28 And Arrhan died in the presence of Tharrha his father, in the land in which he was born, in the country of the Chaldees.

29 And Abram and Nachor took to themselves wives, the name of the wife of Abram was Sara, and the name of the wife of Nachor, Malcha, daughter of Arrhan, and he was the father of Malcha, the father of Jescha.

30 And Sara was barren, and did not bear children.

31 And Tharrha took Abram his son, and Lot the son of Arrhan, the son of his son, and Sara his daughter-in-law, the wife of Abram his son, and led them forth out of the land of the Chaldees, to go into the land of Canaan, and they came as far as Haran, and he dwelt there.

32 And all the days of Tharrha in the land of Haran were two hundred and five years, and Tharrha died in Haran.

Chapter 12

1 And the Lord said to Abram, Go forth out of your land and out of your kindred, and out of the house of your father, and come into the land which I shall shew you.

2 And I will make you a great nation, and I will bless you and magnify your name, and you shall be blessed.

3 And I will bless those that bless you, and curse those that curse you, and in you shall all the tribes of the earth be blessed.

4 And Abram went as the Lord spoke to him, and Lot departed with him, and Abram was seventy-five years old, when he went out of Haran.

5 And Abram took Sara his wife, and Lot the son of his brother, and all their possessions, as many as they had got, and every soul which they had got in Haran, and they went forth to go into the land of Canaan.

6 And Abram traversed the land lengthwise as far as the place Shechem, to the high oak, and the Chananites then inhabited the land.

7 And the Lord appeared to Abram, and said to him, I will give this land to your seed. And Abram built an altar there to the Lord, who appeared to him.

8 And he departed thence to the mountain eastward of Bethel, and there he pitched his tent in Bethel near the sea, and Aggai toward the east, and there he built an altar to the Lord, and called on the name of the Lord.

9 And Abram departed and went and encamped in the wilderness.

10 And there was a famine in the land, and Abram went down to Egypt to sojourn there, because the famine prevailed in the land.

11 And it came to pass when Abram drew nigh to enter into Egypt, Abram said to Sara his wife, I know that you are a fair woman.

12 It shall come to pass then that when the Egyptians shall see you, they shall say, This is his wife, and they shall slay me, but they shall save you alive.

13 Say, therefore, I am his sister, that it may be well with me on account of you, and my soul shall live because of you.

14 And it came to pass when Abram entered into Egypt—the Egyptians having seen his wife that she was very beautiful—

15 that the princes of Pharaoh saw her, and praised her to Pharaoh and brought her into the house of Pharaoh.

16 And they treated Abram well on her account, and he had sheep, and calves, and asses, and men-servants, and women-servants, and mules, and camels.

17 And God afflicted Pharaoh with great and severe afflictions, and his house, because of Sara, Abram's wife.

18 And Pharaoh having called Abram, said, What is this you have done to me, that you did not tell me that she was your wife?

19 Wherefore did you say, She is my sister? and I took her for a wife to myself; and now, behold, your wife is before you, take her and go quickly away.

20 And Pharaoh gave charge to men concerning Abram, to join in sending him forward, and his wife, and all that he had.

Chapter 13

1 And Abram went up out of Egypt, he and his wife, and all that he had, and Lot with him, into the wilderness.

2 And Abram was very rich in cattle, and silver, and gold.

3 And he went to the place whence he came, into the wilderness as far as Bethel, as far as the place where his tent was before, between Bethel and Aggai,

4 to the place of the altar, which he built there at first, and Abram there called on the name of the Lord.

5 And Lot who went out with Abram had sheep, and oxen, and tents.

6 And the land was not large enough for them to live together, because their possessions were great; and the land was not large enough for them to live together.

7 And there was a strife between the herdmen of Abram's cattle, and the herdmen of Lot's cattle, and the Chananites and the Pherezites then inhabited the land.

8 And Abram said to Lot, Let there not be a strife between me and you, and between my herdmen and your herdmen, for we are brethren.

9 Lo! is not the whole land before you? Separate yourself from me; if you go to the left, I will go to the right, and if you go to the right, I will go to the left.

10 And Lot having lifted up his eyes, observed all the country round about Jordan, that it was all watered, before God overthrew Sodom and Gomorrah, as the garden of the Lord, and as the land of Egypt, until you come to Zogora.

11 And Lot chose for himself all the country round Jordan, and Lot went from the east, and they were separated each from his brother. And Abram dwelt in the land of Canaan.

12 And Lot dwelt in a city of the neighbouring people, and pitched his tent in Sodom.

13 But the men of Sodom were evil, and exceedingly sinful before God.

14 And God said to Abram after Lot was separated from him, Look up with your eyes, and behold from the place where you now art northward and southward, and eastward and seaward;

15 for all the land which you see, I will give it to you and to your seed for ever.

16 And I will make your seed like the dust of the earth; if any one is able to number the dust of the earth, then shall your seed be numbered.

17 Arise and traverse the land, both in the length of it and in the breadth; for to you will I give it, and to your seed for ever.

18 And Abram having removed his tent, came and dwelt by the oak of Mambre, which was in Chebrom, and he there built an altar to the Lord.

Chapter 14

1 And it came to pass in the reign of Amarphal king of Shinar, and Arioch king of Ellasar, that Chodollogomor king of Elam, and Thargal king of nations,

2 made war with Balla king of Sodom, and with Barsa king of Gomorrah, and with Shinar, king of Adama, and with Symobor king of Seboim and the king of Balac, this is Zoar.

3 All these met with one consent at the salt valley; this is now the sea of salt.

4 Twelve years they served Chodollogomor, and the thirteenth year they revolted.

5 And in the fourteenth year came Chodollogomor, and the kings with him, and cut to pieces the giants in Astaroth, and Carnain, and strong nations with them, and the Ommæans in the city Save.

6 And the Chorrhæans in the mountains of Seir, to the turpentine tree of Paran, which is in the desert.

7 And having turned back they came to the well of judgment; this is Kadesh, and they cut in pieces all the princes of Amalec, and the Amorites dwelling in Asasonthamar.

8 And the king of Sodom went out, and the king of Gomorrah, and king of Adama, and king of Seboim, and king of Balac, this is Zoar, and they set themselves in array against them for war in the salt valley,

9 against Chodollogomor king of Elam, and Thargal king of nations, and Amarphal king of Shinar, and Arioch king of Ellasar, the four kings against the five.

10 Now the salt valley consists of slime-pits. And the king of Sodom fled and the king of Gomorrah, and they fell in there: and they that were left fled to the mountain country.

11 And they took all the cavalry of Sodom and Gomorrah, and all their provisions, and departed.

12 And they took also Lot the son of Abram's brother, and his baggage, and departed, for he dwelt in Sodom.

13 And one of them that had been rescued came and told Abram the Hebrew; and he dwelt by the oak of Mamre the Amorite the brother of Eschol, and the brother of Aunan, who were confederates with Abram.

14 And Abram having heard that Lot his nephew had been taken captive, numbered his own home-born servants three hundred and eighteen, and pursued after them to Dan.

15 And he came upon them by night, he and his servants, and he smote them and pursued them as far as Choba, which is on the left of Damascus.

16 And he recovered all the cavalry of Sodom, and he recovered Lot his nephew, and all his possessions, and the women and the people.

17 And the king of Sodom went out to meet him, after he returned from the slaughter of Chodollogomor, and the kings with him, to the valley of Saby; this was the plain of the kings.

18 And Melchisedec king of Salem brought forth loaves and wine, and he was the priest of the most high God.

19 And he blessed Abram, and said, Blessed be Abram of the most high God, who made heaven and earth,

20 and blessed be the most high God who delivered your enemies into your power. And Abram gave him the tithe of all.

21 And the king of Sodom said to Abram, Give me the men, and take the horses to yourself.

22 And Abram said to the king of Sodom, I will stretch out my hand to the Lord the most high God, who made the heaven and the earth,

23 that I will not take from all your goods from a string to a shoe-latchet, lest you should say, I have made Abram rich.

24 Except what things the young men have eaten, and the portion of the men that went with me, Eschol, Aunan, Mambre, these shall take a portion.

Chapter 15

1 And after these things the word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision, saying, Fear not, Abram, I shield you, your reward shall be very great.

2 And Abram said, Master and Lord, what will you give me? whereas I am departing without a child, but the son of Masek my home-born female slave, this Eliezer of Damascus is mine heir.

3 And Abram said, I am grieved since you have given me no seed, but my home-born servant shall succeed me.

4 And immediately there was a voice of the Lord to him, saying, This shall not be yours heir; but he that shall come out of you shall be yours heir.

5 And he brought him out and said to him, Look up now to heaven, and count the stars, if you shall be able to number them fully, and he said, Thus shall your seed be.

6 And Abram believed God, and it was counted to him for righteousness.

7 And he said to him, I am God that brought you out of the land of the Chaldeans, so as to give you this land to inherit.

8 And he said, Master and Lord, how shall I know that I shall inherit it?

9 And he said to him, Take for me an heifer in her third year, and a she-goat in her third year, and a ram in his third year, and a dove and a pigeon.

10 So he took to him all these, and divided them in the midst, and set them opposite to each other, but the birds he did not divide.

11 And birds came down upon the bodies, even upon the divided parts of them, and Abram sat down by them.

12 And about sunset a trance fell upon Abram, and lo! a great gloomy terror falls upon him.

13 And it was said to Abram, You shall surely know that your seed shall be a sojourner in a land not their own, and they shall enslave them, and afflict them, and humble them four hundred years.

14 And the nation whomsoever they shall serve I will judge; and after this, they shall come forth hither with much property.

15 But you shall depart to your fathers in peace, nourished in a good old age.

16 And in the fourth generation they shall return hither, for the sins of the Amorites are not yet filled up, even until now.

17 And when the sun was about to set, there was a flame, and behold a smoking furnace and lamps of fire, which passed between these divided pieces.

18 In that day the Lord made a covenant with Abram, saying, To your seed I will give this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river Euphrates.

19 The Kenites, and the Kenezites, and the Kedmoneans,

20 and the Chettites, and the Pherezites, and the Raphaim,

21 and the Amorites, and the Chananites, and the Evites, and the Gergesites, and the Jebusites.

Chapter 16

1 And Sara the wife of Abram bore him no children; and she had an Egyptian maid, whose name was Hagar.

2 And Sara said to Abram, Behold, the Lord has restrained me from bearing, go therefore in to my maid, that I may get children for myself through her. And Abram hearkened to the voice of Sara.

3 So Sara the wife of Abram having taken Hagar the Egyptian her handmaid, after Abram had dwelt ten years in the land of Canaan, gave her to Abram her husband as a wife to him.

4 And he went in to Hagar, and she conceived, and saw that she was with child, and her mistress was dishonoured before her.

5 And Sara said to Abram, I am injured by you; I gave my handmaid into your bosom, and when I saw that she was with child, I was dishonoured before her. The Lord judge between me and you.

6 And Abram said to Sara, Behold your handmaid is in your hands, use her as it may seem good to you. And Sara afflicted her, and she fled from her face.

7 And an angel of the Lord found her by the fountain of water in the wilderness, by the fountain in the way to Sur.

8 And the angel of the Lord said to her, Hagar, Sara's maid, whence come you, and whither go you? and she said, I am fleeing from the face of my mistress Sara.

9 And the angel of the Lord said to her, Return to your mistress, and submit yourself under her hands.

10 And the angel of the Lord said to her, I will surely multiply your seed, and it shall not be numbered for multitude.

11 And the angel of the Lord said to her, Behold, you are with child, and shall bear a son, and shall call his name Ishmael, for the Lord has hearkened to your humiliation.

12 He shall be a wild man, his hands against all, and the hands of all against him, and he shall dwell in the presence of all his brethren.

13 And she called the name of the Lord God who spoke to her, You are God who see me; for she said, For I have openly seen him that appeared to me.

14 Therefore she called the well, The well of him whom I have openly seen; behold it is between Kadesh and Barad.

15 And Hagar bore a son to Abram; and Abram called the name of his son which Hagar bore to him, Ishmael.

16 And Abram was eighty-six years old, when Hagar bore Ishmael to Abram.

Chapter 17

1 And Abram was ninety-nine years old, and the Lord appeared to Abram and said to him, I am your God, be well-pleasing before me, and be blameless.

2 And I will establish my covenant between me and you, and I will multiply you exceedingly.

3 And Abram fell upon his face, and God spoke to him, saying,

4 And I, behold! my covenant is with you, and you shall be a father of a multitude of nations.

5 And your name shall no more be called Abram, but your name shall be Abraam, for I have made you a father of many nations.

6 And I will increase you very exceedingly, and I will make nations of you, and kings shall come out of you.

7 And I will establish my covenant between you and your seed after you, to their generations, for an everlasting covenant, to be your God, and the God of your seed after you.

8 And I will give to you and to your seed after you the land wherein you sojourn, even all the land of Canaan for an everlasting possession, and I will be to them a God.

9 And God said to Abraam, You also shall fully keep my covenant, you and your seed after you for their generations.

10 And this is the covenant which you shall fully keep between me and you, and between your seed after you for their generations; every male of you shall be circumcised.

11 And you shall be circumcised in the flesh of your foreskin, and it shall be for a sign of a covenant between me and you.

12 And the child of eight days old shall be circumcised by you, every male throughout your generations, and the servant born in the house and he that is bought with money, of every son of a stranger, who is not of your seed.

13 He that is born in your house, and he that is bought with money shall be surely circumcised, and my covenant shall be on your flesh for an everlasting covenant.

14 And the uncircumcised male, who shall not be circumcised in the flesh of his foreskin on the eighth day, that soul shall be utterly destroyed from its family, for he has broken my covenant.

15 And God said to Abraam, Sara your wife—her name shall not be called Sara, Sarrha shall be her name.

16 And I will bless her, and give you a son of her, and I will bless him, and he shall become nations, and kings of nations shall be of him.

17 And Abraam fell upon his face, and laughed; and spoke in his heart, saying, Shall there be a child to one who is a hundred years old, and shall Sarrha who is ninety years old, bear?

18 And Abraam said to God, Let this Ishmael live before you.

19 And God said to Abraam, Yea, behold, Sarrha your wife shall bear you a son, and you shall call his name Isaac; and I will establish my covenant with him, for an everlasting covenant, to be a God to him and to his seed after him.

20 And concerning Ishmael, behold, I have heard you, and, behold, I have blessed him, and will increase him and multiply him exceedingly; twelve nations shall he beget, and I will make him a great nation.

21 But I will establish my covenant with Isaac, whom Sarrha shall bear to you at this time, in the next year.

22 And he left off speaking with him, and God went up from Abraam.

23 And Abraam took Ishmael his son, and all his home-born servants, and all those bought with money, and every male of the men in the house of Abraam, and he

circumcised their foreskins in the time of that day, according as God spoke to him.

24 And Abraam was ninety-nine years old, when he was circumcised in the flesh of his foreskin.

25 And Ishmael his son was thirteen years old when he was circumcised in the flesh of his foreskin.

26 And at the period of that day, Abraam was circumcised, and Ishmael his son,

27 and all the men of his house, both those born in the house, and those bought with money of foreign nations.

Chapter 18

1 And God appeared to him by the oak of Mambre, as he sat by the door of his tent at noon.

2 And he lifted up his eyes and beheld, and lo! three men stood before him; and having seen them he ran to meet them from the door of his tent, and did obeisance to the ground.

3 And he said, Lord, if indeed I have found grace in your sight, pass not by your servant.

4 Let water now be brought, and let them wash your feet, and do you refresh yourselves under the tree.

5 And I will bring bread, and you shall eat, and after this you shall depart on your journey, on account of which refreshment you have turned aside to your servant. And he said, So do, as you have said.

6 And Abraam hasted to the tent to Sarrha, and said to her, Hasten, and knead three measures of fine flour, and make cakes.

7 And Abraam ran to the kine, and took a young calf, tender and good, and gave it to his servant, and he hasted to dress it.

8 And he took butter and milk, and the calf which he had dressed; and he set them before them, and they did eat, and he stood by them under the tree.

9 And he said to him, Where is Sarrha your wife? And he answered and said, Behold! in the tent.

10 And he said, I will return and come to you according to this period seasonably, and Sarrha your wife shall have a son; and Sarrha heard at the door of the tent, being behind him.

11 And Abraam and Sarrha were old, advanced in days, and the custom of women ceased with Sarrha.

12 And Sarrha laughed in herself, saying, The thing has not as yet happened to me, even until now, and my lord is old.

13 And the Lord said to Abraam, Why is it that Sarrha has laughed in herself, saying, Shall I then indeed bear? but I am grown old.

14 Shall anything be impossible with the Lord? At this time I will return to you seasonably, and Sarrha shall have a son.

15 But Sarrha denied, saying, I did not laugh, for she was afraid. And he said to her, Nay, but you did laugh.

16 And the men having risen up from thence looked towards Sodom and Gomorrah. And Abraam went with them, attending them on their journey.

17 And the Lord said, Shall I hide from Abraam my servant what things I intend to do?

18 But Abraam shall become a great and populous nation, and in him shall all the nations of the earth be blest.

19 For I know that he will order his sons, and his house after him, and they will keep the ways of the Lord, to do justice and judgment, that the Lord may bring upon Abraam all things whatsoever he has spoken to him.

20 And the Lord said, The cry of Sodom and Gomorrah has been increased towards me, and their sins are very great.

21 I will therefore go down and see, if they completely correspond with the cry which comes to me, and if not, that I may know.

22 And the men having departed thence, came to Sodom; and Abraam was still standing before the Lord.

23 And Abraam drew nigh and said, Would you destroy the righteous with the wicked, and shall the righteous be as the wicked?

24 Should there be fifty righteous in the city, will you destroy them? will you not spare the whole place for the sake of the fifty righteous, if they be in it?

25 By no means shall you do as this thing is so as to destroy the righteous with the wicked, so the righteous shall be as the wicked: by no means. You that judge the whole earth, shall you not do right?

26 And the Lord said, If there should be in Sodom fifty righteous in the city, I will spare the whole city, and the whole place for their sakes.

27 And Abraam answered and said, Now I have begun to speak to my Lord, and I am earth and ashes.

28 But if the fifty righteous should be diminished to forty-five, will you destroy the whole city because of the five wanting? And he said, I will not destroy it, if I should find there forty-five.

29 And he continued to speak to him still, and said, But if there should be found there forty? And he said, I will not destroy it for the forty's sake.

30 And he said, Will there be anything against me, Lord, if I shall speak? but if there be found there thirty? And he said, I will not destroy it for the thirty's sake.

31 And he said, Since I am able to speak to the Lord, what if there should be found there twenty? And he said, I will not destroy it, if I should find there twenty.

32 And he said, Will there be anything against me, Lord, if I speak yet once? but if there should be found there ten? And he said, I will not destroy it for the ten's sake.

33 And the Lord departed, when he left off speaking to Abraam, and Abraam returned to his place.

Chapter 19

1 And the two angels came to Sodom at evening. And Lot sat by the gate of Sodom, and Lot having seen them, rose up to meet them, and he worshipped with his face to the ground, and said,

2 Lo! my lords, turn aside to the house of your servant, and rest from your journey, and wash your feet, and having risen early in the morning you shall depart on your journey. And they said, Nay, but we will lodge in the street.

3 And he constrained them, and they turned aside to him, and they entered into his house, and he made a feast for them, and baked unleavened cakes for them, and they did eat.

4 But before they went to sleep, the men of the city, the Sodomites, compassed the house, both young and old, all the people together.

5 And they called out Lot, and said to him, Where are the men that went in to you this night? bring them out to us that we may be with them.

6 And Lot went out to them to the porch, and he shut the door after him,

7 and said to them, By no means, brethren, do not act villanously.

8 But I have two daughters, who have not known a man. I will bring them out to you, and do you use them as it may please you, only do not injury to these men, to avoid which they came under the shelter of my roof.

9 And they said to him, Stand back there, you came in to sojourn, was it also to judge? Now then we would harm you more than them. And they pressed hard on the man, even Lot, and they drew nigh to break the door.

10 And the men stretched forth their hands and drew Lot in to them into the house, and shut the door of the house.

11 And they smote the men that were at the door of the house with blindness, both small and great, and they were wearied with seeking the door.

12 And the men said to Lot, Have you here sons-in-law, or sons or daughters, or if you have any other friend in the city, bring them out of this place.

13 For we are going to destroy this place; for their cry has been raised up before the Lord, and the Lord has sent us to destroy it.

14 And Lot went out, and spoke to his sons-in-law who had married his daughters, and said, Rise up, and depart out of this place, for the Lord is about to destroy the city; but he seemed to be speaking absurdly before his sons-in-law.

15 But when it was morning, the angels hastened Lot, saying, Arise and take your wife, and your two daughters whom you have, and go forth; lest you also be destroyed with the iniquities of the city.

16 And they were troubled, and the angels laid hold on his hand, and the hand of his wife, and the hands of his two daughters, in that the Lord spared him.

17 And it came to pass when they brought them out, that they said, Save your own life by all means; look not round to that which is behind, nor stay in all the country round about, escape to the mountain, lest perhaps you be overtaken together with them.

18 And Lot said to them, I pray, Lord,

19 since your servant has found mercy before you, and you have magnified your righteousness, in what you do towards me that my soul may live,—but I shall not be able to escape to the mountain, lest perhaps the calamity overtake me and I die.

20 Behold this city is near for me to escape thither, which is a small one, and there shall I be preserved, is it not little? and my soul shall live because of you.

21 And he said to him, Behold, I have had respect to you also about this thing, that I should not overthrow the city about which you have spoken.

22 Hasten therefore to escape thither, for I shall not be able to do anything until you are come thither; therefore he called the name of that city, Zoar.

23 The sun was risen upon the earth, when Lot entered into Zoar.

24 And the Lord rained on Sodom and Gomorrah brimstone and fire from the Lord out of heaven.

25 And he overthrew these cities, and all the country round about, and all that dwelt in the cities, and the plants springing out of the ground.

26 And his wife looked back, and she became a pillar of salt.

27 And Abraam rose up early to go to the place, where he had stood before the Lord.

28 And he looked towards Sodom and Gomorrah, and towards the surrounding country, and saw, and behold a flame went up from the earth, as the smoke of a furnace.

29 And it came to pass that when God destroyed all the cities of the region round about, God remembered Abraam, and sent Lot out of the midst of the overthrow, when the Lord overthrew those cities in which Lot dwelt.

30 And Lot went up out of Zoar, and dwelt in the mountain, he and his two daughters with him, for he

feared to dwell in Zoar; and he dwelt in a cave, he and his two daughters with him.

31 And the elder said to the younger, Our father is old, and there is no one on the earth who shall come in to us, as it is fit in all the earth.

32 Come and let us make our father drink wine, and let us sleep with him, and let us raise up seed from our father.

33 So they made their father drink wine in that night, and the elder went in and lay with her father that night, and he knew not when he slept and when he rose up.

34 And it came to pass on the morrow, that the elder said to the younger, Behold, I slept yesternight with our father, let us make him drink wine in this night also, and do you go in and sleep with him, and let us raise up seed of our father.

35 So they made their father drink wine in that night also, and the younger went in and slept with her father, and he knew not when he slept, nor when he arose.

36 And the two daughters of Lot conceived by their father.

37 And the elder bore a son, and called his name Moab, saying, He is of my father. This is the father of the Moabites to this present day.

38 And the younger also bore a son, and called his name Amman, saying, The son of my family. This is the father of the Ammanites to this present day.

Chapter 20

1 And Abraam removed thence to the southern country, and dwelt between Kadesh and Sur, and sojourned in Gerar.

2 And Abraam said concerning Sarrha his wife, She is my sister, for he feared to say, She is my wife, lest at any time the men of the city should kill him for her sake. So Abimelech king of Gerar sent and took Sarrha.

3 And God came to Abimelech by night in sleep, and said, Behold, you die for the woman, whom you have taken, whereas she has lived with a husband.

4 But Abimelech had not touched her, and he said, Lord, will you destroy an ignorantly sinning and just nation?

5 Said he not to me, She is my sister, and said she not to me, He is my brother? with a pure heart and in the righteousness of my hands have I done this.

6 And God said to him in sleep, Yea, I knew that you did this with a pure heart, and I spared you, so that you should not sin against me, therefore I suffered you not to touch her.

7 But now return the man his wife; for he is a prophet, and shall pray for you, and you shall live; but if you restore her not, know that you shall die and all yours.

8 And Abimelech rose early in the morning, and called all his servants, and he spoke all these words in their ears, and all the men feared exceedingly.

9 And Abimelech called Abraam and said to him, What is this that you have done to us? Have we sinned against you, that you have brought upon me and upon my kingdom a great sin? You have done to me a deed, which no one ought to do.

10 And Abimelech said to Abraam, What have you seen in me that you have done this?

11 And Abraam said, Why I said, Surely there is not the worship of God in this place, and they will slay me because of my wife.

12 For truly she is my sister by my father, but not by my mother, and she became my wife.

13 And it came to pass when God brought me forth out of the house of my father, that I said to her, This righteousness you shall perform to me, in every place into which we may enter, say of me, He is my brother.

14 And Abimelech took a thousand pieces of silver, and sheep, and calves, and servants, and maid-servants, and gave them to Abraam, and he returned him Sarrha his wife.

15 And Abimelech said to Abraam, Behold, my land is before you, dwell wheresoever it may please you.

16 And to Sarrha he said, Behold, I have given your brother a thousand pieces of silver, those shall be to you for the price of your countenance, and to all the women with you, and speak the truth in all things.

17 And Abraam prayed to God, and God healed Abimelech, and his wife, and his women servants, and they bore children.

18 Because the Lord had fast closed from without every womb in the house of Abimelech, because of Sarrha Abraam's wife.

Chapter 21

1 And the Lord visited Sarrha, as he said, and the Lord did to Sarrha, as he spoke.

2 And she conceived and bore to Abraam a son in old age, at the set time according as the Lord spoke to him.

3 And Abraam called the name of his son that was born to him, whom Sarrha bore to him, Isaac.

4 And Abraam circumcised Isaac on the eighth day, as God commanded him.

5 And Abraam was a hundred years old when Isaac his son was born to him.

6 And Sarrha said, The Lord has made laughter for me, for whoever shall hear shall rejoice with me.

7 And she said, Who shall say to Abraam that Sarrha suckles a child? for I have born a child in my old age.

8 And the child grew and was weaned, and Abraam made a great feast the day that his son Isaac was weaned.

9 And Sarrha having seen the son of Hagar the Egyptian who was born to Abraam, sporting with Isaac her son,

10 then she said to Abraam, Cast out this bondwoman and her son, for the son of this bondwoman shall not inherit with my son Isaac.

11 But the word appeared very hard before Abraam concerning his son.

12 But God said to Abraam, Let it not be hard before you concerning the child, and concerning the bondwoman; in all things whatsoever Sarrha shall say to you, hear her voice, for in Isaac shall your seed be called.

13 And moreover I will make the son of this bondwoman a great nation, because he is your seed.

14 And Abraam rose up in the morning and took loaves and a skin of water, and gave them to Hagar, and he put the child on her shoulder, and sent her away, and she having departed wandered in the wilderness near the well of the oath.

15 And the water failed out of the skin, and she cast the child under a fir tree.

16 And she departed and sat down opposite him at a distance, as it were a bow-shot, for she said, Surely I cannot see the death of my child: and she sat opposite him, and the child cried aloud and wept.

17 And God heard the voice of the child from the place where he was, and an angel of God called Hagar out of heaven, and said to her, What is it, Hagar? fear not, for God has heard the voice of the child from the place where he is.

18 Rise up, and take the child, and hold him in yours hand, for I will make him a great nation.

19 And God opened her eyes, and she saw a well of springing water; and she went and filled the skin with water, and gave the child drink.

20 And God was with the child, and he grew and dwelt in the wilderness, and became an archer.

21 And he dwelt in the wilderness, and his mother took him a wife out of Paran of Egypt.

22 And it came to pass at that time that Abimelech spoke, and Ochozath his friend, and Phichol the chief captain of his host, to Abraam, saying, God is with you in all things, whatsoever you may do.

23 Now therefore swear to me by God that you will not injure me, nor my seed, nor my name, but according to the righteousness which I have performed with you you shall deal with me, and with the land in which you have sojourned.

24 And Abraam said, I will swear.

25 And Abraam reproved Abimelech because of the wells of water, which the servants of Abimelech took away.

26 And Abimelech said to him, I know not who has done this thing to you, neither did you tell it me, neither heard I it but only to-day.

27 And Abraam took sheep and calves, and gave them to Abimelech, and both made a covenant.

28 And Abraam set seven ewe-lambs by themselves.

29 And Abimelech said to Abraam, What are these seven ewe-lambs which you have set alone?

30 And Abraam said, You shall receive the seven ewe-lambs of me, that they may be for me as a witness, that I dug this well.

31 Therefore he named the name of that place, The Well of the Oath, for there they both swore.

32 And they made a covenant at the well of the oath. And there rose up Abimelech, Ochozath his friend, and Phichol the commander-in-chief of his army, and they returned to the land of the Phylistines.

33 And Abraam planted a field at the well of the oath, and called there on the name of the Lord, the everlasting God.

34 And Abraam sojourned in the land of the Phylistines many days.

Chapter 22

1 And it came to pass after these things that God tempted Abraam, and said to him, Abraam, Abraam; and he said, Lo! I am here.

2 And he said, Take your son, the beloved one, whom you have loved— Isaac, and go into the high land, and offer him there for a whole-burnt-offering on one of the mountains which I will tell you of.

3 And Abraam rose up in the morning and saddled his ass, and he took with him two servants, and Isaac his son, and having split wood for a whole-burnt-offering, he arose and departed, and came to the place of which God spoke to him,

4 on the third day; and Abraam having lifted up his eyes, saw the place afar off.

5 And Abraam said to his servants, Sit you here with the ass, and I and the lad will proceed thus far, and having worshipped we will return to you.

6 And Abraam took the wood of the whole-burnt-offering, and laid it on Isaac his son, and he took into his hands both the fire and the knife, and the two went together.

7 And Isaac said to Abraam his father, Father. And he said, What is it, son? And he said, Behold the fire and the wood, where is the sheep for a whole-burnt-offering?

8 And Abraam said, God will provide himself a sheep for a whole-burnt-offering, my son. And both having gone together,

9 came to the place which God spoke of to him; and there Abraam built the altar, and laid the wood on it, and having bound the feet of Isaac his son together, he laid him on the altar upon the wood.

10 And Abraam stretched forth his hand to take the knife to slay his son.

11 And an angel of the Lord called him out of heaven, and said, Abraam, Abraam. And he said, Behold, I am here.

12 And he said, Lay not yours hand upon the child, neither do anything to him, for now I know that you fear God, and for my sake you have not spared your beloved son.

13 And Abraam lifted up his eyes and beheld, and lo! a ram caught by his horns in a plant of Sabec; and Abraam went and took the ram, and offered him up for a whole-burnt-offering in the place of Isaac his son.

14 And Abraam called the name of that place, The Lord has seen; that they might say to-day, In the mount the Lord was seen.

15 And an angel of the Lord called Abraam the second time out of heaven,

16 saying, I have sworn by myself, says the Lord, because you have done this thing, and on my account have not spared your beloved son,

17 surely blessing I will bless you, and multiplying I will multiply your seed as the stars of heaven, and as the sand which is by the shore of the sea, and your seed shall inherit the cities of their enemies.

18 And in your seed shall all the nations of the earth be blessed, because you have hearkened to my voice.

19 And Abraam returned to his servants, and they arose and went together to the well of the oath; and Abraam dwelt at the well of the oath.

20 And it came to pass after these things, that it was reported to Abraam, saying, Behold, Melcha herself too has born sons to Nachor your brother,

21 Uz the first-born, and Baux his brother, and Camuel the father of the Syrians, and Chazad, and

22 Azav and Phaldes, and Jeldaph, and Bathuel, and Bathuel begot Rebekah;

23 these are eight sons, which Melcha bore to Nachor the brother of Abraam.

24 And his concubine whose name was Rheuma, she also bore Tabec, and Taam, and Tochos, and Mocha.

Chapter 23

1 And the life of Sarrha was an hundred and twenty-seven years.

2 And Sarrha died in the city of Arboc, which is in the valley, this is Hebron in the land of Canaan; and Abraam came to lament for Sarrha and to mourn.

3 And Abraam stood up from before his dead; and Abraam spoke to the sons of Chet, saying,

4 I am a sojourner and a stranger among you, give me therefore possession of a burying-place among you, and I will bury my dead away from me.

5 And the sons of Chet answered to Abraam, saying, Not so, Sir,

6 but hear us; you are in the midst of us a king from God; bury your dead in our choice sepulchres, for not one of us will by any means withhold his sepulchre from you, so that you should not bury your dead there.

7 And Abraam rose up and did obeisance to the people of the land, to the sons of Chet.

8 And Abraam spoke to them, saying, If you have it in your mind that I should bury my dead out of my sight, hearken to me, and speak for me to Ephron the son of Saar.

9 And let him give me the double cave which he has, which is in a part of his field, let him give it me for the money it is worth for possession of a burying-place among you.

10 Now Ephron was sitting in the midst of the children of Chet, and Ephron the Chettite answered Abraam and spoke in the hearing of the sons of Chet, and of all who entered the city, saying,

11 Attend to me, my lord, and hear me, I give to you the field and the cave which is in it; I have given it you before all my countrymen; bury your dead.

12 And Abraam did obeisance before the people of the land.

13 And he said in the ears of Ephron before the people of the land, Since you are on my side, hear me; take the price of the field from me, and I will bury my dead there.

14 But Ephron answered Abraam, saying,

15 Nay, my lord, I have heard indeed, the land is worth four hundred silver didrachms, but what can this be between me and you? nay, do you bury your dead.

16 And Abraam hearkened to Ephron, and Abraam rendered to Ephron the money, which he mentioned in the ears of the sons of Chet, four hundred didrachms of silver approved with merchants.

17 And the field of Ephron, which was in Double Cave, which is opposite Mambre, the field and the cave, which was in it, and every tree which was in the field, and whatever is in its borders round about, were made sure

18 to Abraam for a possession, before the sons of Chet, and all that entered into the city.

19 After this Abraam buried Sarrha his wife in the Double Cave of the field, which is opposite Mambre, this is Hebron in the land of Canaan.

20 So the field and the cave which was in it were made sure to Abraam for possession of a burying place, by the sons of Chet.

Chapter 24

1 And Abraam was old, advanced in days, and the Lord blessed Abraam in all things.

2 And Abraam said to his servant the elder of his house, who had rule over all his possessions, Put your hand under my thigh,

3 and I will adjure you by the Lord the God of heaven, and the God of the earth, that you take not a wife for my son Isaac from the daughters of the Chananites, with whom I dwell, in the midst of them.

4 But you shall go instead to my country, where I was born, and to my tribe, and you shall take from thence a wife for my son Isaac.

5 And the servant said to him, Shall I carry back your son to the land whence you came forth, if haply the woman should not be willing to return with me to this land?

6 And Abraam said to him, Take heed to yourself that you carry not my son back thither.

7 The Lord the God of heaven, and the God of the earth, who took me out of my father's house, and out of the land whence I sprang, who spoke to me, and who swore to me, saying, I will give this land to you and to your seed, he shall send his angel before you, and you shall take a wife to my son from thence.

8 And if the woman should not be willing to come with you into this land, you shall be clear from my oath, only carry not my son thither again.

9 And the servant put his hand under the thigh of his master Abraam, and swore to him concerning this matter.

10 And the servant took ten camels of his master's camels, and he took of all the goods of his master with him, and he arose and went into Mesopotamia to the city of Nachor.

11 And he rested his camels without the city by the well of water towards evening, when damsels go forth to draw water.

12 And he said, O Lord God of my master Abraam, prosper my way before me to day, and deal mercifully with my master Abraam.

13 Lo! I stand by the well of water, and the daughters of them that inhabit the city come forth to draw water.

14 And it shall be, the virgin to whomsoever I shall say, Incline your water-pot, that I may drink, and she shall say, Drink you, and I will give your camels drink, until they shall have done drinking—even this one you have prepared for your servant Isaac, and hereby shall I know that you have dealt mercifully with my master Abraam.

15 And it came to pass before he had done speaking in his mind, that behold, Rebekah the daughter of Bathuel, the son of Melcha, the wife of Nachor, and the same the brother of Abraam, came forth, having a water-pot on her shoulders.

16 And the virgin was very beautiful in appearance, she was a virgin, a man had not known her; and she went down to the well, and filled her water-pot, and came up.

17 And the servant ran up to meet her, and said, Give me a little water to drink out of your pitcher;

18 and she said, Drink, Sir; and she hasted, and let down the pitcher upon her arm, and gave him to drink, till he ceased drinking.

19 And she said, I will also draw water for your camels, till they shall all have drunk.

20 And she hasted, and emptied the water-pot into the trough, and ran to the well to draw again, and drew water for all the camels.

21 And the man took great notice of her, and remained silent to know whether the Lord had made his way prosperous or not.

22 And it came to pass when all the camels ceased drinking, that the man took golden ear-rings, each of a drachm weight, and he put two bracelets on her hands, their weight was ten pieces of gold.

23 And he asked her, and said, Whose daughter are you? Tell me if there is room for us to lodge with your father.

24 And she said to him, I am the daughter of Bathuel the son of Melcha, whom she bore to Nachor.

25 And she said to him, We have both straw and much provender, and a place for resting.

26 And the man being well pleased, worshipped the Lord,

27 and said, Blessed be the Lord the God of my master Abraam, who has not suffered his righteousness to fail, nor his truth from my master, and the Lord has brought me prosperously to the house of the brother of my lord.

28 And the damsel ran and reported to the house of her mother according to these words.

29 And Rebekah had a brother whose name was Laban; and Laban ran out to meet the man, to the well.

30 And it came to pass when he saw the ear-rings and the bracelets on the hands of his sister, and when he heard the words of Rebekah his sister, saying, Thus the man spoke to

me, that he went to the man, as he stood by the camels at the well.

31 And he said to him, Come in hither, you blessed of the Lord, why stand you without, whereas I have prepared the house and a place for the camels?

32 And the man entered into the house, and unloaded the camels, and gave the camels straw and provender, and water to wash his feet, and the feet of the men that were with him.

33 And he set before them loaves to eat; but he said, I will not eat, until I have told my errand. And he said, Speak on.

34 And he said, I am a servant of Abraam;

35 and the Lord has blessed my master greatly, and he is exalted, and he has given him sheep, and calves, and silver, and gold, servants and servant-maids, camels, and asses.

36 And Sarrha my master's wife bore one son to my master after he had grown old; and he gave him whatever he had.

37 And my master caused me to swear, saying, You shall not take a wife to my son of the daughters of the Chananites, among whom I sojourn in their land.

38 But you shall go to the house of my father, and to my tribe, and you shall take thence a wife for my son.

39 And I said to my master, Haply the woman will not go with me.

40 And he said to me, The Lord God to whom I have been acceptable in his presence, himself shall send out his angel with you, and shall prosper your journey, and you shall take a wife for my son of my tribe, and of the house of my father.

41 Then shall you be clear from my curse, for whensoever you shall have come to my tribe, and they shall not give her to you, then shall you be clear from my oath.

42 And having come this day to the well, I said, Lord God of my master Abraam, if you prosper my journey on which I am now going,

43 behold, I stand by the well of water, and the daughters of the men of the city come forth to draw water, and it shall be that the damsel to whom I shall say, Give me a little water to drink out of your pitcher,

44 and she shall say to me, Both drink you, and I will draw water for your camels, this shall be the wife whom the Lord has prepared for his own servant Isaac; and hereby shall I know that you have wrought mercy with my master Abraam.

45 And it came to pass before I had done speaking in my mind, straightway Rebekah came forth, having her pitcher on her shoulders; and she went down to the well, and drew water; and I said to her, Give me to drink.

46 And she hasted and let down her pitcher on her arm from her head, and said, Drink you, and I will give your camels drink; and I drank, and she gave the camels drink.

47 And I asked her, and said, Whose daughter are you? tell me; and she said, I am daughter of Bathuel the son of Nachor, whom Melcha bore to him; and I put on her the ear-rings, and the bracelets on her hands.

48 And being well-pleased I worshipped the Lord, and I blessed the Lord the God of my master Abraam, who has prospered me in a true way, so that I should take the daughter of my master's brother for his son.

49 If then you will deal mercifully and justly with my lord, tell me, and if not, tell me, that I may turn to the right hand or to the left.

50 And Laban and Bathuel answered and said, This matter has come forth from the Lord, we shall not be able to answer you bad or good.

51 Behold, Rebekah is before you, take her and go away, and let her be wife to the son of your master, as the Lord has said.

52 And it came to pass when the servant of Abraam heard these words, he bowed himself to the Lord down to the earth.

53 And the servant having brought forth jewels of silver and gold and raiment, gave them to Rebekah, and gave gifts to her brother, and to her mother.

54 And both he and the men with him ate and drank and went to sleep. And he arose in the morning and said, Send me away, that I may go to my master.

55 And her brethren and her mother said, Let the virgin remain with us about ten days, and after that she shall depart.

56 But he said to them, Hinder me not, for the Lord has prospered my journey for me; send me away, that I may depart to my master.

57 And they said, Let us call the damsel, and enquire at her mouth.

58 And they called Rebekah, and said to her, Will you go with this man? and she said, I will go.

59 So they sent forth Rebekah their sister, and her goods, and the servant of Abraam, and his attendants.

60 And they blessed Rebekah, and said to her, You are our sister; become you thousands of myriads, and let your seed possess the cities of their enemies.

61 And Rebekah rose up and her maidens, and they mounted the camels and went with the man; and the servant having taken up Rebekah, departed.

62 And Isaac went through the wilderness to the well of the vision, and he dwelt in the land toward the south.

63 And Isaac went forth into the plain toward evening to meditate; and having lifted up his eyes, he saw camels coming.

64 And Rebekah lifted up her eyes, and saw Isaac; and she alighted briskly from the camel,

65 and said to the servant, Who is that man that walks in the plain to meet us? And the servant said, This is my master; and she took her veil and covered herself.

66 And the servant told Isaac all that he had done.

67 And Isaac went into the house of his mother, and took Rebekah, and she became his wife, and he loved her; and Isaac was comforted for Sarrha his mother.

Chapter 25

1 And Abraam again took a wife, whose name was Chettura.

2 And she bore to him Zombran, and Jezan, and Madal, and Midian, and Jesboc, and Soie.

3 And Jezan begot Saba and Dedan. And the sons of Dedan were the Assurians and the Latusians, and Laomim.

4 And the sons of Midian were Gephar and Aphir, and Enoch, and Abeida, and Eldaga; all these were sons of Chettura.

5 But Abraam gave all his possessions to Isaac his son.

6 But to the sons of his concubines Abraam gave gifts, and he sent them away from his son Isaac, while he was yet living, to the east into the country of the east.

7 And these were the years of the days of the life of Abraam as many as he lived, a hundred and seventy-five years.

8 And Abraam failing died in a good old age, an old man and full of days, and was added to his people.

9 And Isaac and Ishmael his sons buried him in the double cave, in the field of Ephron the son of Saar the Chettite, which is over against Mambre:

10 even the field and the cave which Abraam bought of the sons of Chet; there they buried Abraam and Sarrha his wife.

11 And it came to pass after Abraam was dead, that God blessed Isaac his son, and Isaac dwelt by the well of the vision.

12 And these are the generations of Ishmael the son of Abraam, whom Hagar the Egyptian the hand-maid of Sarrha bore to Abraam.

13 And these are the names of the sons of Ishmael, according to the names of their generations. The firstborn of Ishmael, Nabaioth, and Kedar, and Nabdeel, and Massam,

14 and Masma, and Duma, and Masse,

15 and Choddan, and Thæman, and Jetur, and Naphes, and Kedma.

16 These are the sons of Ishmael, and these are their names in their tents and in their dwellings, twelve princes according to their nations.

17 And these are the years of the life of Ishmael, a hundred and thirty-seven years; and he failed and died, and was added to his fathers.

18 And he dwelt from Evilat to Sur, which is opposite Egypt, until one comes to the Assyrians; he dwelt in the presence of all his brethren.

19 And these are the generations of Isaac the son of Abraam.

20 Abraam begot Isaac. And Isaac was forty years old when he took to wife Rebekah, daughter of Bathuel the Syrian, out of Syrian Mesopotamia, sister of Laban the Syrian.

21 And Isaac prayed the Lord concerning Rebekah his wife, because she was barren; and the Lord heard him, and his wife Rebekah conceived in her womb.

22 And the babes leaped within her; and she said, If it will be so with me, why is this to me? And she went to enquire of the Lord.

23 And the Lord said to her, There are two nations in your womb, and two peoples shall be separated from your belly, and one people shall excel the other, and the elder shall serve the younger.

24 And the days were fulfilled that she should be delivered, and she had twins in her womb.

25 And the first came out red, hairy all over like a skin; and she called his name Esau.

26 And after this came forth his brother, and his hand took hold of the heel of Esau; and she called his name Jacob. And Isaac was sixty years old when Rebekah bore them.

27 And the lads grew, and Esau was a man skilled in hunting, dwelling in the country, and Jacob a simple man, dwelling in a house.

28 And Isaac loved Esau, because his venison was his food, but Rebekah loved Jacob.

29 And Jacob cooked pottage, and Esau came from the plain, fainting.

30 And Esau said to Jacob, Let me taste of that red pottage, because I am fainting; therefore his name was called Edom.

31 And Jacob said to Esau, Sell me this day your birthright.

32 And Esau said, Behold, I am going to die, and for what good does this birthright belong to me?

33 And Jacob said to him, Swear to me this day; and he swore to him; and Esau sold his birthright to Jacob.

34 And Jacob gave bread to Esau, and pottage of lentiles; and he ate and drank, and he arose and departed; so Esau slighted his birthright.

Chapter 26

1 And there was a famine in the land, besides the former famine, which was in the time of Abraam; and Isaac went to Abimelech the king of the Phylistines to Gerar.

2 And the Lord appeared to him and said, Go not down to Egypt, but dwell in the land, which I shall tell you of.

3 And sojourn in this land; and I will be with you, and bless you, for I will give to you and to your seed all this land; and I will establish my oath which I swore to your father Abraam.

4 And I will multiply your seed as the stars of heaven; and I will give to your seed all this land, and all the nations of the earth shall be blest in your seed.

5 Because Abraam your father hearkened to my voice, and kept my injunctions, and my commandments, and my ordinances, and my statutes.

6 And Isaac dwelt in Gerar.

7 And the men of the place questioned him concerning Rebekah his wife, and he said, She is my sister, for he feared to say, She is my wife, lest at any time the men of the place should slay him because of Rebekah, because she was fair.

8 And he remained there a long time, and Abimelech the king of Gerar leaned to look through the window, and saw Isaac sporting with Rebekah his wife.

9 And Abimelech called Isaac, and said to him, Is she then your wife? why have you said, She is my sister? And Isaac said to him, I did so, for I said, Lest at any time I die on her account.

10 And Abimelech said to him, Why have you done this to us? one of my kindred within a little had lain with your wife, and you would have brought a sin of ignorance upon us.

11 And Abimelech charged all his people, saying, Every man that touches this man and his wife shall be liable to death.

12 And Isaac sowed in that land, and he found in that year barley an hundred-fold, and the Lord blessed him.

13 And the man was exalted, and advancing he increased, till he became very great.

14 And he had cattle of sheep, and cattle of oxen, and many tilled lands, and the Phylistines envied him.

15 And all the wells which the servants of his father had dug in the time of his father, the Phylistines stopped them, and filled them with earth.

16 And Abimelech said to Isaac, Depart from us, for you are become much mightier than we.

17 And Isaac departed thence, and rested in the valley of Gerar, and dwelt there.

18 And Isaac dug again the wells of water, which the servants of his father Abraam had dug, and the Phylistines had stopped them, after the death of his father Abraam; and he gave them names, according to the names by which his father named them.

19 And the servants of Isaac dug in the valley of Gerar, and they found there a well of living water.

20 And the shepherds of Gerar strove with the shepherds of Isaac, saying that the water was theirs; and they called the name of the well, Injury, for they injured him.

21 And having departed thence he dug another well, and they strove also for that; and he named the name of it, Enmity.

22 And he departed thence and dug another well; and they did not strive about that; and he named the name of it, Room, saying, Because now the Lord has made room for us, and has increased us upon the earth.

23 And he went up thence to the well of the oath.

24 And the Lord appeared to him in that night, and said, I am the God of Abraam your father; fear not, for I am with you, and I will bless you, and multiply your seed for the sake of Abraam your father.

25 And he built there an altar, and called on the name of the Lord, and there he pitched his tent, and there the servants of Isaac dug a well in the valley of Gerar.

26 And Abimelech came to him from Gerar, and so did Ochozath his friend, and Phichol the commander-in-chief of his army.

27 And Isaac said to them, Wherefore have you come to me? whereas you hated me, and sent me away from you.

28 And they said, We have surely seen that the Lord was with you, and we said, Let there be an oath between us and you, and we will make a covenant with you,

29 that you shall do no wrong by us, as we have not abhorred you, and according as we have treated you well, and have sent you forth peaceably; and now you are blessed of the Lord.

30 And he made a feast for them, and they ate and drank.

31 And they arose in the morning, and swore each to his neighbour; and Isaac sent them forth, and they departed from him in safety.

32 And it came to pass in that day, that the servants of Isaac came and told him of the well which they had dug; and they said, We have not found water.

33 And he called it, Oath: therefore he called the name of that city, the Well of Oath, until this day.

34 And Esau was forty years old; and he took to wife Judith the daughter of Beoch the Chettite, and Basemath, daughter of Helon the Chettite.

35 And they were provoking to Isaac and Rebekah.

Chapter 27

1 And it came to pass after Isaac was old, that his eyes were dimmed so that he could not see; and he called Esau, his elder son, and said to him, My son; and he said, Behold, I am here.

2 And he said, Behold, I am grown old, and know not the day of my death.

3 Now then take your weapons, both your quiver and your bow, and go into the plain, and get me venison,

4 and make me meats, as I like them, and bring them to me that I may eat, that my soul may bless you, before I die.

5 And Rebekah heard Isaac speaking to Esau his son; and Esau went to the plain to procure venison for his father.

6 And Rebekah said to Jacob her younger son, Behold, I heard your father speaking to Esau your brother, saying,

7 Bring me venison, and prepare me meats, that I may eat and bless you before the Lord before I die.

8 Now then, my son, hearken to me, as I command you.

9 And go to the cattle and take for me thence two kids, tender and good, and I will make them meats for your father, as he likes.

10 And you shall bring them in to your father, and he shall eat, that your father may bless you before he dies.

11 And Jacob said to his mother Rebekah, Esau my brother is a hairy man, and I a smooth man.

12 Peradventure my father may feel me, and I shall be before him as one ill-intentioned, and I shall bring upon me a curse, and not a blessing.

13 And his mother said to him, On me be your curse, son; only hearken to my voice, and go and bring them me.

14 So he went and took and brought them to his mother; and his mother made meats, as his father liked them.

15 And Rebekah having taken the fine raiment of her elder son Esau which was with her in the house, put it on Jacob her younger son.

16 And she put on his arms the skins of the kids, and on the bare parts of his neck.

17 And she gave the meats, and the loaves which she had prepared, into the hands of Jacob her son.

18 And he brought them to his father, and said, Father; and he said, Behold I am here; who are you, son?

19 And Jacob said to his father, I, Esau your first-born, have done as you told me; rise, sit, and eat of my venison, that your soul may bless me.

20 And Isaac said to his son, What is this which you have quickly found? And he said, That which the Lord your God presented before me.

21 And Isaac said to Jacob, Draw nigh to me, and I will feel you, son, if you are my son Esau or not.

22 And Jacob drew nigh to his father Isaac, and he felt him, and said, The voice is Jacob's voice, but the hands are the hands of Esau.

23 And he knew him not, for his hands were as the hands of his brother Esau, hairy; and he blessed him,

24 and he said, Are you my son Esau? and he said, I am.

25 And he said, Bring hither, and I will eat of your venison, son, that my soul may bless you; and he brought it near to him, and he ate, and he brought him wine, and he drank.

26 And Isaac his father said to him, Draw nigh to me, and kiss me, son.

27 And he drew nigh and kissed him, and smelled the smell of his garments, and blessed him, and said, Behold, the smell of my son is as the smell of an abundant field, which the Lord has blessed.

28 And may God give you of the dew of heaven, and of the fatness of the earth, and abundance of corn and wine.

29 And let nations serve you, and princes bow down to you, and be you lord of your brother, and the sons of your father shall do you reverence; accursed is he that curses you, and blessed is he that blesses you.

30 And it came to pass after Isaac had ceased blessing his son Jacob, it even came to pass, just when Jacob had gone out from the presence of Isaac his father, that Esau his brother came in from his hunting.

31 And he also had made meats and brought them to his father; and he said to his father, Let my father arise and eat of his son's venison, that your soul may bless me.

32 And Isaac his father said to him, Who are you? And he said, I am your first-born son Esau.

33 And Isaac was amazed with very great amazement, and said, Who then is it that has procured venison for me and brought it to me? and I have eaten of all before you came, and I have blessed him, and he shall be blessed.

34 And it came to pass when Esau heard the words of his father Isaac, he cried out with a great and very bitter cry, and said, Bless, I pray you, me also, father.

35 And he said to him, Your brother has come with subtlety, and taken your blessing.

36 And he said, Rightly was his name called Jacob, for lo! this second time has he supplanted me; he has both taken my birthright, and now he has taken my blessing; and Esau

said to his father, Have you not left a blessing for me, father?

37 And Isaac answered and said to Esau, If I have made him your lord, and have made all his brethren his servants, and have strengthened him with corn and wine, what then shall I do for you, son?

38 And Esau said to his father, Have you only one blessing, father? Bless, I pray you, me also, father. And Isaac being troubled, Esau cried aloud and wept.

39 And Isaac his father answered and said to him, Behold, your dwelling shall be of the fatness of the earth, and of the dew of heaven from above.

40 And you shall live by your sword, and shall serve your brother; and there shall be a time when you shall break and loosen his yoke from off your neck.

41 And Esau was angry with Jacob because of the blessing, with which his father blessed him; and Esau said in his mind, Let the days of my father's mourning draw nigh, that I may slay my brother Jacob.

42 And the words of Esau her elder son were reported to Rebekah, and she sent and called Jacob her younger son, and said to him, Behold, Esau your brother threatens you to kill you.

43 Now then, my son, hear my voice, and rise and depart quickly into Mesopotamia to Laban my brother into Haran.

44 And dwell with him certain days, until your brother's anger

45 and rage depart from you, and he forget what you have done to him; and I will send and fetch you thence, lest at any time I should be bereaved of you both in one day.

46 And Rebekah said to Isaac, I am weary of my life, because of the daughters of the sons of Chet; if Jacob shall take a wife of the daughters of this land, wherefore should I live?

Chapter 28

1 And Isaac having called for Jacob, blessed him, and charged him, saying, You shall not take a wife of the daughters of the Chananites.

2 Rise and depart quickly into Mesopotamia, to the house of Bathuel the father of your mother, and take to yourself thence a wife of the daughters of Laban your mother's brother.

3 And may my God bless you, and increase you, and multiply you, and you shall become gatherings of nations.

4 And may he give you the blessing of my father Abraam, even to you and to your seed after you, to inherit the land of your sojourning, which God gave to Abraam.

5 So Isaac sent away Jacob, and he went into Mesopotamia to Laban the son of Bethuel the Syrian, the brother of Rebekah the mother of Jacob and Esau.

6 And Esau saw that Isaac blessed Jacob, and sent him away to Mesopotamia of Syria as he blessed him, to take to himself a wife thence, and that he charged him, saying, You shall not take a wife of the daughters of the Chananites;

7 and that Jacob hearkened to his father and his mother, and went to Mesopotamia of Syria.

8 And Esau also having seen that the daughters of Canaan were evil before his father Isaac,

9 Esau went to Ishmael, and took Maeleth the daughter of Ishmael, the son of Abraam, the sister of Nabeoth, a wife in addition to his other wives.

10 And Jacob went forth from the well of the oath, and departed into Haran.

11 And came to a certain place and slept there, for the sun had gone down; and he took one of the stones of the place, and put it at his head, and lay down to sleep in that place,

12 and dreamed, and behold a ladder fixed on the earth, whose top reached to heaven, and the angels of God ascended and descended on it.

13 And the Lord stood upon it, and said, I am the God of your father Abraam, and the God of Isaac; fear not, the land on which you lie, to you will I give it, and to your seed.

14 And your seed shall be as the sand of the earth; and it shall spread abroad to the sea, and the south, and the north, and to the east; and in you and in your seed shall all the tribes of the earth be blessed.

15 And behold I am with you to preserve you continually in all the way wherein you shall go; and I will bring you back to this land; for I will not desert you, until I have done all that I have said to you.

16 And Jacob awaked out of his sleep, and said, The Lord is in this place, and I knew it not.

17 And he was afraid, and said, How fearful is this place! this is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven.

18 And Jacob rose up in the morning, and took the stone he had laid there by his head, and he set it up as a pillar, and poured oil on the top of it.

19 And he called the name of that place, the House of God; and the name of the city before was Ulam-luz.

20 And Jacob vowed a vow, saying, If the Lord God will be with me, and guard me throughout on this journey, on which I am going, and give me bread to eat, and raiment to put on,

21 and bring me back in safety to the house of my father, then shall the Lord be for a God to me.

22 And this stone, which I have set up for a pillar, shall be to me a house of God; and of all whatsoever you shall give me, I will tithe a tenth for you.

Chapter 29

1 And Jacob started and went to the land of the east to Laban, the son of Bathuel the Syrian, and the brother of Rebekah, mother of Jacob and Esau.

2 And he looks, and behold! a well in the plain; and there were there three flocks of sheep resting at it, for out of that well they watered the flocks, but there was a great stone at the mouth of the well.

3 And there were all the flocks gathered, and they used to roll away the stone from the mouth of the well, and water the flocks, and set the stone again in its place on the mouth of the well.

4 And Jacob said to them, Brethren, whence are you? and they said, We are of Haran.

5 And he said to them, Know you Laban, the son of Nachor? and they said, We do know him.

6 And he said to them, Is he well? And they said, He is well. And behold Rachel his daughter came with the sheep.

7 And Jacob said, It is yet high day, it is not yet time that the flocks be gathered together; water you the flocks, and depart and feed them.

8 And they said, We shall not be able, until all the shepherds be gathered together, and they shall roll away the stone from the mouth of the well, then we will water the flocks.

9 While he was yet speaking to them, behold, Rachel the daughter of Laban came with her father's sheep, for she fed the sheep of her father.

10 And it came to pass when Jacob saw Rachel the daughter of Laban, his mother's brother, and the sheep of Laban, his mother's brother, that Jacob came and rolled away the stone from the mouth of the well, and watered the sheep of Laban, his mother's brother.

11 And Jacob kissed Rachel, and cried with a loud voice and wept.

12 And he told Rachel that he was the near relative of her father, and the son of Rebekah; and she ran and reported to her father according to these words.

13 And it came to pass when Laban heard the name of Jacob, his sister's son, he ran to meet him, and embraced and kissed him, and brought him into his house; and he told Laban all these sayings.

14 And Laban said to him, You are of my bones and of my flesh; and he was with him a full month.

15 And Laban said to Jacob, Surely you shall not serve me for nothing, because you are my brother; tell me what your reward is to be.

16 Now Laban had two daughters, the name of the elder was Lea, and the name of the younger, Rachel.

17 And the eyes of Lea were weak. But Rachel was beautiful in appearance, and exceedingly fair in countenance.

18 And Jacob loved Rachel, and said, I will serve you seven years for your younger daughter Rachel.

19 And Laban said to him, It is better that I should give her to you, than that I should give her to another man; dwell with me.

20 And Jacob served for Rachel seven years, and they were before him as a few days, by reason of his loving her.

21 And Jacob said to Laban, Give me my wife, for my days are fulfilled, that I may go in to her.

22 And Laban gathered together all the men of the place, and made a marriage-feast.

23 And it was even, and he took his daughter Lea, and brought her in to Jacob, and Jacob went in to her.

24 And Laban gave to his daughter Lea, Zelpha his handmaid, as a handmaid for her.

25 And it was morning, and behold it was Lea; and Jacob said to Laban, What is this that you have done to me? did I not serve you for Rachel? and wherefore have you deceived me?

26 And Laban answered, It is not done thus in our country, to give the younger before the elder.

27 Fulfil then her sevens, and I will give to you her also in return for your labour, which you labour with me, yet seven other years.

28 And Jacob did so, and fulfilled her sevens; and Laban gave him his daughter Rachel to wife.

29 And Laban gave to his daughter his handmaid Balla, for a handmaid to her.

30 And he went in to Rachel; and he loved Rachel more than Lea; and he served him seven other years.

31 And when the Lord God saw that Lea was hated, he opened her womb; but Rachel was barren.

32 And Lea conceived and bore a son to Jacob; and she called his name, Reuben; saying, Because the Lord has looked on my humiliation, and has given me a son, now then my husband will love me.

33 And she conceived again, and bore a second son to Jacob; and she said, Because the Lord has heard that I am hated, he has given to me this one also; and she called his name, Simeon.

34 And she conceived yet again, and bore a son, and said, In the present time my husband will be with me, for I have born him three sons; therefore she called his name, Levi.

35 And having conceived yet again, she bore a son, and said, Now yet again this time will I give thanks to the Lord; therefore she called his name, Judah; and ceased bearing.

Chapter 30

1 And Rachel having perceived that she bore Jacob no children, was jealous of her sister; and said to Jacob, Give me children; and if not, I shall die.

2 And Jacob was angry with Rachel, and said to her, Am I in the place of God, who has deprived you of the fruit of the womb?

3 And Rachel said to Jacob, Behold my handmaid Balla, go in to her, and she shall bear upon my knees, and I also shall have children by her.

4 And she gave him Balla her maid, for a wife to him; and Jacob went in to her.

5 And Balla, Rachel's maid, conceived, and bore Jacob a son.

6 And Rachel said, God has given judgment for me, and hearkened to my voice, and has given me a son; therefore she called his name, Dan.

7 And Balla, Rachel's maid, conceived yet again, and bore a second son to Jacob.

8 And Rachel said, God has helped me, and I contended with my sister and prevailed; and she called his name, Nephthalim.

9 And Lea saw that she ceased from bearing, and she took Zelpha her maid, and gave her to Jacob for a wife; and he went in to her.

10 And Zelpha the maid of Lea conceived, and bore Jacob a son.

11 And Lea said, It is happily: and she called his name, Gad.

12 And Zelpha the maid of Lea conceived yet again, and bore Jacob a second son.

13 And Lea said, I am blessed, for the women will pronounce me blessed; and she called his name, Aser.

14 And Reuben went in the day of barley-harvest, and found apples of mandrakes in the field, and brought them to his mother Lea; and Rachel said to Lea her sister, Give me of your son's mandrakes.

15 And Lea said, Is it not enough for you that you have taken my husband, will you also take my son's mandrakes? And Rachel said, Not so: let him lie with you to-night for your son's mandrakes.

16 And Jacob came in out of the field at even; and Lea went forth to meet him, and said, You shall come in to me this day, for I have hired you for my son's mandrakes; and he lay with her that night.

17 And God hearkened to Lea, and she conceived, and bore Jacob a fifth son.

18 And Lea said, God has given me my reward, because I gave my maid to my husband; and she called his name Issachar, which is, Reward.

19 And Lea conceived again, and bore Jacob a sixth son.

20 And Lea said, God has given me a good gift in this time; my husband will choose me, for I have born him six sons: and she called his name, Zebulun.

21 And after this she bore a daughter; and she called her name, Dina.

22 And God remembered Rachel, and God hearkened to her, and he opened her womb.

23 And she conceived, and bore Jacob a son; and Rachel said, God has taken away my reproach.

24 And she called his name Joseph, saying, Let God add to me another son.

25 And it came to pass when Rachel had born Joseph, Jacob said to Laban, Send me away, that I may go to my place and to my land.

26 Restore my wives and my children, for whom I have served you, that I may depart, for you know the service wherewith I have served you.

27 And Laban said to him, If I have found grace in your sight, I would augur well, for the Lord has blessed me at your coming in.

28 Appoint me your wages, and I will give them.

29 And Jacob said, You know in what things I have served you, and how many cattle of your are with me.

30 For it was little you had before my time, and it is increased to a multitude, and the Lord God has blessed you since my coming; now then, when shall I set up also my own house?

31 And Laban said to him, What shall I give you? and Jacob said to him, You shall not give me anything; if you will do this thing for me, I will again tend your flocks and keep them.

32 Let all your sheep pass by to-day, and separate thence every grey sheep among the rams, and every one that is speckled and spotted among the goats—this shall be my reward.

33 And my righteousness shall answer for me on the morrow, for it is my reward before you: whatever shall not be spotted and speckled among the goats, and grey among the rams, shall be stolen with me.

34 And Laban said to him, Let it be according to your word.

35 And he separated in that day the spotted and speckled he-goats, and all the spotted and speckled she-goats, and all that was grey among the rams, and every one that was white among them, and he gave them into the hand of his sons.

36 And he set a distance of a three days' journey between them and Jacob. And Jacob tended the cattle of Laban that were left behind.

37 And Jacob took to himself green rods of storax tree and walnut and plane-tree; and Jacob peeled in them white stripes; and as he drew off the green, the white stripe which he had made appeared alternate on the rods.

38 And he laid the rods which he had peeled, in the hollows of the watering-troughs, that whensoever the cattle should come to drink, as they should have come to drink before the rods, the cattle might conceive at the rods.

39 So the cattle conceived at the rods, and the cattle brought forth young speckled, and streaked and spotted with ash-coloured spots.

40 And Jacob separated the lambs, and set before the sheep a speckled ram, and every variegated one among the lambs, and he separated flocks for himself alone, and did not mingle them with the sheep of Laban.

41 And it came to pass in the time wherein the cattle became pregnant, conceiving in the belly, Jacob put the rods before the cattle in the troughs, that they might conceive by the rods.

42 But he did not put them in indiscriminately whenever the cattle happened to bring forth, but the unmarked ones were Laban's, and the marked ones Jacob's.

43 And the man became very rich, and he had many cattle, and oxen, and servants, and maid-servants, and camels, and asses.

Chapter 31

1 And Jacob heard the words of the sons of Laban, saying, Jacob has taken all that was our father's, and of our father's property has he gotten all this glory.

2 And Jacob saw the countenance of Laban, and behold it was not toward him as before.

3 And the Lord said to Jacob, Return to the land of your father, and to your family, and I will be with you.

4 And Jacob sent and called Lea and Rachel to the plain where the flocks were.

5 And he said to them, I see the face of your father, that it is not toward me as before, but the God of my father was with me.

6 And you too know that with all my might I have served your father.

7 But your father deceived me, and changed my wages for the ten lambs, yet God gave him not power to hurt me.

8 If he should say thus, The speckled shall be your reward, then all the cattle would bear speckled; and if he should say, The white shall be your reward, then would all the cattle bear white.

9 So God has taken away all the cattle of your father, and given them to me.

10 And it came to pass when the cattle conceived and were with young, that I beheld with mine eyes in sleep, and behold the he-goats and the rams leaping on the sheep and the she-goats, speckled and variegated and spotted with ash-coloured spots.

11 And the angel of God said to me in a dream, Jacob; and I said, What is it?

12 And he said, Look up with your eyes, and behold the he-goats and the rams leaping on the sheep and the she-goats, speckled and variegated and spotted with ash-coloured spots; for I have seen all things that Laban does to you.

13 I am God that appeared to you in the place of God, where you anointedst a pillar to me, and vowedst to me there a vow; now then arise and depart out of this land, depart into the land of your nativity, and I will be with you.

14 And Rachel and Lea answered and said to him, Have we yet a part or inheritance in the house of our father?

15 Are we not considered strangers by him? for he has sold us, and quite devoured our money.

16 All the wealth and the glory which God has taken from our father, it shall be our's and our children's; now then do whatsoever God has said to you.

17 And Jacob arose and took his wives and his children up on the camels;

18 and he took away all his possessions and all his store, which he had gotten in Mesopotamia, and all that belonged to him, to depart to Isaac his father in the land of Canaan.

19 And Laban went to shear his sheep; and Rachel stole her father's images.

20 And Jacob hid the matter from Laban the Syrian, so as not to tell him that he ran away.

21 And he departed himself and all that belonged to him, and passed over the river, and went into the mountain Gilead.

22 But it was told Laban the Syrian on the third day, that Jacob was fled.

23 And having taken his brethren with him, he pursued after him seven days' journey, and overtook him on Mount Gilead.

24 And God came to Laban the Syrian in sleep by night, and said to him, Take heed to yourself that you speak not at any time to Jacob evil things.

25 And Laban overtook Jacob; and Jacob pitched his tent in the mountain; and Laban stationed his brothers in the mount Gilead.

26 And Laban said to Jacob, What have you done? wherefore did you run away secretly, and pillage me, and lead away my daughters as captives taken with the sword?

27 Whereas if you had told me, I would have sent you away with mirth, and with songs, and timbrels, and harp.

28 And I was not counted worthy to embrace my children and my daughters; now then you have wrought foolishly.

29 And now my hand has power to hurt you; but the God of your father spoke to me yesterday, saying, Take heed to yourself that you speak not evil words to Jacob.

30 Now then go on your way, for you have earnestly desired to depart to the house of your father; wherefore have you stolen my gods?

31 And Jacob answered and said to Laban, Because I was afraid; for I said, Lest at any time you should take away your daughters from me, and all my possessions.

32 And Jacob said, With whomsoever you shall find your gods, he shall not live in the presence of our brethren; take notice of what I have of your property, and take it; and he observed nothing with him, but Jacob knew not that his wife Rachel had stolen them.

33 And Laban went in and searched in the house of Lea, and found them not; and he went out of the house of Lea, and searched in the house of Jacob, and in the house of the two maid-servants, and found them not; and he went also into the house of Rachel.

34 And Rachel took the idols, and cast them among the camels' packs, and sat upon them.

35 And she said to her father, Be not indignant, Sir; I cannot rise up before you, for it is with me according to the manner of women. Laban searched in all the house, and found not the images.

36 And Jacob was angry, and strove with Laban; and Jacob answered and said to Laban, What is my injustice, and what my sin, that you have pursued after me,

37 and that you have searched all the furniture of my house? what have you found of all the furniture of yours house? set it here between your relations and my relations, and let them decide between us two.

38 These twenty years have I been with you; your sheep, and your she-goats have not failed in bearing; I devoured not the rams of your cattle.

39 That which was taken of beasts I brought not to you; I made good of myself the thefts of the day, and the thefts of the night.

40 I was parched with heat by day, and chilled with frost by night, and my sleep departed from my eyes.

41 These twenty years have I been in your house; I served you fourteen years for your two daughters, and six years among your sheep, and you did falsely rate my wages for ten lambs.

42 Unless I had the God of my father Abraam, and the fear of Isaac, now you would have sent me away empty; God saw my humiliation, and the labour of my hands, and rebuked you yesterday.

43 And Laban answered and said to Jacob, The daughters are my daughters, and the sons my sons, and the cattle are my cattle, and all things which you see are mine, and the property of my daughters; what shall I do to them to-day, or their children which they bore?

44 Now then come, let me make a covenant, both I and you, and it shall be for a witness between me and you; and he said to him, Behold, there is no one with us; behold, God is witness between me and you.

45 And Jacob having taken a stone, set it up for a pillar.

46 And Jacob said to his brethren, Gather stones; and they gathered stones and made a heap, and ate there upon the heap; and Laban said to him, This heap witnesses between me and you to-day.

47 And Laban called it, the Heap of Testimony; and Jacob called it, the Witness Heap.

48 And Laban said to Jacob, Behold this heap, and the pillar, which I have set between me and you; this heap witnesses, and this pillar witnesses; therefore its name was called, the Heap witnesses.

49 And the vision of which he said—Let God look to it between me and you, because we are about to depart from each other,—

50 If you shall humble my daughters, if you should take wives in addition to my daughters, see, there is no one with us looking on. God is witness between me and you.

50a And Laban said to Jacob, Behold, this heap, and this pillar are a witness.

52 For if I should not cross over unto you, neither should you cross over to me, for mischief beyond this heap and this pillar.

53 The God of Abraam and the God of Nachor judge between us; and Jacob swore by the Fear of his father Isaac.

54 And he offered a sacrifice in the mountain, and called his brethren, and they ate and drank, and slept in the mountain.

Chapter 32

1 And Laban rose up in the morning, and kissed his sons and his daughters, and blessed them; and Laban having turned back, departed to his place.

2 And Jacob departed for his journey; and having looked up, he saw the host of God encamped; and the angels of God met him.

3 And Jacob said, when he saw them, This is the Camp of God; and he called the name of that place, Encampments.

4 And Jacob sent messengers before him to Esau his brother to the land of Seir, to the country of Edom.

5 And he charged them, saying, Thus shall you say to my lord Esau: Thus says your servant Jacob; I have sojourned with Laban and tarried until now.

6 And there were born to me oxen, and asses, and sheep, and menservants and women-servants; and I sent to tell my lord Esau, that your servant might find grace in your sight.

7 And the messengers returned to Jacob, saying, We came to your brother Esau, and lo! he comes to meet you, and four hundred men with him.

8 And Jacob was greatly terrified, and was perplexed; and he divided the people that was with him, and the cows, and the camels, and the sheep, into two camps.

9 And Jacob said, If Esau should come to one camp, and smite it, the other camp shall be in safety.

10 And Jacob said, God of my father Abraam, and God of my father Isaac, O Lord, you are he that said to me, Depart quickly to the land of your birth, and I will do you good.

11 Let there be to me a sufficiency of all the justice and all the truth which you have wrought with your servant; for with this my staff I passed over this Jordan, and now I am become two camps.

12 Deliver me from the hand of my brother, from the hand of Esau, for I am afraid of him, lest haply he should come and smite me, and the mother upon the children.

13 But you saidst, I will do you good, and will make your seed as the sand of the sea, which shall not be numbered for multitude.

14 And he slept there that night, and took of the gifts which he carried with him, and sent out to Esau his brother,

15 two hundred she-goats, twenty he-goats, two hundred sheep, twenty rams,

16 milch camels, and their foals, thirty, forty kine, ten bulls, twenty asses, and ten colts.

17 And he gave them to his servants each drove apart; and he said to his servants, Go on before me, and put a space between drove and drove.

18 And he charged the first, saying, If Esau my brother meet you, and he ask you, saying, Whose are you? and whither would you go, and whose are these possessions advancing before you?

19 You shall say, Your servant Jacob's; he has sent gifts to my lord Esau, and lo! he is behind us.

20 And he charged the first and the second and the third, and all that went before him after these flocks, saying, Thus shall you speak to Esau when you find him;

21 and you shall say, Behold your servant Jacob comes after us. For he said, I will propitiate his countenance with the gifts going before his presence, and afterwards I will behold his face, for peradventure he will accept me.

22 So the presents went on before him, but he himself lodged that night in the camp.

23 And he rose up in that night, and took his two wives and his two servant-maids, and his eleven children, and crossed over the ford of Jaboch.

24 And he took them, and passed over the torrent, and brought over all his possessions.

25 And Jacob was left alone; and a man wrestled with him till the morning.

26 And he saw that he prevailed not against him; and he touched the broad part of his thigh, and the broad part of Jacob's thigh was benumbed in his wrestling with him.

27 And he said to him, Let me go, for the day has dawned; but he said, I will not let you go, except you bless me.

28 And he said to him, What is your name? and he answered, Jacob.

29 And he said to him, Your name shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel shall be your name; for you have prevailed with God, and shall be mighty with men.

30 And Jacob asked and said, Tell me your name; and he said, Wherefore do you ask after my name? and he blessed him there.

31 And Jacob called the name of that place, the Face of God; for, said he, I have seen God face to face, and my life was preserved.

32 And the sun rose upon him, when he passed the Face of God; and he halted upon his thigh.

33 Therefore the children of Israel will by no means eat of the sinew which was benumbed, which is on the broad part of the thigh, until this day, because the angel touched the broad part of the thigh of Jacob—even the sinew which was benumbed.

Chapter 33

1 And Jacob lifted up his eyes, and beheld, and lo! Esau his brother coming, and four hundred men with him; and Jacob divided the children to Lea and to Rachel, and the two handmaidens.

2 And he put the two handmaidens and their children with the first, and Lea and her children behind, and Rachel and Joseph last.

3 But he advanced himself before them, and did reverence to the ground seven times, until he drew near to his brother.

4 And Esau ran on to meet him, and embraced him, and fell on his neck, and kissed him; and they both wept.

5 And Esau looked up and saw the women and the children, and said, What are these to you? And he said, The children with which God has mercifully blessed your servant.

6 And the maid-servants and their children drew near and did reverence.

7 And Lea and her children drew near and did reverence; and after this drew near Rachel and Joseph, and did reverence.

8 And he said, What are these things to you, all these companies that I have met? And he said, That your servant might find grace in your sight, my lord.

9 And Esau said, I have much, my brother; keep your own.

10 And Jacob said, If I have found grace in your sight, receive the gifts through my hands; therefore have I seen your face, as if any one should see the face of God, and you shall be well-pleased with me.

11 Receive my blessings, which I have brought you, because God has had mercy on me, and I have all things; and he constrained him, and he took them.

12 And he said, Let us depart, and proceed right onward.

13 And he said to him, My lord knows, that the children are very tender, and the flocks and the herds with me are with young; if then I shall drive them hard one day, all the cattle will die.

14 Let my lord go on before his servant, and I shall have strength on the road according to the ease of the journey before me, and according to the strength of the children, until I come to my lord to Seir.

15 And Esau said, I will leave with you some of the people who are with me. And he said, Why so? it is enough that I have found favour before you, my lord.

16 And Esau returned on that day on his journey to Seir.

17 And Jacob departs to his tents; and he made for himself there habitations, and for his cattle he made booths; therefore he called the name of that place, Booths.

18 And Jacob came to Salem, a city of Secima, which is in the land of Canaan, when he departed out of Mesopotamia of Syria, and took up a position in front of the city.

19 And he bought the portion of the field, where he pitched his tent, of Emmor the father of Shechem, for a hundred lambs.

20 And he set up there an altar, and called on the God of Israel.

Chapter 34

1 And Dina, the daughter of Lea, whom she bore to Jacob, went forth to observe the daughters of the inhabitants.

2 And Shechem the son of Emmor the Evite, the ruler of the land, saw her, and took her and lay with her, and humbled her.

3 And he was attached to the soul of Dina the daughter of Jacob, and he loved the damsel, and he spoke kindly to the damsel.

4 Shechem spoke to Emmor his father, saying, Take for me this damsel to wife.

5 And Jacob heard that the son of Emmor had defiled Dina his daughter (now his sons were with his cattle in the plain). And Jacob was silent until they came.

6 And Emmor the father of Shechem went forth to Jacob, to speak to him.

7 And the sons of Jacob came from the plain; and when they heard, the men were deeply pained, and it was very grievous to them, because the man wrought folly in Israel, having lain with the daughter of Jacob, and so it must not be.

8 And Emmor spoke to them, saying, Shechem my son has chosen in his heart your daughter; give her therefore to him for a wife,

9 and intermarry with us. Give us your daughters, and take our daughters for your sons.

10 And dwell in the midst of us; and, behold, the land is spacious before you, dwell in it, and trade, and get possessions in it.

11 And Shechem said to her father and to her brothers, I would find grace before you, and we will give whatever you shall name.

12 Multiply your demand of dowry very much, and I will give accordingly as you shall say to me, only you shall give me this damsel for a wife.

13 And the sons of Jacob answered to Shechem and Emmor his father craftily, and spoke to them, because they had defiled Dina their sister.

14 And Simeon and Levi, the brothers of Dina, said to them, We shall not be able to do this thing, to give our sister to a man who is uncircumcised, for it is a reproach to us.

15 Only on these terms will we conform to you, and dwell among you, if you also will be as we are, in that every male of you be circumcised.

16 And we will give our daughters to you, and we will take of your daughters for wives to us, and we will dwell with you, and we will be as one race.

17 But if you will not hearken to us to be circumcised, we will take our daughter and depart.

18 And the words pleased Emmor, and Shechem the son of Emmor.

19 And the young man delayed not to do this thing, for he was much attached to Jacob's daughter, and he was the most honourable of all in his father's house.

20 And Emmor and Shechem his son came to the gate of their city, and spoke to the men of their city, saying,

21 These men are peaceable, let them dwell with us upon the land, and let them trade in it, and behold the land is extensive before them; we will take their daughters to us for wives, and we will give them our daughters.

22 Only on these terms will the men conform to us to dwell with us so as to be one people, if every male of us be circumcised, as they also are circumcised.

23 And shall not their cattle and their herds, and their possessions, be ours? only in this let us conform to them, and they will dwell with us.

24 And all that went in at the gate of their city hearkened to Emmor and Shechem his son, and they were circumcised in the flesh of their foreskin every male.

25 And it came to pass on the third day, when they were in pain, the two sons of Jacob, Simeon and Levi, Dina's brethren, took each man his sword, and came upon the city securely, and slew every male.

26 And they slew Emmor and Shechem his son with the edge of the sword, and took Dina out of the house of Shechem, and went forth.

27 But the sons of Jacob came upon the wounded, and ravaged the city wherein they had defiled Dina their sister.

28 And their sheep, and their oxen, and their asses they took, and all things whatsoever were in the city, and whatsoever were in the plain.

29 And they took captive all the persons of them, and all their store, and their wives, and plundered both whatever things there were in the city, and whatever things there were in the houses.

30 And Jacob said to Simeon and Levi, You have made me hateful so that I should be evil to all the inhabitants of the land, both among the Chananites and the Pherezites, and I am few in number; they will gather themselves against me and cut me in pieces, and I shall be utterly destroyed, and my house.

31 And they said, Nay, but shall they treat our sister as an harlot?

Chapter 35

1 And God said to Jacob, Arise, go up to the place, Bethel, and dwell there; and make there an altar to the God that appeared to you, when you fled from the face of Esau your brother.

2 And Jacob said to his house, and to all that were with him, Remove the strange gods that are with you from the midst of you, and purify yourselves, and change your clothes.

3 And let us rise and go up to Bethel, and let us there make an altar to God who hearkened to me in the day of calamity, who was with me, and preserved me throughout in the journey, by which I went.

4 And they gave to Jacob the strange gods, which were in their hands, and the ear-rings which were in their ears, and Jacob hid them under the turpentine tree which is in Secima, and destroyed them to this day.

5 So Israel departed from Secima, and the fear of God was upon the cities round about them, and they did not pursue after the children of Israel.

6 And Jacob came to Luza, which is in the land of Canaan, which is Bethel, he and all the people that were with him.

7 And he built there an altar, and called the name of the place Bethel; for there God appeared to him, when he fled from the face of his brother Esau.

8 And Deborrha, Rebekah's nurse, died, and was buried below Bethel under the oak; and Jacob called its name, The Oak of Mourning.

9 And God appeared to Jacob once more in Luza, when he came out of Mesopotamia of Syria, and God blessed him.

10 And God said to him, Your name shall not be called Jacob, but Israel shall be your name; and he called his name Israel.

11 And God said to him, I am your God; increase and multiply; for nations and gatherings of nations shall be of you, and kings shall come out of your loins.

12 And the land which I gave to Abraam and Isaac, I have given it to you; and it shall come to pass that I will give this land also to your seed after you.

13 And God went up from him from the place where he spoke with him.

14 And Jacob set up a pillar in the place where God spoke with him, even a pillar of stone; and offered a libation upon it, and poured oil upon it.

15 And Jacob called the name of the place in which God spoke with him, Bethel.

16 [And Jacob removed from Bethel, and pitched his tent beyond the tower of Gader,] and it came to pass when he

drew nigh to Chabratha, to enter into Ephratha, Rachel travailed; and in her travail she was in hard labour.

17 And it came to pass in her hard labour, that the midwife said to her, Be of good courage, for you shall also have this son.

18 And it came to pass in her giving up the ghost (for she was dying), that she called his name, The son of my pain; but his father called his name Benjamin.

19 So Rachel died, and was buried in the way of the course of Ephratha, this is Bethlehem.

20 And Jacob set up a pillar on her tomb; this is the pillar on the tomb of Rachel, until this day.

22 And it came to pass when Israel dwelt in that land, that Reuben went and lay with Balla, the concubine of his father Jacob; and Israel heard, and the thing appeared grievous before him. And the sons of Jacob were twelve.

23 The sons of Lea, the first-born of Jacob; Reuben, Simeon, Levi, Judas, Issachar, Zebulun.

24 And the sons of Rachel; Joseph and Benjamin.

25 And the sons of Balla, the hand-maid of Rachel; Dan and Nephthalim.

26 And the sons of Zelpha, the hand-maid of Lea; Gad and Aser. These are the sons of Jacob, which were born to him in Mesopotamia of Syria.

27 And Jacob came to Isaac his father to Mambre, to a city of the plain; this is Hebron in the land of Canaan, where Abraam and Isaac sojourned.

28 And the days of Isaac which he lived were an hundred and eighty years.

29 And Isaac gave up the ghost and died, and was laid to his family, old and full of days; and Esau and Jacob his sons buried him.

Chapter 36

1 And these are the generations of Esau; this is Edom.

2 And Esau took to himself wives of the daughters of the Chananites; Ada, the daughter of Ælom the Chettite; and Olibema, daughter of Ana the son of Sebegon, the Evite;

3 and Basemath, daughter of Ishmael, sister of Nabaioth.

4 And Ada bore to him Eliphas; and Basemath bore Raguel.

5 And Olibema bore Jeus, and Jeglom, and Korah; these are the sons of Esau, which were born to him in the land of Canaan.

6 And Esau took his wives, and his sons, and his daughters, and all the persons of his house, and all his possessions, and all his cattle, and all that he had got, and all things whatsoever he had acquired in the land of Canaan; and Esau went forth from the land of Canaan, from the face of his brother Jacob.

7 For their substance was too great for them to dwell together; and the land of their sojourning could not bear them, because of the abundance of their possessions.

8 And Esau dwelt in mount Seir; Esau, he is Edom.

9 And these are the generations of Esau, the father of Edom in the mount Seir.

10 And these are the names of the sons of Esau. Eliphas, the son of Ada, the wife of Esau; and Raguel, the son of Basemath, wife of Esau.

11 And the sons of Eliphas were Thæman, Omar, Sophar, Gothom, and Kenez.

12 And Timnah was a concubine of Eliphaz, the son of Esau; and she bore Amalec to Eliphas. These are the sons of Ada, the wife of Esau.

13 And these are the sons of Raguel; Nachoth, Zare, Some, and Moze. These were the sons of Basemath, wife of Esau.

14 And these are the sons of Olibema, the daughter of Ana, the son of Sebegon, the wife of Esau; and she bore to Esau, Jeus, and Jeglom, and Korah.

15 These are the chiefs of the son of Esau, even the sons of Eliphas, the first-born of Esau; chief Thæman, chief Omar, chief Sophar, chief Kenez,

16 chief Korah, chief Gothom, chief Amalec. These are the chiefs of Eliphas, in the land of Edom; these are the sons of Ada.

17 And these are the sons of Raguel, the son of Esau; chief Nachoth, chief Zare, chief Some, chief Moze. These are the chiefs of Raguel, in the land of Edom; these are the sons of Basemath, wife of Esau.

18 And these are the sons of Olibema, wife of Esau; chief Jeus, chief Jeglom, chief Korah. These are the chiefs of Olibema, daughter of Ana, wife of Esau.

19 These are the sons of Esau, and these are the chiefs; these are the sons of Edom.

20 And these are the sons of Seir, the Chorrhite, who inhabited the land; Lotan, Sobal, Sebegon, Ana,

21 and Deson, and Asar, and Rison. These are the chiefs of the Chorrhite, the son of Seir, in the land of Edom.

22 And the sons of Lotan were Chorrhi and Hæman; and the sister of Lotan, Timnah.

23 And these are the sons of Sobal; Golam, and Manachath, and Gæbel, and Sophar, and Omar.

24 And these are the sons of Sebegon; Aïe, and Ana; this is the Ana who found Jamin in the wilderness, when he tended the beasts of his father Sebegon.

25 And these are the sons of Ana; Deson—and Olibema was daughter of Ana.

26 And these are the sons of Deson; Amada, and Asban, and Ithran, and Haran.

27 And these are the sons of Asar; Balaam, and Zucam, and Jucam.

28 And these are the sons of Rison; Hos, and Aran.

29 And these are the chiefs of Chorri; chief Lotan, chief Sobal, chief Sebegon, chief Ana,

30 chief Deson, chief Asar, chief Rison. These are the chiefs of Chorri, in their principalities in the land of Edom.

31 And these are the kings which reigned in Edom, before a king reigned in Israel.

32 And Balac, son of Beor, reigned in Edom; and the name of his city was Dennaba.

33 And Balac died; and Jobab, son of Zara, from Bosorrha reigned in his stead.

34 And Jobab died; and Asom, from the land of the Thæmanites, reigned in his stead.

35 And Asom died; and Adad son of Barad, who cut off Midian in the plain of Moab, ruled in his stead; and the name of his city was Getthaim.

36 And Adad died; and Samada of Massecca reigned in his stead.

37 And Samada died; and Saul of Rhoöboth by the river reigned in his stead.

38 And Saul died; and Ballenon the son of Achobor reigned in his stead.

39 And Ballenon the son of Achobor died; and Arad the son of Barad reigned in his stead; and the name of his city was Peor; and the name of his wife was Metebeel, daughter of Matraith, son of Maizoöb.

40 These are the names of the chiefs of Esau, in their tribes, according to their place, in their countries, and in their nations; chief Timnah, chief Gola, chief Jether,

41 chief Olibema, chief Helas, chief Phinon,

42 chief Kenez, chief Thæman, chief Mazar,

43 chief Magediel, chief Zaphoin. These are the chiefs of Edom in their dwelling-places, in the land of their possession; this is Esau, the father of Edom.

Chapter 37

1 And Jacob dwelt in the land where his father sojourned, in the land of Canaan.

2 And these are the generations of Jacob. And Joseph was seventeen years old, feeding the sheep of his father with his brethren, being young; with the sons of Balla, and with the sons of Zelpha, the wives of his father; and Joseph brought to Israel their father their evil reproach.

3 And Jacob loved Joseph more than all his sons, because he was to him the son of old age; and he made for him a coat of many colours.

4 And his brethren having seen that his father loved him more than all his sons, hated him, and could not speak anything peaceable to him.

5 And Joseph dreamed a dream, and reported it to his brethren.

6 And he said to them, Hear this dream which I have dreamed.

7 I thought you were binding sheaves in the middle of the field, and my sheaf stood up and was erected, and your sheaves turned round, and did obeisance to my sheaf.

8 And his brethren said to him, Shall you indeed reign over us, or shall you indeed be lord over us? And they hated him still more for his dreams and for his words.

9 And he dreamed another dream, and related it to his father, and to his brethren, and said, Behold, I have dreamed another dream: as it were the sun, and the moon, and the eleven stars did me reverence.

10 And his father rebuked him, and said to him, What is this dream which you have dreamed? shall indeed both I and your mother and your brethren come and bow before you to the earth?

11 And his brethren envied him; but his father observed the saying.

12 And his brethren went to feed the sheep of their father to Shechem.

13 And Israel said to Joseph, Do not your brethren feed their flock in Shechem? Come, I will send you to them; and he said to him, Behold, I am here.

14 And Israel said to him, Go and see if your brethren and the sheep are well, and bring me word; and he sent him out of the valley of Hebron, and he came to Shechem.

15 And a man found him wandering in the field; and the man asked him, saying, What seek you?

16 And he said, I am seeking my brethren; tell me where they feed their flocks.

17 And the man said to him, They have departed hence, for I heard them saying, Let us go to Dothaim; and Joseph went after his brethren, and found them in Dothaim.

18 And they spied him from a distance before he drew nigh to them, and they wickedly took counsel to slay him.

19 And each said to his brother, Behold, that dreamer comes.

20 Now then come, let us kill him, and cast him into one of the pits; and we will say, An evil wild beast has devoured him; and we shall see what his dreams will be.

21 And Reuben having heard it, rescued him out of their hands, and said, Let us not kill him.

22 And Reuben said to them, Shed not blood; cast him into one of these pits in the wilderness, but do not lay your hand upon him; that he might rescue him out of their hands, and restore him to his father.

23 And it came to pass, when Joseph came to his brethren, that they stripped Joseph of his many-coloured coat that was upon him.

24 And they took him and cast him into the pit; and the pit was empty, it had not water.

25 And they sat down to eat bread; and having lifted up their eyes they beheld, and lo, Ismaelitish travellers came from Gilead, and their camels were heavily loaded with spices, and resin, and myrrh; and they went to bring them to Egypt.

26 And Judas said to his brethren, What profit is it if we slay our brother, and conceal his blood?

27 Come, let us sell him to these Ismaelites, but let not our hands be upon him, because he is our brother and our flesh; and his brethren hearkened.

28 And the men, the merchants of Madian, went by, and they drew and lifted Joseph out of the pit, and sold Joseph to the Ismaelites for twenty pieces of gold; and they brought Joseph down into Egypt.

29 And Reuben returned to the pit, and sees not Joseph in the pit; and he rent his garments.

30 And he returned to his brethren and said, The boy is not; and I, whither am I yet to go?

31 And having taken the coat of Joseph, they slew a kid of the goats, and stained the coat with the blood.

32 And they sent the coat of many colours; and they brought it to their father, and said, This have we found; know if it be your son's coat or no.

33 And he recognised it, and said, It is my son's coat, an evil wild beast has devoured him; a wild beast has carried off Joseph.

34 And Jacob rent his clothes, and put sackcloth on his loins, and mourned for his son many days.

35 And all his sons and his daughters gathered themselves together, and came to comfort him; but he would not be comforted, saying, I will go down to my son mourning to Hades; and his father wept for him.

36 And the Madianites sold Joseph into Egypt; to Petephres, the eunuch of Pharaoh, captain of the guard.

Chapter 38

1 And it came to pass at that time that Judas went down from his brethren, and came as far as to a certain man of Odollam, whose name was Iras.

2 And Judas saw there the daughter of a Chananitish man, whose name was Sava; and he took her, and went in to her.

3 And she conceived and bore a son, and called his name, Er.

4 And she conceived and bore a son again; and called his name, Aunan.

5 And she again bore a son; and called his name, Selom: and she was in Chasbi when she bore them.

6 And Judas took a wife for Er his first-born, whose name was Thamar.

7 And Er, the first-born of Judas, was wicked before the Lord; and God killed him.

8 And Judas said to Aunan, Go in to your brother's wife, and marry her as her brother-in-law, and raise up seed to your brother.

9 And Aunan, knowing that the seed should not be his—it came to pass when he went in to his brother's wife, that he spilled it upon the ground, so that he should not give seed to his brother's wife.

10 And his doing this appeared evil before God; and he slew him also.

11 And Judas said to Thamar, his daughter-in-law, Sit you a widow in the house of your father-in-law, until Selom my son be grown; for he said, Lest he also die as his brethren; and Thamar departed, and sat in the house of her father.

12 And the days were fulfilled, and Sava the wife of Judas died; and Judas, being comforted, went to them that sheared his sheep, himself and Iras his shepherd the Odollamite, to Timnah.

13 And it was told Thamar his daughter-in-law, saying, Behold, your father-in-law goes up to Timnah, to shear his sheep.

14 And having taken off the garments of her widowhood from her, she put on a veil, and ornamented her face, and sat by the gates of Ænan, which is in the way to Timnah, for she saw that Selom was grown; but he gave her not to him for a wife.

15 And when Judas saw her, he thought her to be a harlot; for she covered her face, and he knew her not.

16 And he went out of his way to her, and said to her, Let me come in to you; for he knew not that she was his daughter-in-law; and she said, What will you give me if you should come in to me?

17 And he said, I will send you a kid of the goats from my flock; and she said, Well, if you will give me an earnest, until you send it.

18 And he said, What is the earnest that I shall give you? and she said, Your ring, and your bracelet, and the staff in your hand; and he gave them to her, and went in to her, and she conceived by him.

19 And she arose and departed, and took her veil from off her, and put on the garments of her widowhood.

20 And Judas sent the kid of the goats by the hand of his shepherd the Odollamite, to receive the pledge from the woman; and he found her not.

21 And he asked the men of the place, Where is the harlot who was in Ænan by the way-side? and they said, There was no harlot here.

22 And he returned to Judas, and said, I have not found her; and the men of the place say, There is no harlot here.

23 And Judas said, Let her have them, but let us not be ridiculed; I sent this kid, but you have not found her.

24 And it came to pass after three months, that it was told Judas, saying, Thamar your daughter-in-law has grievously played the harlot, and behold she is with child by whoredom; and Judas said, Bring her out, and let her be burnt.

25 And as they were bringing her, she sent to her father-in-law, saying, I am with child by the man whose these things are; and she said, See whose is this ring and bracelet and staff.

26 And Judas knew them, and said, Thamar is cleared rather than I, forasmuch as I gave her not to Selom my son: and he knew her not again.

27 And it came to pass when she was in labour, that she also had twins in her womb.

28 And it came to pass as she was bringing forth, one thrust forth his hand, and the midwife having taken hold of it, bound upon his hand a scarlet thread, saying, This one shall come out first.

29 And when he drew back his hand, then immediately came forth his brother; and she said, Why has the barrier been cut through because of you? and she called his name, Phares.

30 And after this came forth his brother, on whose hand was the scarlet thread; and she called his name, Zara.

Chapter 39

1 And Joseph was brought down to Egypt; and Petephres the eunuch of Pharaoh, the captain of the guard, an Egyptian, bought him of the hands of the Ismaelites, who brought him down thither.

2 And the Lord was with Joseph, and he was a prosperous man; and he was in the house with his lord the Egyptian.

3 And his master knew that the Lord was with him, and the Lord prospers in his hands whatsoever he happens to do.

4 And Joseph found grace in the presence of his lord, and was well-pleasing to him; and he set him over his house, and all that he had he gave into the hand of Joseph.

5 And it came to pass after that he was set over his house, and over all that he had, that the Lord blessed the house of the Egyptian for Joseph's sake; and the blessing of the Lord was on all his possessions in the house, and in his field.

6 And he committed all that he had into the hands of Joseph; and he knew not of anything that belonged to him, save the bread which he himself ate. And Joseph was handsome in form, and exceedingly beautiful in countenance.

7 And it came to pass after these things, that his master's wife cast her eyes upon Joseph, and said, Lie with me.

8 But he would not; but said to his master's wife, If because of me my master knows nothing in his house, and has given into my hands all things that belong to him:

9 and in this house there is nothing above me, nor has anything been kept back from me, but you, because you are his wife—how then shall I do this wicked thing, and sin against God?

10 And when she talked with Joseph day by day, and he hearkened not to her to sleep with her, so as to be with her,

11 it came to pass on a certain day, that Joseph went into the house to do his business, and there was no one of the household within.

12 And she caught hold of him by his clothes, and said, Lie with me; and having left his clothes in her hands, he fled, and went forth.

13 And it came to pass, when she saw that he had left his clothes in her hands, and fled, and gone forth,

14 that she called those that were in the house, and spoke to them, saying, See, he has brought in to us a Hebrew servant to mock us—he came in to me, saying, Lie with me, and I cried with a loud voice.

15 And when he heard that I lifted up my voice and cried, having left his clothes with me, he fled, and went forth out.

16 So she leaves the clothes by her, until the master came to his house.

17 And she spoke to him according to these words, saying, The Hebrew servant, whom you brought in to us, came in to me to mock me, and said to me, I will lie with you.

18 And when he heard that I lifted up my voice and cried, having left his clothes with me, he fled and departed forth.

19 And it came to pass, when his master heard all the words of his wife, that she spoke to him, saying, Thus did your servant to me, that he was very angry.

20 And his master took Joseph, and cast him into the prison, into the place where the king's prisoners are kept, there in the prison.

21 And the Lord was with Joseph, and poured down mercy upon him; and he gave him favour in the sight of the chief keeper of the prison.

22 And the chief keeper of the prison gave the prison into the hand of Joseph, and all the prisoners as many as were in the prison; and all things whatsoever they do there, he did them.

23 Because of him the chief keeper of the prison knew nothing, for all things were in the hand of Joseph, because the Lord was with him; and whatever things he did, the Lord made them to prosper in his hands.

Chapter 40

1 And it came to pass after these things, that the chief cupbearer of the king of Egypt and the chief baker trespassed against their lord the king of Egypt.

2 And Pharaoh was wroth with his two eunuchs, with his chief cupbearer, and with his chief baker.

3 And he put them in ward, into the prison, into the place whereinto Joseph had been led.

4 And the chief keeper of the prison committed them to Joseph, and he stood by them; and they were some days in the prison.

5 And they both had a dream in one night; and the vision of the dream of the chief cupbearer and chief baker, who belonged to the king of Egypt, who were in the prison, was this.

6 Joseph went in to them in the morning, and saw them, and they had been troubled.

7 And he asked the eunuchs of Pharaoh who were with him in the prison with his master, saying, Why is it that your countenances are sad to-day?

8 And they said to him, We have seen a dream, and there is no interpreter of it. And Joseph said to them, Is not the interpretation of them through God? tell them then to me.

9 And the chief cupbearer related his dream to Joseph, and said, In my dream a vine was before me.

10 And in the vine were three stems; and it budding shot forth blossoms; the clusters of grapes were ripe.

11 And the cup of Pharaoh was in my hand; and I took the bunch of grapes, and squeezed it into the cup, and gave the cup into Pharaoh's hand.

12 And Joseph said to him, This is the interpretation of it. The three stems are three days.

13 Yet three days and Pharaoh shall remember your office, and he shall restore you to your place of chief cupbearer, and you shall give the cup of Pharaoh into his hand, according to your former high place, as you were wont to be cupbearer.

14 But remember me of yourself, when it shall be well with you, and you shall deal mercifully with me, and you shall make mention of me to Pharaoh, and you shall bring me forth out of this dungeon.

15 For surely I was stolen away out of the land of the Hebrews, and here I have done nothing, but they have cast me into this pit.

16 And the chief baker saw that he interpreted aright; and he said to Joseph, I also saw a dream, and methought I took up on my head three baskets of mealy food.

17 And in the upper basket there was the work of the baker of every kind which Pharaoh eats; and the fowls of the air ate them out of the basket that was on my head.

18 And Joseph answered and said to him, This is the interpretation of it; The three baskets are three days.

19 Yet three days, and Pharaoh shall take away your head from off you, and shall hang you on a tree, and the birds of the sky shall eat your flesh from off you.

20 And it came to pass on the third day that it was Pharaoh's birth-day, and he made a banquet for all his servants, and he remembered the office of the cupbearer and the office of the baker in the midst of his servants.

21 And he restored the chief cupbearer to his office, and he gave the cup into Pharaoh's hand.

22 And he hanged the chief baker, as Joseph interpreted to them.

23 Yet did not the chief cupbearer remember Joseph, but forgot him.

Chapter 41

1 And it came to pass after two full years that Pharaoh had a dream. He thought he stood upon the bank of the river.

2 And lo, there came up as it were out of the river seven cows, fair in appearance, and choice of flesh, and they fed on the sedge.

3 And other seven cows came up after these out of the river, ill-favoured and lean-fleshed, and fed by the other cows on the bank of the river.

4 And the seven ill-favoured and lean cows devoured the seven well-favoured and choice-fleshed cows; and Pharaoh awoke.

5 And he dreamed again. And, behold, seven ears came up on one stalk, choice and good.

6 And, behold, seven ears thin and blasted with the wind, grew up after them.

7 And the seven thin ears and blasted with the wind devoured the seven choice and full ears; and Pharaoh awoke, and it was a dream.

8 And it was morning, and his soul was troubled; and he sent and called all the interpreters of Egypt, and all her wise

men; and Pharaoh related to them his dream, and there was no one to interpret it to Pharaoh.

9 And the chief cupbearer spoke to Pharaoh, saying, I this day remember my fault:

10 Pharaoh was angry with his servants, and put us in prison in the house of the captain of the guard, both me and the chief baker.

11 And we had a dream both in one night, I and he; we saw, each according to his dream.

12 And there was there with us a young man, a Hebrew servant of the captain of the guard; and we related to him our dreams, and he interpreted them to us.

13 And it came to pass, as he interpreted them to us, so also it happened, both that I was restored to my office, and that he was hanged.

14 And Pharaoh having sent, called Joseph; and they brought him out from the prison, and shaved him, and changed his dress, and he came to Pharaoh.

15 And Pharaoh said to Joseph, I have seen a vision, and there is no one to interpret it; but I have heard say concerning you that you did hear dreams and interpret them.

16 And Joseph answered Pharaoh and said, Without God an answer of safety shall not be given to Pharaoh.

17 And Pharaoh spoke to Joseph, saying, In my dream methought I stood by the bank of the river;

18 and there came up as it were out of the river, seven cows well-favoured and choice-fleshed, and they fed on the sedge.

19 And behold seven other cows came up after them out of the river, evil and ill-favoured and lean-fleshed, such that I never saw worse in all the land of Egypt.

20 And the seven ill-favoured and thin cows ate up the seven first good and choice cows.

21 And they went into their bellies; and it was not perceptible that they had gone into their bellies, and their appearance was ill-favoured, as also at the beginning; and after I awoke I slept,

22 and saw again in my sleep, and as it were seven ears came up on one stem, full and good.

23 And other seven ears, thin and blasted with the wind, sprang up close to them.

24 And the seven thin and blasted ears devoured the seven fine and full ears: so I spoke to the interpreters, and there was no one to explain it to me.

25 And Joseph said to Pharaoh, The dream of Pharaoh is one; whatever God does, he has shewn to Pharaoh.

26 The seven good cows are seven years, and the seven good ears are seven years; the dream of Pharaoh is one.

27 And the seven thin kine that came up after them are seven years; and the seven thin and blasted ears are seven years; there shall be seven years of famine.

28 And as for the word which I have told Pharaoh, whatsoever God intends to do, he has shewn to Pharaoh:

29 behold, for seven years there is coming great plenty in all the land of Egypt.

30 But there shall come seven years of famine after these, and they shall forget the plenty that shall be in all Egypt, and the famine shall consume the land.

31 And the plenty shall not be known in the land by reason of the famine that shall be after this, for it shall be very grievous.

32 And concerning the repetition of the dream to Pharaoh twice, it is because the saying which is from God shall be true, and God will hasten to accomplish it.

33 Now then, look out a wise and prudent man, and set him over the land of Egypt.

34 And let Pharaoh make and appoint local governors over the land; and let them take up a fifth part of all the produce of the land of Egypt for the seven years of the plenty.

35 And let them gather all the food of these seven good years that are coming, and let the corn be gathered under the hand of Pharaoh; let food be kept in the cities.

36 And the stored food shall be for the land against the seven years of famine, which shall be in the land of Egypt; and the land shall not be utterly destroyed by the famine.

37 And the word was pleasing in the sight of Pharaoh, and in the sight of all his servants.

38 And Pharaoh said to all his servants, Shall we find such a man as this, who has the Spirit of God in him?

39 And Pharaoh said to Joseph, Since God has shewed you all these things, there is not a wiser or more prudent man than you.

40 You shall be over my house, and all my people shall be obedient to your word; only in the throne will I excel you.

41 And Pharaoh said to Joseph, Behold, I set you this day over all the land of Egypt.

42 And Pharaoh took his ring off his hand, and put it on the hand of Joseph, and put on him a robe of fine linen, and put a necklace of gold about his neck.

43 And he mounted him on the second of his chariots, and a herald made proclamation before him; and he set him over all the land of Egypt.

44 And Pharaoh said to Joseph, I am Pharaoh; without you no one shall lift up his hand on all the land of Egypt.

45 And Pharaoh called the name of Joseph, Psonthomphanech; and he gave him Aseneth, the daughter of Petephres, priest of Heliopolis, to wife.

46 And Joseph was thirty years old when he stood before Pharaoh, king of Egypt. And Joseph went out from the presence of Pharaoh, and went through all the land of Egypt.

47 And the land produced, in the seven years of plenty, whole handfuls of corn.

48 And he gathered all the food of the seven years, in which was the plenty in the land of Egypt; and he laid up the food in the cities; the food of the fields of a city round about it he laid up in it.

49 And Joseph gathered very much corn as the sand of the sea, until it could not be numbered, for there was no number of it.

50 And to Joseph were born two sons, before the seven years of famine came, which Aseneth, the daughter of Petephres, priest of Heliopolis, bore to him.

51 And Joseph called the name of the first-born, Manasseh; for God, said he, has made me forget all my toils, and all my father's house.

52 And he called the name of the second, Ephraim; for God, said he, has increased me in the land of my humiliation.

53 And the seven years of plenty passed away, which were in the land of Egypt.

54 And the seven years of famine began to come, as Joseph said; and there was a famine in all the land; but in all the land of Egypt there was bread.

55 And all the land of Egypt was hungry; and the people cried to Pharaoh for bread. And Pharaoh said to all the Egyptians, Go to Joseph, and do whatsoever he shall tell you.

56 And the famine was on the face of all the earth; and Joseph opened all the granaries, and sold to all the Egyptians.

57 And all countries came to Egypt to buy of Joseph, for the famine prevailed in all the earth.

Chapter 42

1 And Jacob having seen that there was a sale of corn in Egypt, said to his sons, Why are you indolent?

2 Behold, I have heard that there is corn in Egypt; go down thither, and buy for us a little food, that we may live, and not die.

3 And the ten brethren of Joseph went down to buy corn out of Egypt.

4 But Jacob sent not Benjamin, the brother of Joseph, with his brethren; for he said, Lest, haply, disease befal him.

5 And the sons of Israel came to buy with those that came, for the famine was in the land of Canaan.

6 And Joseph was ruler of the land; he sold to all the people of the land. And the brethren of Joseph, having come, did reverence to him, bowing with the face to the ground.

7 And when Joseph saw his brethren, he knew them, and estranged himself from them, and spoke hard words to them; and said to them, Whence are you come? And they said, Out of the land of Canaan, to buy food.

8 And Joseph knew his brethren, but they knew not him.

9 And Joseph remembered his dream, which he saw; and he said to them, You are spies; to observe the marks of the land are you come.

10 But they said, Nay, Sir, we your servants are come to buy food;

11 we are all sons of one man; we are peaceable, your servants are not spies.

12 And he said to them, Nay, but you are come to observe the marks of the land.

13 And they said, We your servants are twelve brethren, in the land of Canaan; and, behold, the youngest is with our father to-day, but the other one is not.

14 And Joseph said to them, This is it that I spoke to you, saying, you are spies;

15 herein shall you be manifested; by the health of Pharaoh, you shall not depart hence, unless your younger brother come hither.

16 Send one of you, and take your brother; and go you to prison, till your words be clear, whether you speak the truth or not; but, if not, by the health of Pharaoh, verily you are spies.

17 And he put them in prison three days.

18 And he said to them on the third day, This do, and you shall live, for I fear God.

19 If you be peaceable, let one of your brethren be detained in prison; but go you, and carry back the corn you have purchased.

20 And bring your younger brother to me, and your words shall be believed; but, if not, you shall die. And they did so.

21 And each said to his brother, Yes, indeed, for we are in fault concerning our brother, when we disregarded the anguish of his soul, when he besought us, and we hearkened not to him; and therefore has this affliction come upon us.

22 And Reuben answered them, saying, Did I not speak to you, saying, Hurt not the boy, and you heard me not? and, behold, his blood is required.

23 But they knew not that Joseph understood them; for there was an interpreter between them.

24 And Joseph turned away from them, and wept; and again he came to them, and spoke to them; and he took Simeon from them, and bound him before their eyes.

25 And Joseph gave orders to fill their vessels with corn, and to return their money to each into his sack, and to give them provision for the way; and it was so done to them.

26 And having put the corn on the asses, they departed thence.

27 And one having opened his sack to give his asses fodder, at the place where they rested, saw also his bundle of money, for it was on the mouth of his sack.

28 And he said to his brethren, My money has been restored to me, and behold this is in my sack. And their heart was wonder-struck, and they were troubled, saying one to another, What is this that God has done to us?

29 And they came to their father, Jacob, into the land of Canaan, and reported to him all that had happened to them, saying,

30 The man, the lord of the land, spoke harsh words to us, and put us in prison as spies of the land.

31 And we said to him, We are men of peace, we are not spies.

32 We are twelve brethren, sons of our father; one is not, and the youngest is with his father to-day in the land of Canaan.

33 And the man, the lord of the land, said to us, Herein shall I know that you are peaceable; leave one brother here with me, and having taken the corn you have purchased for your family, depart.

34 And bring to me your younger brother; then I shall know that you are not spies, but that you are men of peace: and I will restore you your brother, and you shall trade in the land.

35 And it came to pass as they were emptying their sacks, there was each man's bundle of money in his sack; and they and their father saw their bundles of money, and they were afraid.

36 And their father Jacob said to them, You have bereaved me. Joseph is not, Simeon is not, and will you take Benjamin? all these things have come upon me.

37 And Reuben spoke to his father, saying, Slay my two sons, if I bring him not to you; give him into my hand, and I will bring him back to you.

38 But he said, My son shall not go down with you, because his brother is dead, and he only has been left; and suppose it shall come to pass that he is afflicted by the way by which you go, then you shall bring down my old age with sorrow to Hades.

Chapter 43

1 But the famine prevailed in the land.

2 And it came to pass, when they had finished eating the corn which they had brought out of Egypt, that their father said to them, Go again; buy us a little food.

3 And Judas spoke to him, saying, The man, the lord of the country, positively testified to us, saying, You shall not see my face, unless your younger brother be with you.

4 If, then, you send our brother with us, we will go down, and buy you food;

5 but if you send not our brother with us, we will not go: for the man spoke to us, saying, You shall not see my face, unless your younger brother be with you.

6 And Israel said, Why did you harm me, inasmuch as you told the man that you had a brother?

7 And they said, The man closely questioned us about our family also, saying, Does your father yet live, and have you a brother? and we answered him according to this question: did we know that he would say to us, Bring your brother?

8 And Judas said to his father Israel, Send the boy with me, and we will arise and go, that we may live and not die, both we and you, and our store.

9 And I engage for him; at my hand do you require him; if I bring him not to you, and place him before you, I shall be guilty toward you for ever.

10 For if we had not tarried, we should now have returned twice.

11 And Israel, their father, said to them, If it be so, do this; take of the fruits of the earth in your vessels, and carry down to the man presents of gum and honey, and frankincense, and stacte, and turpentine, and walnuts.

12 And take double money in your hands, and the money that was returned in your sacks, carry back with you, lest peradventure it is a mistake.

13 And take your brother; and arise, go down to the man.

14 And my God give you favour in the sight of the man, and send away your other brother, and Benjamin, for I accordingly as I have been bereaved, am bereaved.

15 And the men having taken these presents, and the double money, took in their hands also Benjamin; and they rose up and went down to Egypt, and stood before Joseph.

16 And Joseph saw them and his brother Benjamin, born of the same mother; and he said to the steward of his household, Bring the men into the house, and slay beasts and make ready, for the men are to eat bread with me at noon.

17 And the man did as Joseph said; and he brought the men into the house of Joseph.

18 And the men, when they perceived that they were brought into the house of Joseph, said, We are brought in because of the money that was returned in our sacks at the

first; even in order to inform against us, and lay it to our charge; to take us for servants, and our asses.

19 And having approached the man who was over the house of Joseph, they spoke to him in the porch of the house,

20 saying, We pray you, Sir; we came down at first to buy food.

21 And it came to pass, when we came to unlade, and opened our sacks, there was also this money of each in his sack; we have now brought back our money by weight in our hands.

22 And we have brought other money with us to buy food; we know not who put the money into our sacks.

23 And he said to them, God deal mercifully with you; be not afraid; your God, and the God of your fathers, has given you treasures in your sacks, and I have enough of your good money. And he brought Simeon out to them.

24 And he brought water to wash their feet; and gave provender to their asses.

25 And they prepared their gifts, until Joseph came at noon, for they heard that he was going to dine there.

26 And Joseph entered into the house, and they brought him the gifts which they had in their hands, into the house; and they did him reverence with their face to the ground.

27 And he asked them, How are you? and he said to them, Is your father, the old man of whom you spoke, well? Does he yet live?

28 And they said, Your servant our father is well; he is yet alive. And he said, Blessed be that man by God;—and they bowed, and did him reverence.

29 And Joseph lifted up his eyes, and saw his brother Benjamin, born of the same mother; and he said, Is this your younger brother, whom you spoke of bringing to me? and he said, God have mercy on you, my son.

30 And Joseph was troubled, for his bowels yearned over his brother, and he sought to weep; and he went into his chamber, and wept there.

31 And he washed his face and came out, and refrained himself, and said, Set on bread.

32 And they set on bread for him alone, and for them by themselves, and for the Egyptians feasting with him by themselves, for the Egyptians could not eat bread with the Hebrews, for it is an abomination to the Egyptians.

33 And they sat before him, the first-born according to his seniority, and the younger according to his youth; and the men looked with amazement every one at his brother.

34 And they took their portions from him to themselves; but Benjamin's portion was five times as much as the portions of the others. And they drank and were filled with drink with him.

Chapter 44

1 And Joseph charged the steward of his house, saying, Fill the men's sacks with food, as much as they can carry, and put the money of each in the mouth of his sack.

2 And put my silver cup into the sack of the youngest, and the price of his corn. And it was done according to the word of Joseph, as he said.

3 The morning dawned, and the men were sent away, they and their asses.

4 And when they had gone out of the city, and were not far off, then Joseph said to his steward, Arise, and pursue after the men; and you shall overtake them, and say to them, Why have you returned evil for good?

5 Why have you stolen my silver cup? is it not this out of which my lord drinks? and he divines augury with it; you have accomplished evil in that which you have done.

6 And he found them, and spoke to them according to these words.

7 And they said to him, Why does our lord speak according to these words? far be it from your servants to do according to this word.

8 If we brought back to you out of the land of Canaan the money which we found in our sacks, how should we steal silver or gold out of the house of your lord?

9 With whomsoever of your servants you shall find the cup, let him die; and, moreover, we will be servants to our lord.

10 And he said, Now then it shall be as you say; with whomsoever the cup shall be found, he shall be my servant, and you shall be clear.

11 And they hasted, and took down every man his sack on the ground, and they opened every man his sack.

12 And he searched, beginning from the eldest, until he came to the youngest; and he found the cup in Benjamin's sack.

13 And they rent their garments, and laid each man his sack on his ass, and returned to the city.

14 And Judas and his brethren came in to Joseph, while he was yet there, and fell on the ground before him.

15 And Joseph said to them, What is this thing that you have done? know you not that a man such as I can surely divine?

16 And Judas said, What shall we answer to our lord, or what shall we say, or wherein should we be justified? whereas God has discovered the unrighteousness of your servants; behold, we are slaves to our lord, both we and he with whom the cup has been found.

17 And Joseph said, Far be it from me to do this thing; the man with whom the cup has been found, he shall be my servant; but do you go up with safety to your father.

18 And Judas drew near him, and said, I pray, Sir, let your servant speak a word before you, and be not angry with your servant, for you are next to Pharaoh.

19 Sir, you askedst your servants, saying, Have you a father or a brother?

20 And we said to my lord, We have a father, an old man, and he has a son of his old age, a young one, and his brother is dead, and he alone has been left behind to his mother, and his father loves him.

21 And you saidst to your servants, Bring him down to me, and I will take care of him.

22 And we said to my lord, The child will not be able to leave his father; but if he should leave his father, he will die.

23 But you saidst to your servants, Except your younger brother come down with you, you shall not see my face again.

24 And it came to pass, when we went up to your servant our father, we reported to him the words of our lord.

25 And our father said, Go again, and buy us a little food.

26 And we said, We shall not be able to go down; but if our younger brother go down with us, we will go down; for we shall not be able to see the man's face, our younger brother not being with us.

27 And your servant our father said to us, You know that my wife bore me two sons;

28 and one is departed from me; and you said that he was devoured of wild beasts, and I have not seen him until now.

29 If then you take this one also from my presence, and an affliction happen to him by the way, then shall you bring down my old age with sorrow to the grave.

30 Now then, if I should go in to your servant, and our father, and the boy should not be with us, (and his life depends on this lad's life)—

31 it shall even come to pass, when he sees the boy is not with us, that he will die, and your servants will bring down the old age of your servant, and our father, with sorrow to the grave.

32 For your servant has received the boy in charge from his father, saying, If I bring him not to you, and place him before you, I shall be guilty towards my father for ever.

33 Now then I will remain a servant with you instead of the lad, a domestic of my lord; but let the lad go up with his brethren.

34 For how shall I go up to my father, the lad not being with us? lest I behold the evils which will befal my father.

Chapter 45

1 And Joseph could not refrain himself when all were standing by him, but said, Dismiss all from me; and no one stood near Joseph, when he made himself known to his brethren.

2 And he uttered his voice with weeping; and all the Egyptians heard, and it was reported to the house of Pharaoh.

3 And Joseph said to his brethren, I am Joseph; does my father yet live? And his brethren could not answer him, for they were troubled.

4 And Joseph said to his brethren, Draw nigh to me; and they drew nigh; and he said, I am your brother Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt.

5 Now then be not grieved, and let it not seem hard to you that you sold me hither, for God sent me before you for life.

6 For this second year there is famine on the earth, and there are yet five years remaining, in which there is to be neither ploughing, nor mowing.

7 For God sent me before you, that there might be left to you a remnant upon the earth, even to nourish a great remnant of you.

8 Now then you did not send me hither, but God; and he has made me as a father of Pharaoh, and lord of all his house, and ruler of all the land of Egypt.

9 Hasten, therefore, and go up to my father, and say to him, These things says your son Joseph; God has made me lord of all the land of Egypt; come down therefore to me, and tarry not.

10 And you shall dwell in the land of Goshen of Arabia; and you shall be near me, you and your sons, and your sons' sons, your sheep and your oxen, and whatsoever things are yours.

11 And I will nourish you there: for the famine is yet for five years; lest you be consumed, and your sons, and all your possessions.

12 Behold, your eyes see, and the eyes of my brother Benjamin, that it is my mouth that speaks to you.

13 Report, therefore, to my father all my glory in Egypt, and all things that you have seen, and make haste and bring down my father hither.

14 And he fell on his brother Benjamin's neck, and wept on him; and Benjamin wept on his neck.

15 And he kissed all his brethren, and wept on them; and after these things his brethren spoke to him.

16 And the report was carried into the house of Pharaoh, saying, Joseph's brethren are come; and Pharaoh was glad, and his household.

17 And Pharaoh said to Joseph, Say to your brethren, Do this; fill your waggons, and depart into the land of Canaan.

18 And take up your father, and your possessions, and come to me; and I will give you of all the goods of Egypt, and you shall eat the marrow of the land.

19 And do you charge them thus; that they should take for them waggons out of the land of Egypt, for your little ones, and for your wives; and take up your father, and come.

20 And be not sparing in regard to your property, for all the good of Egypt shall be yours.

21 And the children of Israel did so; and Joseph gave to them waggons, according to the words spoken by king Pharaoh; and he gave them provision for the journey.

22 And he gave to them all two sets of raiment apiece; but to Benjamin he gave three hundred pieces of gold, and five changes of raiment.

23 And to his father he sent presents at the same rate, and ten asses, bearing some of all the good things of Egypt, and ten mules, bearing bread for his father for the journey.

24 And he sent away his brethren, and they went; and he said to them, Be not angry by the way.

25 And they went up out of Egypt, and came into the land of Canaan, to Jacob their father.

26 And they reported to him, saying, Your son Joseph is living, and he is ruler over all the land of Egypt; and Jacob was amazed, for he did not believe them.

27 But they spoke to him all the words uttered by Joseph, whatsoever he said to them; and having seen the chariots which Joseph sent to take him up, the spirit of Jacob their father revived.

28 And Israel said, It is a great thing for me if Joseph my son is yet alive, I will go and see him before I die.

Chapter 46

1 And Israel departed, he and all that he had, and came to the well of the oath; and he offered sacrifice to the God of his father Isaac.

2 And God spoke to Israel in a night vision, saying, Jacob, Jacob; and he said, What is it?

3 And he says to him, I am the God of your fathers; fear not to go down into Egypt, for I will make you there a great nation.

4 And I will go down with you into Egypt, and I will bring you up at the end; and Joseph shall put his hands on your eyes.

5 And Jacob rose up from the well of the oath; and the sons of Israel took up their father, and the baggage, and their wives on the waggons, which Joseph sent to take them.

6 And they took up their goods, and all their property, which they had gotten in the land of Canaan; they came into the land of Egypt, Jacob, and all his seed with him.

7 The sons, and the sons of his sons with him; his daughters, and the daughters of his daughters; and he brought all his seed into Egypt.

8 And these are the names of the sons of Israel that went into Egypt with their father Jacob—Jacob and his sons. The first-born of Jacob, Reuben.

9 And the sons of Reuben; Enoch, and Phallus, Asron, and Charmi.

10 And the sons of Simeon; Jemuel, and Jamin, and Aod, and Achin, and Saar, and Saul, the son of a Chananitish woman.

11 And the sons of Levi; Gerson, Cath, and Merari.

12 And the sons of Judas; Er, and Aunan, and Selom, and Phares, and Zara: and Er and Aunan died in the land of Canaan.

13 And the sons of Phares were Esron, and Jemuel. And the sons of Issachar; Thola, and Phua, and Asum, and Sambran.

14 And the sons of Zabulun, Sered, and Allon, and Achoel.

15 These are the sons of Lea, which she bore to Jacob in Mesopotamia of Syria, and Dina his daughter; all the souls, sons and daughters, thirty-three.

16 And the sons of Gad; Saphon, and Angis, and Sannis, and Thasoban, and Aedis, and Aroedis, and Areelis.

17 And the sons of Aser; Jemna, Jessua, and Jeul, and Baria, and Sara their sister. And the sons of Baria; Chobor, and Melchiil.

18 These are the sons of Zelpha, which Laban gave to his daughter Lea, who bore these to Jacob, sixteen souls.

19 And the sons of Rachel, the wife of Jacob; Joseph, and Benjamin.

20 And there were sons born to Joseph in the land of Egypt, whom Aseneth, the daughter of Petephres, priest of Heliopolis, bore to him, even Manasseh and Ephraim. And there were sons born to Manasseh, which the Syrian concubine bore to him, even Machir. And Machir begot Gilead. And the sons of Ephraim, the brother of Manasseh; Sutalaam, and Taam. And the sons of Sutalaam; Edom.

21 And the sons of Benjamin; Bala, and Bochor, and Asbel. And the sons of Bala were Gera, and Noeman, and Anchis, and Ros, and Mamphim. And Gera begot Arad.

22 These are the sons of Rachel, which she bore to Jacob; all the souls eighteen.

23 And the sons of Dan; Asom.

24 And the sons of Nephthalim; Asiel, and Goni, and Issaar, and Sollem.

25 These are the sons of Balla, whom Laban gave to his daughter Rachel, who bore these to Jacob; all the souls, seven.

26 And all the souls that came with Jacob into Egypt, who came out of his loins, besides the wives of the sons of Jacob, even all the souls were sixty-six.

27 And the sons of Joseph, who were born to him in the land of Egypt, were nine souls; all the souls of the house of Jacob who came with Joseph into Egypt, were seventy-five souls.

28 And he sent Judas before him to Joseph, to meet him to the city of Heroes, into the land of Rameses.

29 And Joseph having made ready his chariots, went up to meet Israel his father, at the city of Heroes; and having appeared to him, fell on his neck, and wept with abundant weeping.

30 And Israel said to Joseph, After this I will gladly die, since I have seen your face, for you are yet living.

31 And Joseph said to his brethren, I will go up and tell Pharaoh, and will say to him, My brethren, and my father's house, who were in the land of Canaan, are come to me.

32 And the men are shepherds; for they have been feeders of cattle, and they have brought with them their cattle, and their kine, and all their property.

33 If then Pharaoh call you, and say to you, What is your occupation?

34 You shall say, We your servants are herdsmen from our youth until now, both we and our fathers: that you may dwell in the land of Goshen of Arabia, for every shepherd is an abomination to the Egyptians.

Chapter 47

1 And Joseph came and told Pharaoh, saying, My father, and my brethren, and their cattle, and their oxen, and all their possessions, are come out of the land of Canaan, and, behold, they are in the land of Goshen.

2 And he took of his brethren five men, and set them before Pharaoh.

3 And Pharaoh said to the brethren of Joseph, What is your occupation? and they said to Pharaoh, Your servants are shepherds, both we and our fathers.

4 And they said to Pharaoh, We are come to sojourn in the land, for there is no pasture for the flocks of your servants, for the famine has prevailed in the land of Canaan; now then, we will dwell in the land of Goshen. And Pharaoh said to Joseph, Let them dwell in the land of Goshen; and if you know that there are among them able men, make them overseers of my cattle. So Jacob and his sons came into Egypt, to Joseph; and Pharaoh, king of Egypt, heard of it.

5 And Pharaoh spoke to Joseph, saying, Your father, and your brethren, are come to you.

6 Behold, the land of Egypt is before you; settle your father and your brethren in the best land.

7 And Joseph brought in Jacob his father, and set him before Pharaoh; and Jacob blessed Pharaoh.

8 And Pharaoh said to Jacob, How many are the years of the days of your life?

9 And Jacob said to Pharaoh, The days of the years of my life, wherein I sojourn, are a hundred and thirty years; few and evil have been the days of the years of my life, they have not attained to the days of the life of my fathers, in which days they sojourned.

10 And Jacob blessed Pharaoh, and departed from him.

11 And Joseph settled his father and his brethren, and gave them a possession in the land of Egypt, in the best land, in the land of Rameses, as Pharaoh commanded.

12 And Joseph gave provision to his father, and his brethren, and to all the house of his father, corn for each person.

13 And there was no corn in all the land, for the famine prevailed greatly; and the land of Egypt, and the land of Canaan, fainted for the famine.

14 And Joseph gathered all the money that was found in the land of Egypt, and the land of Canaan, in return for the corn which they bought, and he distributed corn to them; and Joseph brought all the money into the house of Pharaoh.

15 And all the money failed out of the land of Egypt, and out of the land of Canaan; and all the Egyptians came to Joseph, saying, Give us bread, and why do we die in your presence? for our money is spent.

16 And Joseph said to them, Bring your cattle, and I will give you bread for your cattle, if your money is spent.

17 And they brought their cattle to Joseph; and Joseph gave them bread in return for their horses, and for their sheep, and for their oxen, and for their asses; and Joseph maintained them with bread for all their cattle in that year.

18 And that year passed, and they came to him in the second year, and said to him, Must we then be consumed from before our lord? for if our money has failed, and our possessions, and our cattle, brought to you our lord, and there has not been left to us before our lord more than our own bodies and our land, we are indeed destitute.

19 In order, then, that we die not before you, and the land be made desolate, buy us and our land for bread, and we and our land will be servants to Pharaoh: give seed that we may sow, and live and not die, so our land shall not be made desolate.

20 And Joseph bought all the land of the Egyptians, for Pharaoh; for the Egyptians sold their land to Pharaoh; for the famine prevailed against them, and the land became Pharaoh's.

21 And he brought the people into bondage to him, for servants, from one extremity of Egypt to the other,

22 except only the land of the priests; Joseph bought not this, for Pharaoh gave a portion in the way of gift to the priests; and they ate their portion which Pharaoh gave them; therefore they sold not their land.

23 And Joseph said to all the Egyptians, Behold, I have bought you and your land this day for Pharaoh; take seed for you, and sow the land.

24 And there shall be the fruits of it; and you shall give the fifth part to Pharaoh, and the four remaining parts shall be for yourselves, for seed for the earth, and for food for you, and all that are in your houses.

25 And they said, You have saved us; we have found favour before our lord, and we will be servants to Pharaoh.

26 And Joseph appointed it to them for an ordinance until this day; to reserve a fifth part for Pharaoh, on the land of Egypt, except only the land of the priests, that was not Pharaoh's.

27 And Israel dwelt in Egypt, in the land of Goshen, and they gained an inheritance upon it; and they increased and multiplied very greatly.

28 And Jacob survived seventeen years in the land of Egypt; and Jacob's days of the years of his life were a hundred and forty-seven years.

29 And the days of Israel drew nigh for him to die: and he called his son Joseph, and said to him, If I have found favour before you, put your hand under my thigh, and you shall execute mercy and truth toward me, so as not to bury me in Egypt.

30 But I will sleep with my fathers, and you shall carry me up out of Egypt, and bury me in their sepulchre. And he said, I will do according to your word.

31 And he said, Swear to me; and he swore to him. And Israel did reverence, leaning on the top of his staff.

Chapter 48

1 And it came to pass after these things, that it was reported to Joseph, Behold, your father is ill; and, having taken his two sons, Manasseh and Ephraim, he came to Jacob.

2 And it was reported to Jacob, saying, Behold, your son Joseph comes to you; and Israel having strengthened himself, sat upon the bed.

3 And Jacob said to Joseph, My God appeared to me in Luza, in the land of Canaan, and blessed me,

4 and said to me, Behold, I will increase you, and multiply you, and will make of you multitudes of nations; and I will give this land to you, and to your seed after you, for an everlasting possession.

5 Now then your two sons, who were born to you in the land of Egypt, before I came to you into Egypt, are mine; Ephraim and Manasseh, as Reuben and Simeon they shall be mine.

6 And the children which you shall beget hereafter, shall be in the name of their brethren; they shall be named after their inheritances.

7 And as for me, when I came out of Mesopotamia of Syria, Rachel, your mother, died in the land of Canaan, as I drew nigh to the horse-course of Chabratha of the land of Canaan, so as to come to Ephratha; and I buried her in the road of the course; this is Bethlehem.

8 And when Israel saw the sons of Joseph, he said, Who are these to you?

9 And Joseph said to his father, They are my sons, whom God gave me here; and Jacob said, Bring me them, that I may bless them.

10 Now the eyes of Israel were dim through age, and he could not see; and he brought them near to him, and he kissed them, and embraced them.

11 And Israel said to Joseph, Behold, I have not been deprived of seeing your face, and lo! God has showed me your seed also.

12 And Joseph brought them out from between his knees, and they did reverence to him, with their face to the ground.

13 And Joseph took his two sons, both Ephraim in his right hand, but on the left of Israel, and Manasseh on his left hand, but on the right of Israel, and brought them near to him.

14 But Israel having stretched out his right hand, laid it on the head of Ephraim, and he was the younger; and his left hand on the head of Manasseh, guiding his hands crosswise.

15 And he blessed them and said, The God in whose sight my fathers were well pleasing, even Abraam and Isaac, the God who continues to feed me from my youth until this day;

16 the angel who delivers me from all evils, bless these boys, and my name shall be called upon them, and the name of my fathers, Abraam and Isaac; and let them be increased to a great multitude on the earth.

17 And Joseph having seen that his father put his right hand on the head of Ephraim—it seemed grievous to him; and Joseph took hold of the hand of his father, to remove it from the head of Ephraim to the head of Manasseh.

18 And Joseph said to his father, Not so, father; for this is the first-born; lay your right-hand upon his head.

19 And he would not, but said, I know it, son, I know it; he also shall be a people, and he shall be exalted, but his younger brother shall be greater than he, and his seed shall become a multitude of nations.

20 And he blessed them in that day, saying, In you shall Israel be blessed, saying, God make you as Ephraim and Manasseh; and he set Ephraim before Manasseh.

21 And Israel said to Joseph, Behold, I die; and God shall be with you, and restore you to the land of your fathers.

22 And I give to you Sicima, a select portion above your brethren, which I took out of the hand of the Amorites with my sword and bow.

Chapter 49

1 And Jacob called his sons, and said to them, Assemble yourselves, that I may tell you what shall happen to you in the last days.

2 Gather yourselves together, and hear me, sons of Jacob; hear Israel, hear your father.

3 Reuben, you are my first-born, you my strength, and the first of my children, hard to be endured, hard and self-willed.

4 You were insolent like water, burst not forth with violence, for you went up to the bed of your father; then you defiledst the couch, whereupon you went up.

5 Simeon and Levi, brethren, accomplished the injustice of their cutting off.

6 Let not my soul come into their counsel, and let not mine inward parts contend in their conspiracy, for in their wrath they slew men, and in their passion they houghed a bull.

7 Cursed be their wrath, for it was wilful, and their anger, for it was cruel: I will divide them in Jacob, and scatter them in Israel.

8 Judah, your brethren have praised you, and your hands shall be on the back of your enemies; your father's sons shall do you reverence.

9 Judah is a lion's whelp: from the tender plant, my son, you are gone up, having couched you lie as a lion, and as a whelp; who shall stir him up?

10 A ruler shall not fail from Judah, nor a prince from his loins, until there come the things stored up for him; and he is the expectation of nations.

11 Binding his foal to the vine, and the foal of his ass to the branch of it, he shall wash his robe in wine, and his garment in the blood of the grape.

12 His eyes shall be more cheering than wine, and his teeth whiter than milk.

13 Zebulun shall dwell on the coast, and he shall be by a haven of ships, and shall extend to Sidon.

14 Issachar has desired that which is good; resting between the inheritances.

15 And having seen the resting place that it was good, and the land that it was fertile, he subjected his shoulder to labour, and became a husbandman.

16 Dan shall judge his people, as one tribe too in Israel.

17 And let Dan be a serpent in the way, besetting the path, biting the heel of the horse (and the rider shall fall backward),

18 waiting for the salvation of the Lord.

19 Gad, a plundering troop shall plunder him; but he shall plunder him, pursuing him closely.

20 Aser, his bread shall be fat; and he shall yield dainties to princes.

21 Nephthalim is a spreading stem, bestowing beauty on its fruit.

22 Joseph is a son increased; my dearly loved son is increased; my youngest son, turn to me.

23 Against whom men taking evil counsel reproached him, and the archers pressed hard upon him.

24 But their bow and arrows were mightily consumed, and the sinews of their arms were slackened by the hand of the mighty one of Jacob; thence is he that strengthened Israel from the God of your father;

25 and my God helped you, and he blessed you with the blessing of heaven from above, and the blessing of the earth possessing all things, because of the blessing of the breasts and of the womb,

26 the blessings of your father and your mother—it has prevailed above the blessing of the lasting mountains, and beyond the blessings of the everlasting hills; they shall be upon the head of Joseph, and upon the head of the brothers of whom he took the lead.

27 Benjamin, as a ravening wolf, shall eat still in the morning, and at evening he gives food.

28 All these are the twelve sons of Jacob; and their father spoke these words to them, and he blessed them; he blessed each of them according to his blessing.

29 And he said to them, I am added to my people; you shall bury me with my fathers in the cave, which is in the field of Ephron the Chettite,

30 in the double cave which is opposite Mambre, in the land of Canaan, the cave which Abraam bought of Ephron the Chettite, for a possession of a sepulchre.

31 There they buried Abraam and Sarrha his wife; there they buried Isaac, and Rebekah his wife; there they buried Lea;

32 in the portion of the field, and of the cave that was in it, purchased of the sons of Chet.

33 And Jacob ceased giving charges to his sons; and having lifted up his feet on the bed, he died, and was gathered to his people.

Chapter 50

1 And Joseph fell upon his father's face, and wept on him, and kissed him.

2 And Joseph commanded his servants the embalmers to embalm his father; and the embalmers embalmed Israel.

3 And they fulfilled forty days for him, for so are the days of embalming numbered; and Egypt mourned for him seventy days.

4 And when the days of mourning were past, Joseph spoke to the princes of Pharaoh, saying, If I have found favour in your sight, speak concerning me in the ears of Pharaoh, saying,

5 My father adjured me, saying, In the sepulchre which I dug for myself in the land of Canaan, there you shall bury me; now then I will go up and bury my father, and return again.

6 And Pharaoh said to Joseph, Go up, bury your father, as he constrained you to swear.

7 So Joseph went up to bury his father; and all the servants of Pharaoh went up with him, and the elders of his house, and all the elders of the land of Egypt.

8 And all the household of Joseph, and his brethren, and all the house of his father, and his kindred; and they left behind the sheep and the oxen in the land of Goshen.

9 And there went up with him also chariots and horsemen; and there was a very great company.

10 And they came to the threshing-floor of Atad, which is beyond Jordan; and they bewailed him with a great and very sore lamentation; and he made a mourning for his father seven days.

11 And the inhabitants of the land of Canaan saw the mourning at the floor of Atad, and said, This is a great mourning to the Egyptians; therefore he called its name, The mourning of Egypt, which is beyond Jordan.

12 And thus his sons did to him.

13 So his sons carried him up into the land of Canaan, and buried him in the double cave, which cave Abraam bought for possession of a burying place, of Ephrom the Chettite, before Mambre.

14 And Joseph returned to Egypt, he and his brethren, and those that had gone up with him to bury his father.

15 And when the brethren of Joseph saw that their father was dead, they said, Let us take heed, lest at any time Joseph remember evil against us, and recompense to us all the evils which we have done against him.

16 And they came to Joseph, and said, Your father adjured us before his death, saying,

17 Thus say you to Joseph, Forgive them their injustice and their sin, forasmuch as they have done you evil; and now pardon the injustice of the servants of the God of your father. And Joseph wept while they spoke to him.

18 And they came to him and said, We, these persons, are your servants.

19 And Joseph said to them, Fear not, for I am God's.

20 You took counsel against me for evil, but God took counsel for me for good, that the matter might be as it is to-day, and much people might be fed.

21 And he said to them, Fear not, I will maintain you, and your families: and he comforted them, and spoke kindly to them.

22 And Joseph dwelt in Egypt, he and his brethren, and all the family of his father; and Joseph lived a hundred and ten years.

23 And Joseph saw the children of Ephraim to the third generation; and the sons of Machir the son of Manasseh were borne on the sides of Joseph.

24 And Joseph spoke to his brethren, saying, I die, and God will surely visit you, and will bring you out of this land to the land concerning which God sware to our fathers, Abraam, Isaac, and Jacob.

25 And Joseph adjured the sons of Israel, saying, At the visitation with which God shall visit you, then you shall carry up my bones hence with you.

26 And Joseph died, aged an hundred and ten years; and they prepared his corpse, and put him in a coffin in Egypt.

Exodus

Chapter 1

1 THESE are the names of the sons of Israel that came into Egypt together with Jacob their father; they came in each with their whole family.

2 Reuben, Simeon, Levi, Judas,

3 Issachar, Zebulun, Benjamin,

4 Dan and Nephthalim, Gad and Aser.

5 But Joseph was in Egypt. And all the souls born of Jacob were seventy-five.

6 And Joseph died, and all his brethren, and all that generation.

7 And the children of Israel increased and multiplied, and became numerous and grew exceedingly strong, and the land multiplied them.

8 And there arose up another king over Egypt, who knew not Joseph.

9 And he said to his nation, Behold, the race of the children of Israel is a great multitude, and is stronger than we:

10 come then, let us deal craftily with them, lest at any time they be increased, and whensoever war shall happen to us, these also shall be added to our enemies, and having prevailed against us in war, they will depart out of the land.

11 And he set over them task-masters, who should afflict them in their works; and they built strong cities for Pharaoh, both Pitho, and Rameses, and On, which is Heliopolis.

12 But as they humbled them, by so much they multiplied, and grew exceedingly strong; and the Egyptians greatly abhorred the children of Israel.

13 And the Egyptians tyrannised over the children of Israel by force.

14 And they embittered their life by hard labours, in the clay and in brick-making, and all the works in the plains, according to all the works, wherein they caused them to serve with violence.

15 And the king of the Egyptians spoke to the midwives of the Hebrews; the name of the one was, Sepphora; and the name of the second, Phua.

16 And he said, When you do the office of midwives to the Hebrew women, and they are about to be delivered, if it be a male, kill it; but if a female, save it.

17 But the midwives feared God, and did not as the king of Egypt appointed them; and they saved the male children alive.

18 And the king of Egypt called the midwives, and said to them, Why is it that you have done this thing, and saved the male children alive?

19 And the midwives said to Pharaoh, The Hebrew women are not as the women of Egypt, for they are delivered before the midwives go in to them. So they bore children.

20 And God did well to the midwives, and the people multiplied, and grew very strong.

21 And as the midwives feared God, they established for themselves families.

22 And Pharaoh charged all his people, saying, Whatever male child shall be born to the Hebrews, cast into the river; and every female, save it alive.

Chapter 2

1 And there was a certain man of the tribe of Levi, who took to wife one of the daughters of Levi.

2 And she conceived, and bore a male child; and having seen that he was fair, they hid him three months.

3 And when they could no longer hide him, his mother took for him an ark, and besmeared it with bitumen, and cast the child into it, and put it in the ooze by the river.

4 And his sister was watching from a distance, to learn what would happen to him.

5 And the daughter of Pharaoh came down to the river to bathe; and her maids walked by the river's side, and having seen the ark in the ooze, she sent her maid, and took it up.

6 And having opened it, she sees the babe weeping in the ark: and the daughter of Pharaoh had compassion on it, and said, This is one of the Hebrews' children.

7 And his sister said to the daughter of Pharaoh, Will you that I call to you a nurse of the Hebrews, and shall she suckle the child for you?

8 And the daughter of Pharaoh said, Go: and the young woman went, and called the mother of the child.

9 And the daughter of Pharaoh said to her, Take care of this child, and suckle it for me, and I will give you the wages; and the woman took the child, and suckled it.

10 And when the boy was grown, she brought him to the daughter of Pharaoh, and he became her son; and she called his name, Moses, saying, I took him out of the water.

11 And it came to pass in that length of time, that Moses having grown, went out to his brethren the sons of Israel: and having noticed their distress, he sees an Egyptian smiting a certain Hebrew of his brethren the children of Israel.

12 And having looked round this way and that way, he sees no one; and he smote the Egyptian, and hid him in the sand.

13 And having gone out the second day he sees two Hebrew men fighting; and he says to the injurer, Wherefore smite you your neighbour?

14 And he said, Who made you a ruler and a judge over us? will you slay me as you yesterday slew the Egyptian? Then Moses was alarmed, and said, If it be thus, this matter has become known.

15 And Pharaoh heard this matter, and sought to slay Moses; and Moses departed from the presence of Pharaoh, and dwelt in the land of Midian; and having come into the land of Midian, he sat on the well.

16 And the priest of Midian had seven daughters, feeding the flock of their father Jothor; and they came and drew water until they filled their pitchers, to water the flock of their father Jothor.

17 And the shepherds came, and were driving them away; and Moses rose up and rescued them, and drew water for them, and watered their sheep.

18 And they came to Raguel their father; and he said to them, Why have you come so quickly to-day?

19 And they said, An Egyptian delivered us from the shepherds, and drew water for us and watered our sheep.

20 And he said to his daughters, And where is he? and why have you left the man? call him therefore, that he may eat bread.

21 And Moses was established with the man, and he gave Sepphora his daughter to Moses to wife.

22 And the woman conceived and bore a son, and Moses called his name Gersam, saying, I am a sojourner in a strange land.

23 And in those days after a length of time, the king of Egypt died; and the children of Israel groaned because of their tasks, and cried, and their cry because of their tasks went up to God.

24 And God heard their groanings, and God remembered his covenant made with Abraam and Isaac and Jacob.

25 And God looked upon the children of Israel, and was made known to them.

Chapter 3

1 And Moses was feeding the flock of Jothor his father-in-law, the priest of Midian; and he brought the sheep nigh to the wilderness, and came to the mount of Horeb.

2 And an angel of the Lord appeared to him in flaming fire out of the bush, and he sees that the bush burns with fire,—but the bush was not consumed.

3 And Moses said, I will go near and see this great sight, why the bush is not consumed.

4 And when the Lord saw that he drew nigh to see, the Lord called him out of the bush, saying, Moses, Moses; and he said, What is it?

5 And he said, Draw not nigh hither: loose your sandals from off your feet, for the place whereon you stand is holy ground.

6 And he said, I am the God of your father, the God of Abraam, and the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob; and Moses turned away his face, for he was afraid to gaze at God.

7 And the Lord said to Moses, I have surely seen the affliction of my people that is in Egypt, and I have heard their cry caused by their taskmasters; for I know their affliction.

8 And I have come down to deliver them out of the hand of the Egyptians, and to bring them out of that land, and to bring them into a good and wide land, into a land flowing with milk and honey, into the place of the Chananites, and the Chettites, and Amorites, and Pherezites, and Gergesites, and Evites, and Jebusites.

9 And now, behold, the cry of the children of Israel is come to me, and I have seen the affliction with which the Egyptians afflict them.

10 And now come, I will send you to Pharaoh king of Egypt, and you shall bring out my people the children of Israel from the land of Egypt.

11 And Moses said to God, Who am I, that I should go to Pharaoh king of Egypt, and that I should bring out the children of Israel from the land of Egypt?

12 And God spoke to Moses, saying, I will be with you, and this shall be the sign to you that I shall send you forth,—when you bring out my people out of Egypt, then you shall serve God in this mountain.

13 And Moses said to God, Behold, I shall go forth to the children of Israel, and shall say to them, The God of our fathers has sent me to you; and they will ask me, What is his name? What shall I say to them?

14 And God spoke to Moses, saying, I am THE BEING; and he said, Thus shall you say to the children of Israel, THE BEING has sent me to you.

15 And God said again to Moses, Thus shall you say to the sons of Israel, The Lord God of our fathers, the God of Abraam, and God of Isaac, and God of Jacob, has sent me to you: this is my name for ever, and my memorial to generations of generations.

16 Go then and gather the elders of the children of Israel, and you shall say to them, The Lord God of our fathers has appeared to me, the God of Abraam, and God of Isaac, and God of Jacob, saying, I have surely looked upon you, and upon all the things which have happened to you in Egypt.

17 And he said, I will bring you up out of the affliction of the Egyptians to the land of the Chananites and the Chettites, and Amorites and Pherezites, and Gergesites, and Evites, and Jebusites, to a land flowing with milk and honey.

18 And they shall hearken to your voice, and you and the elders of Israel shall go in to Pharaoh king of Egypt, and you shall say to him, The God of the Hebrews has called us; we will go then a journey of three days into the wilderness, that we may sacrifice to our God.

19 But I know that Pharaoh king of Egypt will not let you go, save with a mighty hand;

20 and I will stretch out my hand, and smite the Egyptians with all my wonders, which I shall work among them, and after that he will send you forth.

21 And I will give this people favour in the sight of the Egyptians, and whenever you shall escape, you shall not depart empty.

22 But every woman shall ask of her neighbour and fellow lodger, articles of gold and silver, and apparel; and you shall put them upon your sons and upon your daughters,—and spoil you the Egyptians.

Chapter 4

1 And Moses answered and said, If they believe me not, and do not hearken to my voice (for they will say, God has not appeared to you), what shall I say to them?

2 And the Lord said to him, What is this thing that is in yours hand? and he said, A rod.

3 And he said, Cast it on the ground: and he cast it on the ground, and it became a serpent, and Moses fled from it.

4 And the Lord said to Moses, Stretch forth yours hand, and take hold of its tail: so he stretched forth his hand and took hold of the tail,

5 and it became a rod in his hand,—that they may believe you, that the God of your fathers has appeared to you, the God of Abraam, and God of Isaac, and God of Jacob.

6 And the Lord said again to him, Put yours hand into your bosom; and he put his hand into his bosom, and brought his hand out of his bosom, and his hand became as snow.

7 And he said again, Put your hand into your bosom; and he put his hand into his bosom, and brought his hand out of his bosom, and it was again restored to the complexion of his other flesh.

8 And if they will not believe you, nor hearken to the voice of the first sign, they will believe you because of the voice of the second sign.

9 And it shall come to pass if they will not believe you for these two signs, and will not hearken to your voice, that you shall take of the water of the river and pour it upon the dry land, and the water which you shall take from the river shall be blood upon the dry land.

10 And Moses said to the Lord, I pray, Lord, I have not been sufficient in former times, neither from the time that you have begun to speak to your servant: I am weak in speech, and slow-tongued.

11 And the Lord said to Moses, Who has given a mouth to man, and who has made the very hard of hearing, and the deaf, the seeing and the blind? have not I, God?

12 And now go and I will open your mouth, and will instruct you in what you shall say.

13 And Moses said, I pray you, Lord, appoint another able person whom you shall send.

14 And the Lord was greatly angered against Moses, and said, Lo! is not Aaron the Levite your brother? I know that he will surely speak to you; and, behold, he will come forth to meet you, and beholding you he will rejoice within himself.

15 And you shall speak to him; and you shall put my words into his mouth, and I will open your mouth and his mouth, and I will instruct you in what you shall do.

16 And he shall speak for you to the people, and he shall be your mouth, and you shall be for him in things pertaining to God.

17 And this rod that was turned into a serpent you shall take in yours hand, wherewith you shall work miracles.

18 And Moses went and returned to Jothor his father-in-law, and says, I will go and return to my brethren in Egypt, and will see if they are yet living. And Jothor said to Moses, Go in health. And in those days after some time, the king of Egypt died.

19 And the Lord said to Moses in Midian, Go, depart into Egypt, for all that sought your life are dead.

20 And Moses took his wife and his children, and mounted them on the beasts, and returned to Egypt; and Moses took the rod which he had from God in his hand.

21 And the Lord said to Moses, When you go and return to Egypt, see—all the miracles I have charged you with, you shall work before Pharaoh: and I will harden his heart, and he shall certainly not send away the people.

22 And you shall say to Pharaoh, These things says the Lord, Israel is my first-born.

23 And I said to you, Send away my people, that they may serve me: now if you will not send them away, see, I will slay your first-born son.

24 And it came to pass that the angel of the Lord met him by the way in the inn, and sought to slay him.

25 And Sepphora having taken a stone cut off the foreskin of her son, and fell at his feet and said, The blood of the circumcision of my son is staunched:

26 and he departed from him, because she said, The blood of the circumcision of my son is staunched.

27 And the Lord said to Aaron, Go into the wilderness to meet Moses; and he went and met him in the mount of God, and they kissed each other.

28 And Moses reported to Aaron all the words of the Lord, which he sent, and all the things which he charged him.

29 And Moses and Aaron went and gathered the elders of the children of Israel.

30 And Aaron spoke all these words, which God spoke to Moses, and wrought the miracles before the people.

31 And the people believed and rejoiced, because God visited the children of Israel, and because he saw their affliction: and the people bowed and worshipped.

Chapter 5

1 And after this went in Moses and Aaron to Pharaoh, and they said to him, These things says the Lord God of Israel, Send my people away, that they may keep a feast to me in the wilderness.

2 And Pharaoh said, Who is he that I should hearken to his voice, so that I should send away the children of Israel? I do not know the Lord, and I will not let Israel go.

3 And they say to him, The God of the Hebrews has called us to him: we will go therefore a three days' journey into the wilderness, that we may sacrifice to the Lord our God, lest at any time death or slaughter happen to us.

4 And the king of Egypt said to them, Why do you, Moses and Aaron, turn the people from their works? depart each of you to your works.

5 And Pharaoh said, Behold now, the people is very numerous; let us not then give them rest from their work.

6 And Pharaoh gave orders to the task-masters of the people and the accountants, saying,

7 You shall no longer give straw to the people for brick-making as yesterday and the third day; but let them go themselves, and collect straw for themselves.

8 And you shall impose on them daily the rate of brick-making which they perform: you shall not abate anything, for they are idle; therefore have they cried, saying, Let us arise and do sacrifice to our God.

9 Let the works of these men be made grievous, and let them care for these things, and not care for vain words.

10 And the taskmasters and the accountants hastened them, and they spoke to the people, saying, Thus says Pharaoh, I will give you straw no longer.

11 Go you, yourselves, get for yourselves straw whencesoever you can find it, for nothing is diminished from your rate.

12 So the people were dispersed in all the land of Egypt, to gather stubble for straw.

13 And the taskmasters hastened them, saying, Fulfil your regular daily tasks, even as when straw was given you.

14 And the accountants of the race of the children of Israel, who were set over them by the masters of Pharaoh, were scourged, [and questioned,] men saying, Why have you not fulfilled your rates of brick-work as yesterday and the third day, to-day also?

15 And the accountants of the children of Israel went in and cried to Pharaoh, saying, Why do you act thus to your servants?

16 Straw is not given to your servants, and they tell us to make brick; and behold your servants have been scourged: you will therefore injure your people.

17 And he said to them, You are idle, you are idlers: therefore you say, Let us go and do sacrifice to our God.

18 Now then go and work, for straw shall not be given to you, yet you shall return the rate of bricks.

19 And the accountants of the children of Israel saw themselves in an evil plight, men saying, You shall not fail to deliver the daily rate of the brick-making.

20 And they met Moses and Aaron coming forth to meet them, as they came forth from Pharaoh.

21 And they said to them, The Lord look upon you and judge you, for you have made our savour abominable before Pharaoh, and before his servants, to put a sword into his hands to slay us.

22 And Moses turned to the Lord, and said, I pray, Lord, why have you afflicted this people? and wherefore have you sent me?

23 For from the time that I went to Pharaoh to speak in your name, he has afflicted this people, and you have not delivered your people.

Chapter 6

1 And the Lord said to Moses, Now you shall see what I will do to Pharaoh; for he shall send them forth with a mighty hand, and with a high arm shall he cast them out of his land.

2 And God spoke to Moses and said to him, I am the Lord.

3 And I appeared to Abraam and Isaac and Jacob, being their God, but I did not manifest to them my name Lord.

4 And I established my covenant with them, to give them the land of the Chananites, the land wherein they sojourned, in which also they dwelt as strangers.

5 And I hearkened to the groaning of the children of Israel (the affliction with which the Egyptians enslave them) and I remembered the covenant with you.

6 Go, speak to the children of Israel, saying, I am the Lord; and I will lead you forth from the tyranny of the Egyptians, and I will deliver you from bondage, and I will ransom you with a high arm, and great judgment.

7 And I will take you to me a people for myself, and will be your God; and you shall know that I am the Lord your God, who brought you out from the tyranny of the Egyptians.

8 And I will bring you into the land concerning which I stretched out my hand to give it to Abraam and Isaac and Jacob, and I will give it you for an inheritance: I am the Lord.

9 And Moses spoke thus to the sons of Israel, and they hearkened not to Moses for faint-heartedness, and for their hard tasks.

10 And the Lord spoke to Moses, saying,

11 Go in, speak to Pharaoh king of Egypt, that he send forth the children of Israel out of his land.

12 And Moses spoke before the Lord, saying, Behold, the children of Israel hearkened not to me, and how shall Pharaoh hearken to me? and I am not eloquent.

13 And the Lord spoke to Moses and Aaron, and gave them a charge to Pharaoh king of Egypt, that he should send forth the children of Israel out of the land of Egypt.

14 And these are the heads of the houses of their families: the sons of Reuben the first-born of Israel; Enoch and Phallus, Asron, and Charmi, this is the kindred of Reuben.

15 And the sons of Simeon, Jemuel and Jamin, and Aod, and Jachin and Saar, and Saul the son of a Phœnician woman, these are the families of the sons of Simeon.

16 And these are the names of the sons of Levi according to their kindreds, Gedson, Caath, and Merari; and the years of the life of Levi were a hundred and thirty-seven.

17 And these are the sons of Gedson, Lobeni and Semei, the houses of their family. And the sons of Caath,

18 Ambram and Issaar, Hebron, and Oziel; and the years of the life of Caath were a hundred and thirty-three years.

19 And the sons of Merari, Moöli, and Omusi, these are the houses of the families of Levi, according to their kindreds.

20 And Ambram took to wife Jochabed the daughter of his father's brother, and she bore to him both Aaron and Moses, and Mariam their sister: and the years of the life of Ambram were a hundred and thirty-two years.

21 And the sons of Issaar, Korah, and Naphec, and Zechri.

22 And the sons of Oziel, Misael, and Elisaphan, and Segri.

23 And Aaron took to himself to wife Elisabeth daughter of Aminadab sister of Naasson, and she bore to him both Nadab and Abiud, and Eleazar and Ithamar.

24 And the sons of Korah, Asir, and Elkana, and Abiasar, these are the generations of Korah.

25 And Eleazar the son of Aaron took to himself for a wife one of the daughters of Phutiel, and she bore to him Phinees. These are the heads of the family of the Levites, according to their generations.

26 This is Aaron and Moses, whom God told to bring out the children of Israel out of the land of Egypt with their forces.

27 These are they that spoke with Pharaoh king of Egypt, and Aaron himself and Moses brought out the children of Israel from the land of Egypt,

28 in the day in which the Lord spoke to Moses in the land of Egypt;

29 then the Lord spoke to Moses, saying, I am the Lord: speak to Pharaoh king of Egypt whatsoever I say to you.

30 And Moses said before the Lord, Behold, I am not able in speech, and how shall Pharaoh hearken to me?

Chapter 7

1 And the Lord spoke to Moses, saying, Behold, I have made you a god to Pharaoh, and Aaron your brother shall be your prophet.

2 And you shall say to him all things that I charge you, and Aaron your brother shall speak to Pharaoh, that he should send forth the children of Israel out of his land.

3 And I will harden the heart of Pharaoh, and I will multiply my signs and wonders in the land of Egypt.

4 And Pharaoh will not hearken to you, and I will lay my hand upon Egypt; and will bring out my people the children of Israel with my power out of the land of Egypt with great vengeance.

5 And all the Egyptians shall know that I am the Lord, stretching out my hand upon Egypt, and I will bring out the children of Israel out of the midst of them.

6 And Moses and Aaron did as the Lord commanded them, so did they.

7 And Moses was eighty years old, and Aaron his brother was eighty-three years old, when he spoke to Pharaoh.

8 And the Lord spoke to Moses and Aaron, saying,

9 Now if Pharaoh should speak to you, saying, Give us a sign or a wonder, then shall you say to your brother Aaron, Take your rod and cast it upon the ground before Pharaoh, and before his servants, and it shall become a serpent.

10 And Moses and Aaron went in before Pharaoh, and before his servants, and they did so, as the Lord commanded them; and Aaron cast down his rod before Pharaoh, and before his servants, and it became a serpent.

11 But Pharaoh called together the wise men of Egypt, and the sorcerers, and the charmers also of the Egyptians did likewise with their sorceries.

12 And they cast down each his rod, and they became serpents, but the rod of Aaron swallowed up their rods.

13 And the heart of Pharaoh was hardened, and he hearkened not to them, as the Lord charged them.

14 And the Lord said to Moses, The heart of Pharaoh is made hard, so that he should not let the people go.

15 Go to Pharaoh early in the morning: behold, he goes forth to the water; and you shall meet him on the bank of the river, and you shall take in yours hand the rod that was turned into a serpent.

16 And you shall say to him, The Lord God of the Hebrews has sent me to you, saying, Send my people away, that they may serve me in the wilderness, and, behold, hitherto you have not hearkened.

17 These things says the Lord: Hereby shall you know that I am the Lord: behold, I strike with the rod that is in my hand on the water which is in the river, and it shall change it into blood.

18 And the fish that are in the river shall die, and the river shall stink thereupon, and the Egyptians shall not be able to drink water from the river.

19 And the Lord said to Moses, Say to your brother Aaron, Take your rod in your hand, and stretch forth your hand over the waters of Egypt, and over their rivers, and over their canals, and over their ponds, and over all their standing water, and it shall become blood: and there was blood in all the land of Egypt, both in vessels of wood and of stone.

20 And Moses and Aaron did so, as the Lord commanded them; and Aaron having lifted up his hand with his rod, smote the water in the river before Pharaoh, and before his servants, and changed all the water in the river into blood.

21 And the fish in the river died, and the river stank thereupon; and the Egyptians could not drink water from the river, and the blood was in all the land of Egypt.

22 And the charmers also of the Egyptians did so with their sorceries; and the heart of Pharaoh was hardened, and he did not hearken to them, even as the Lord said.

23 And Pharaoh turned and entered into his house, nor did he fix his attention even on this thing.

24 And all the Egyptians dug round about the river, so as to drink water, for they could not drink water from the river.

25 And seven days were fulfilled after the Lord had smitten the river.

26 And the Lord said to Moses, Go in to Pharaoh, and you shall say to him, These things says the Lord: send forth my people, that they may serve me.

27 And if you will not send them forth, behold, I afflict all your borders with frogs:

28 and the river shall teem with frogs, and they shall go up and enter into your houses, and into your bed-chambers, and upon your beds, and upon the houses of your servants, and of your people, and on your dough, and on your ovens.

29 And upon you, and upon your servants, and upon your people, shall the frogs come up.

Chapter 8

1 And the Lord said to Moses, Say to Aaron your brother, Stretch forth with the hand your rod over the rivers, and over the canals, and over the pools, and bring up the frogs.

2 And Aaron stretched forth his hand over the waters of Egypt, and brought up the frogs: and the frog was brought up, and covered the land of Egypt.

3 And the charmers of the Egyptians also did likewise with their sorceries, and brought up the frogs on the land of Egypt.

4 And Pharaoh called Moses and Aaron, and said, Pray for me to the Lord, and let him take away the frogs from me and from my people; and I will send them away, and they shall sacrifice to the Lord.

5 And Moses said to Pharaoh, Appoint me a time when I shall pray for you, and for your servants, and for your people, to cause the frogs to disappear from you, and from your people, and from your houses, only in the river shall they be left behind.

6 And he said, On the morrow: he said therefore, As you have said; that you may know, that there is no other God but the Lord.

7 And the frogs shall be removed away from you, and from your houses and from the villages, and from your servants, and from your people, only in the river they shall be left.

8 And Moses and Aaron went forth from Pharaoh, and Moses cried to the Lord concerning the restriction of the frogs, as Pharaoh appointed him.

9 And the Lord did as Moses said, and the frogs died out of the houses, and out of the villages, and out of the fields.

10 And they gathered them together in heaps, and the land stank.

11 And when Pharaoh saw that there was relief, his heart was hardened, and he did not hearken to them, as the Lord spoke.

12 And the Lord said to Moses, Say to Aaron, Stretch forth your rod with your hand and smite the dust of the earth; and there shall be lice both upon man, and upon quadrupeds, and in all the land of Egypt.

13 So Aaron stretched out his rod with his hand, and smote the dust of the earth; and the lice were on men and on quadrupeds, and in all the dust of the earth there were lice.

14 And the charmers also did so with their sorceries, to bring forth the louse, and they could not. And the lice were both on the men and on the quadrupeds.

15 So the charmers said to Pharaoh, This is the finger of God. But the heart of Pharaoh was hardened, and he hearkened not to them, as the Lord said.

16 And the Lord said to Moses, Rise up early in the morning, and stand before Pharaoh: and, behold, he will go forth to the water, and you shall say to him, These things says the Lord: Send away my people, that they may serve me in the wilderness.

17 And if you will not let my people go, behold, I send upon you, and upon your servants, and upon your people, and upon your houses, the dog-fly; and the houses of the Egyptians shall be filled with the dog-fly, even throughout the land upon which they are.

18 And I will distinguish marvellously in that day the land of Goshen, on which my people dwell, in which the dog-fly shall not be: that you may know that I am the Lord the God of all the earth.

19 And I will put a difference between my people and your people, and on the morrow shall this be on the land. And the Lord did thus.

20 And the dog-fly came in abundance into the houses of Pharaoh, and into the houses of his servants, and into all the land of Egypt; and the land was destroyed by the dog-fly.

21 And Pharaoh called Moses and Aaron, saying, Go and sacrifice to the Lord your God in the land.

22 And Moses said, It cannot be so, for we shall sacrifice to the Lord our God the abominations of the Egyptians; for if we sacrifice the abominations of the Egyptians before them, we shall be stoned.

23 We will go a journey of three days into the wilderness, and we will sacrifice to the Lord our God, as the Lord said to us.

24 And Pharaoh said, I will let you go, and do you sacrifice to your God in the wilderness, but do not go very far away: pray then for me to the Lord.

25 And Moses said, I then will go forth from you and pray to God, and the dog-fly shall depart both from your servants, and from your people to-morrow. Do not you, Pharaoh, deceive again, so as not to send the people away to do sacrifice to the Lord.

26 And Moses went out from Pharaoh, and prayed to God.

27 And the Lord did as Moses said, and removed the dog-fly from Pharaoh, and from his servants, and from his people, and there was not one left.

28 And Pharaoh hardened his heart, even on this occasion, and he would not send the people away.

Chapter 9

1 And the Lord said to Moses, Go in to Pharaoh, and you shall say to him, These things says the Lord God of the Hebrews; Send my people away that they may serve me.

2 If however you will not send my people away, but yet detain them:

3 behold, the hand of the Lord shall be upon your cattle in the fields, both on the horses, and on the asses, and on the camels and oxen and sheep, a very great mortality.

4 And I will make a marvellous distinction in that time between the cattle of the Egyptians, and the cattle of the children of Israel: nothing shall die of all that is of the children's of Israel.

5 And God fixed a limit, saying, To-morrow the Lord will do this thing on the land.

6 And the Lord did this thing on the next day, and all the cattle of the Egyptians died, but of the cattle of the children of Israel there died not one.

7 And when Pharaoh saw, that of all the cattle of the children of Israel there died not one, the heart of Pharaoh was hardened, and he did not let the people go.

8 And the Lord spoke to Moses and Aaron, saying, Take you handfuls of ashes of the furnace, and let Moses scatter it toward heaven before Pharaoh, and before his servants.

9 And let it become dust over all the land of Egypt, and there shall be upon men and upon beasts sore blains breaking forth both on men and on beasts, in all the land of Egypt.

10 So he took of the ashes of the furnace before Pharaoh, and Moses scattered it toward heaven, and it became sore blains breaking forth both on men and on beasts.

11 And the sorcerers could not stand before Moses because of the sores, for the sores were on the sorcerers, and in all the land of Egypt.

12 And the Lord hardened Pharaoh's heart, and he hearkened not to them, as the Lord appointed.

13 And the Lord said to Moses, Rise up early in the morning, and stand before Pharaoh; and you shall say to him, These things says the Lord God of the Hebrews, Send away my people that they may serve me.

14 For at this present time do I send forth all my plagues into yours heart, and the heart of your servants and of your people; that you may know that there is not another such as I in all the earth.

15 For now I will stretch forth my hand and smite you and kill your people, and you shall be consumed from off the earth.

16 And for this purpose have you been preserved, that I might display in you my strength, and that my name might be published in all the earth.

17 Do you then yet exert yourself to hinder my people, so as not to let them go?

18 Behold, to-morrow at this hour I will rain a very great hail, such as has not been in Egypt, from the time it was created until this day.

19 Now then hasten to gather your cattle, and all that you have in the fields; for all the men and cattle as many as shall be found in the fields, and shall not enter into a house, (but the hail shall fall upon them,) shall die.

20 He of the servants of Pharaoh that feared the word of the Lord, gathered his cattle into the houses.

21 And he that did not attend in his mind to the word of the Lord, left the cattle in the fields.

22 And the Lord said to Moses, Stretch out yours hand to heaven, and there shall be hail on all the land of Egypt, both on the men and on the cattle, and on all the herbage on the land.

23 And Moses stretched forth his hand to heaven, and the Lord sent thunderings and hail; and the fire ran along upon the ground, and the Lord rained hail on all the land of Egypt.

24 So there was hail and flaming fire mingled with hail; and the hail was very great, such as was not in Egypt, from the time there was a nation upon it.

25 And the hail smote in all the land of Egypt both man and beast, and the hail smote all the grass in the field, and the hail broke in pieces all the trees in the field.

26 Only in the land of Goshen where the children of Israel were, the hail was not.

27 And Pharaoh sent and called Moses and Aaron, and said to them, I have sinned this time: the Lord is righteous, and I and my people are wicked.

28 Pray then for me to the Lord, and let him cause the thunderings of God to cease, and the hail and the fire, and I will send you forth and you shall remain no longer.

29 And Moses said to him, When I shall have departed from the city, I will stretch out my hands to the Lord, and the thunderings shall cease, and the hail and the rain shall be no longer, that you may know that the earth is the Lord's.

30 But as for you and your servants, I know that you have not yet feared the Lord.

31 And the flax and the barley were smitten, for the barley was advanced, and the flax was seeding.

32 But the wheat and the rye were not smitten, for they were late.

33 And Moses went forth from Pharaoh out of the city, and stretched out his hands to the Lord, and the thunders ceased and the hail, and the rain did not drop on the earth.

34 And when Pharaoh saw that the rain and the hail and the thunders ceased, he continued to sin; and he hardened his heart, and the heart of his servants.

35 And the heart of Pharaoh was hardened, and he did not send forth the children of Israel, as the Lord said to Moses.

Chapter 10

1 And the Lord spoke to Moses, saying, Go in to Pharaoh: for I have hardened his heart and the heart of his servants, that these signs may come upon them; in order

2 that you may relate in the ears of your children, and to your children's children, in how many things I have mocked the Egyptians, and my wonders which I wrought among them; and you shall know that I am the Lord.

3 And Moses and Aaron went in before Pharaoh, and they said to him, These things says the Lord God of the Hebrews, How long do you refuse to reverence me? Send my people away, that they may serve me.

4 But if you will not send my people away, behold, at this hour to-morrow I will bring an abundance of locusts upon all your coasts.

5 And they shall cover the face of the earth, and you shall not be able to see the earth; and they shall devour all that is left of the abundance of the earth, which the hail has left you, and shall devour every tree that grows for you on the land.

6 And your houses shall be filled, and the houses of your servants, and all the houses in all the land of the Egyptians; things which your fathers have never seen, nor their forefathers, from the day that they were upon the earth until this day. And Moses turned away and departed from Pharaoh.

7 And the servants of Pharaoh say to him, How long shall this be a snare to us? send away the men, that they may serve their God; will you know that Egypt is destroyed?

8 And they brought back both Moses and Aaron to Pharaoh; and he said to them, Go and serve the Lord your God; but who are they that are going with you?

9 And Moses said, We will go with the young and the old, with our sons, and daughters, and sheep, and oxen, for it is a feast of the Lord.

10 And he said to them, So let the Lord be with you: as I will send you away, must I send away your store also? see that evil is attached to you.

11 Not so, but let the men go and serve God, for this you yourselves seek; and they cast them out from the presence of Pharaoh.

12 And the Lord said to Moses, Stretch out yours hand over the land of Egypt, and let the locust come up on the land, and it shall devour every herb of the land, and all the fruit of the trees, which the hail left.

13 And Moses lifted up his rod towards heaven, and the Lord brought a south wind upon the earth, all that day and all that night: the morning dawned, and the south wind brought up the locusts,

14 and brought them up over all the land of Egypt. And they rested in very great abundance over all the borders of Egypt. Before them there were not such locusts, neither after them shall there be.

15 And they covered the face of the earth, and the land was wasted, and they devoured all the herbage of the land, and all the fruit of the trees, which was left by the hail: there was no green thing left on the trees, nor on all the herbage of the field, in all the land of Egypt.

16 And Pharaoh hasted to call Moses and Aaron, saying, I have sinned before the Lord your God, and against you;

17 pardon therefore my sin yet this time, and pray to the Lord your God, and let him take away from me this death.

18 And Moses went forth from Pharaoh, and prayed to God.

19 And the Lord brought in the opposite direction a strong wind from the sea, and took up the locusts and cast them into the Red Sea, and there was not one locust left in all the land of Egypt.

20 And the Lord hardened the heart of Pharaoh, and he did not send away the children of Israel.

21 And the Lord said to Moses, Stretch out your hand to heaven, and let there be darkness over the land of Egypt—darkness that may be felt.

22 And Moses stretched out his hand to heaven, and there was darkness very black, even a storm over all the land of Egypt three days.

23 And for three days no man saw his brother, and no man rose up from his bed for three days: but all the children of Israel had light in all the places where they were.

24 And Pharaoh called Moses and Aaron, saying, Go, serve the Lord your God, only leave your sheep and your oxen, and let your store depart with you.

25 And Moses said, Nay, but you shall give to us whole burnt-offerings and sacrifices, which we will sacrifice to the Lord our God.

26 And our cattle shall go with us, and we will not leave a hoof behind, for of them we will take to serve the Lord our God: but we know not in what manner we shall serve the Lord our God, until we arrive there.

27 But the Lord hardened the heart of Pharaoh, and he would not let them go.

28 And Pharaoh says, Depart from me, beware of seeing my face again, for in what day you shall appear before me, you shall die.

29 And Moses says, You have said, I will not appear in your presence again.

Chapter 11

1 And the Lord said to Moses, I will yet bring one plague upon Pharaoh and upon Egypt, and after that he will send you forth thence; and whenever he sends you forth with every thing, he will indeed drive you out.

2 Speak therefore secretly in the ears of the people, and let every one ask of his neighbour jewels of silver and gold, and raiment.

3 And the Lord gave his people favour in the sight of the Egyptians, and they lent to them; and the man Moses was very great before the Egyptians, and before Pharaoh, and before his servants.

4 And Moses said, These things says the Lord, About midnight I go forth into the midst of Egypt.

5 And every first-born in the land of Egypt shall die, from the first-born of Pharaoh that sits on the throne, even to the first-born of the woman-servant that is by the mill, and to the first-born of all cattle.

6 And there shall be a great cry through all the land of Egypt, such as has not been, and such shall not be repeated any more.

7 But among all the children of Israel shall not a dog snarl with his tongue, either at man or beast; that you may know how wide a distinction the Lord will make between the Egyptians and Israel.

8 And all these your servants shall come down to me, and do me reverence, saying, Go forth, you and all the people over whom you preside, and afterwards I will go forth.

9 And Moses went forth from Pharaoh with wrath. And the Lord said to Moses, Pharaoh will not hearken to you, that I may greatly multiply my signs and wonders in the land of Egypt.

10 And Moses and Aaron wrought all these signs and wonders in the land of Egypt before Pharaoh; and the Lord hardened the heart of Pharaoh, and he did not hearken to send forth the children of Israel out of the land of Egypt.

Chapter 12

1 And the Lord spoke to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt, saying,

2 This month shall be to you the beginning of months: it is the first to you among the months of the year.

3 Speak to all the congregation of the children of Israel, saying, On the tenth of this month let them take each man a lamb according to the houses of their families, every man a lamb for his household.

4 And if they be few in a household, so that there are not enough for the lamb, he shall take with himself his neighbour that lives near to him,—as to the number of souls, every one according to that which suffices him shall make a reckoning for the lamb.

5 It shall be to you a lamb unblemished, a male of a year old: you shall take it of the lambs and the kids.

6 And it shall be kept by you till the fourteenth of this month, and all the multitude of the congregation of the children of Israel shall kill it toward evening.

7 And they shall take of the blood, and shall put it on the two door-posts, and on the lintel, in the houses in which soever they shall eat them.

8 And they shall eat the flesh in this night roast with fire, and they shall eat unleavened bread with bitter herbs.

9 You shall not eat of it raw nor sodden in water, but only roast with fire, the head with the feet and the appurtenances.

10 Nothing shall be left of it till the morning, and a bone of it you shall not break; but that which is left of it till the morning you shall burn with fire.

11 And thus shall you eat it: your loins girded, and your sandals on your feet, and your staves in your hands, and you shall eat it in haste. It is a passover to the Lord.

12 And I will go through the land of Egypt in that night, and will smite every first-born in the land of Egypt both man and beast, and on all the gods of Egypt will I execute vengeance: I am the Lord.

13 And the blood shall be for a sign to you on the houses in which you are, and I will see the blood, and will protect you, and there shall not be on you the plague of destruction, when I smite in the land of Egypt.

14 And this day shall be to you a memorial, and you shall keep it a feast to the Lord through all your generations; you shall keep it a feast for a perpetual ordinance.

15 Seven days you shall eat unleavened bread, and from the first day you shall utterly remove leaven from your houses: whoever shall eat leaven, that soul shall be utterly destroyed from Israel, from the first day until the seventh day.

16 And the first day shall be called holy, and the seventh day shall be a holy convocation to you: you shall do no servile work on them, only as many things as will necessarily be done by every soul, this only shall be done by you.

17 And you shall keep this commandment, for on this day will I bring out your force out of the land of Egypt; and you shall make this day a perpetual ordinance for you throughout your generations.

18 Beginning the fourteenth day of the first month, you shall eat unleavened bread from evening, till the twenty-first day of the month, till evening.

19 Seven days leaven shall not be found in your houses; whosoever shall eat anything leavened, that soul shall be cut off from the congregation of Israel, both among the occupiers of the land and the original inhabitants.

20 You shall eat nothing leavened, but in every habitation of yours you shall eat unleavened bread.

21 And Moses called all the elders of the children of Israel, and said to them, Go away and take to yourselves a lamb according to your kindreds, and slay the passover.

22 And you shall take a bunch of hyssop, and having dipped it into some of the blood that is by the door, you shall touch the lintel, and shall put it upon both door-posts, even of the blood which is by the door; but you shall not go out every one from the door of his house till the morning.

23 And the Lord shall pass by to smite the Egyptians, and shall see the blood upon the lintel, and upon both the door-posts; and the Lord shall pass by the door, and shall not suffer the destroyer to enter into your houses to smite you.

24 And keep you this thing as an ordinance for yourself and for your children for ever.

25 And if you should enter into the land, which the Lord shall give you, as he has spoken, keep this service.

26 And it shall come to pass, if your sons say to you, What is this service?

27 that you shall say to them, This passover is a sacrifice to the Lord, as he defended the houses of the children of Israel in Egypt, when he smote the Egyptians, but delivered our houses.

28 And the people bowed and worshipped. And the children of Israel departed and did as the Lord commanded Moses and Aaron, so did they.

29 And it came to pass at midnight that the Lord smote all the first-born in the land of Egypt, from the first-born of Pharaoh that sat on the throne, to the first-born of the captive-maid in the dungeon, and the first-born of all cattle.

30 And Pharaoh rose up by night, and his servants, and all the Egyptians; and there was a great cry in all the land of Egypt, for there was not a house in which there was not one dead.

31 And Pharaoh called Moses and Aaron by night, and said to them, Rise and depart from my people, both you and the children of Israel. Go and serve the Lord your God, even as you say.

32 And take with you your sheep, and your oxen: bless me also, I pray you.

33 And the Egyptians constrained the people, so that they cast them out of the land with haste, for they said, We all shall die.

34 And the people took their dough before their meal was leavened, bound up as it was in their garments, on their shoulders.

35 And the children of Israel did as Moses commanded them, and they asked of the Egyptians articles of silver and gold and apparel.

36 And the Lord gave his people favour in the sight of the Egyptians, and they lent to them; and they spoiled the Egyptians.

37 And the children of Israel departed from Rameses to Succoth, to the full number of six hundred thousand footmen, even men, besides the baggage.

38 And a great mixed company went up with them, and sheep and oxen and very much cattle.

39 And they baked the dough which they brought out of Egypt, unleavened cakes, for it had not been leavened; for the Egyptians cast them out, and they could not remain, neither did they prepare provision for themselves for the journey.

40 And the sojourning of the children of Israel, while they sojourned in the land of Egypt and the land of Canaan, was four hundred and thirty years.

41 And it came to pass after the four hundred and thirty years, all the forces of the Lord came forth out of the land of Egypt by night.

42 It is a watch kept to the Lord, so that he should bring them out of the land of Egypt; that very night is a watch kept to the Lord, so that it should be to all the children of Israel to their generations.

43 And the Lord said to Moses and Aaron, This is the law of the passover: no stranger shall eat of it.

44 And every slave or servant bought with money—him you shall circumcise, and then shall he eat of it.

45 A sojourner or hireling shall not eat of it.

46 In one house shall it be eaten, and you shall not carry of the flesh out from the house; and a bone of it you shall not break.

47 All the congregation of the children of Israel shall keep it.

48 And if any proselyte shall come to you to keep the passover to the Lord, you shall circumcise every male of him, and then shall he approach to sacrifice it, and he shall be even as the original inhabitant of the land; no uncircumcised person shall eat of it.

49 There shall be one law to the native, and to the proselyte coming among you.

50 And the children of Israel did as the Lord commanded Moses and Aaron for them, so they did.

51 And it came to pass in that day that the Lord brought out the children of Israel from the land of Egypt with their forces.

Chapter 13

1 And the Lord spoke to Moses, saying,

2 Sanctify to me every first-born, first produced, opening every womb among the children of Israel both of man and beast: it is mine.

3 And Moses said to the people, Remember this day, in which you came forth out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage, for with a strong hand the Lord brought you forth thence; and leaven shall not be eaten.

4 For on this day you go forth in the month of new corn.

5 And it shall come to pass when the Lord your God shall have brought you into the land of the Chananites, and the Chettites, and Amorites, and Evites, and Jebusites, and Gergesites, and Pherezites, which he sware to your fathers to give you, a land flowing with milk and honey, that you shall perform this service in this month.

6 Six days you shall eat unleavened bread, and on the seventh day is a feast to the Lord.

7 Seven days shall you eat unleavened bread; nothing leavened shall be seen with you, neither shall you have leaven in all your borders.

8 And you shall tell your son in that day, saying, Therefore the Lord dealt thus with me, as I was going out of Egypt.

9 And it shall be to you a sign upon your hand and a memorial before your eyes, that the law of the Lord may be in your mouth, for with a strong hand the Lord God brought you out of Egypt.

10 And preserve you this law according to the times of the seasons, from year to year.

11 And it shall come to pass when the Lord your God shall bring you into the land of the Chananites, as he sware to your fathers, and shall give it you,

12 that you shall set apart every offspring opening the womb, the males to the Lord, every one that opens the womb out of the herds or among your cattle, as many as you shall have: you shall sanctify the males to the Lord.

13 Every offspring opening the womb of the ass you shall change for a sheep; and if you will not change it, you shall redeem it: every first-born of man of your sons shall you redeem.

14 And if your son should ask you hereafter, saying, What is this? then you shall say to him, With a strong hand the

Lord brought us out of Egypt, out of the house of bondage.

15 And when Pharaoh hardened his heart so as not to send us away, he slew every first-born in the land of Egypt, both the first-born of man and the first-born of beast; therefore do I sacrifice every offspring that opens the womb, the males to the Lord, and every first-born of my sons I will redeem.

16 And it shall be for a sign upon your hand, and immovable before your eyes, for with a strong hand the Lord brought you out of Egypt.

17 And when Pharaoh sent forth the people, God led them not by the way of the land of the Phylistines, because it was near; for God said, Lest at any time the people repent when they see war, and return to Egypt.

18 And God led the people round by the way to the wilderness, to the Red Sea: and in the fifth generation the children of Israel went up out of the land of Egypt.

19 And Moses took the bones of Joseph with him, for he had solemnly adjured the children of Israel, saying, God will surely visit you, and you shall carry up my bones hence with you.

20 And the children of Israel departed from Succoth, and encamped in Othom by the wilderness.

21 And God led them, in the day by a pillar of cloud, to show them the way, and in the night by a pillar of fire.

22 And the pillar of cloud failed not by day, nor the pillar of fire by night, before all the people.

Chapter 14

1 And the Lord spoke to Moses, saying,

2 Speak to the children of Israel, and let them turn and encamp before the village, between Magdol and the sea, opposite Beel-sepphon: before them shall you encamp by the sea.

3 And Pharaoh will say to his people, As for these children of Israel, they are wandering in the land, for the wilderness has shut them in.

4 And I will harden the heart of Pharaoh, and he shall pursue after them; and I will be glorified in Pharaoh, and in all his host, and all the Egyptians shall know that I am the Lord. And they did so.

5 And it was reported to the king of the Egyptians that the people had fled: and the heart of Pharaoh was turned, and that of his servants against the people; and they said, What is this that we have done, to let the children of Israel go, so that they should not serve us?

6 So Pharaoh yoked his chariots, and led off all his people with himself:

7 having also taken six hundred chosen chariots, and all the cavalry of the Egyptians, and rulers over all.

8 And the Lord hardened the heart of Pharaoh king of Egypt, and of his servants, and he pursued after the children of Israel; and the children of Israel went forth with a high hand.

9 And the Egyptians pursued after them, and found them encamped by the sea; and all the cavalry and the chariots of Pharaoh, and the horsemen, and his host were before the village, over against Beel-sepphon.

10 And Pharaoh approached, and the children of Israel having looked up, beheld, and the Egyptians encamped behind them: and they were very greatly terrified, and the children of Israel cried to the Lord;

11 and said to Moses, Because there were no graves in the land of Egypt, have you brought us forth to slay us in the wilderness? What is this that you have done to us, having brought us out of Egypt?

12 Is not this the word which we spoke to you in Egypt, saying, Let us alone that we may serve the Egyptians? for it is better for us to serve the Egyptians than to die in this wilderness.

13 And Moses said to the people, Be of good courage: stand and see the salvation which is from the Lord, which he will work for us this day; for as you have seen the Egyptians to-day, you shall see them again no more for ever.

14 The Lord shall fight for you, and you shall hold your peace.

15 And the Lord said to Moses, Why cry you to me? speak to the children of Israel, and let them proceed.

16 And do you lift up your rod, and stretch forth your hand over the sea, and divide it, and let the children of Israel enter into the midst of the sea on the dry land.

17 And lo! I will harden the heart of Pharaoh and of all the Egyptians, and they shall go in after them; and I will be glorified upon Pharaoh, and on all his host, and on his chariots and his horses.

18 And all the Egyptians shall know that I am the Lord, when I am glorified upon Pharaoh and upon his chariots and his horses.

19 And the angel of God that went before the camp of the children of Israel removed and went behind, and the pillar of the cloud also removed from before them and stood behind them.

20 And it went between the camp of the Egyptians and the camp of Israel, and stood; and there was darkness and blackness; and the night passed, and they came not near to one another during the whole night.

21 And Moses stretched forth his hand over the sea, and the Lord carried back the sea with a strong south wind all the night, and made the sea dry, and the water was divided.

22 And the children of Israel went into the midst of the sea on the dry land, and the water of it was a wall on the right hand and a wall on the left.

23 And the Egyptians pursued them and went in after them, and every horse of Pharaoh, and his chariots, and his horsemen, into the midst of the sea.

24 And it came to pass in the morning watch that the Lord looked forth on the camp of the Egyptians through the pillar of fire and cloud, and troubled the camp of the Egyptians,

25 and bound the axle-trees of their chariots, and caused them to go with difficulty; and the Egyptians said, Let us flee from the face of Israel, for the Lord fights for them against the Egyptians.

26 And the Lord said to Moses, Stretch forth yours hand over the sea, and let the water be turned back to its place, and let it cover the Egyptians coming both upon the chariots and the riders.

27 And Moses stretched forth his hand over the sea, and the water returned to its place toward day; and the Egyptians fled from the water, and the Lord shook off the Egyptians in the midst of the sea.

28 And the water returned and covered the chariots and the riders, and all the forces of Pharaoh, who entered after them into the sea: and there was not left of them even one.

29 But the children of Israel went along dry land in the midst of the sea, and the water was to them a wall on the right hand, and a wall on the left.

30 So the Lord delivered Israel in that day from the hand of the Egyptians, and Israel saw the Egyptians dead by the shore of the sea.

31 And Israel saw the mighty hand, the things which the Lord did to the Egyptians; and the people feared the Lord, and they believed God and Moses his servant.

Chapter 15

1 Then sang Moses and the children of Israel this song to God, and spoke, saying, Let us sing to the Lord, for he is very greatly glorified: horse and rider he has thrown into the sea.

2 He was to me a helper and protector for salvation: this is my God, and I will glorify him; my father's God, and I will exalt him.

3 The Lord bringing wars to nought, the Lord is his name.

4 He has cast the chariots of Pharaoh and his host into the sea, the chosen mounted captains: they were swallowed up in the Red Sea.

5 He covered them with the sea: they sank to the depth like a stone.

6 Your right hand, O God, has been glorified in strength; your right hand, O God, has broken the enemies.

7 And in the abundance of your glory you have broken the adversaries to pieces: you sent forth your wrath, it devoured them as stubble.

8 And by the breath of your anger the water parted asunder; the waters were congealed as a wall, the waves were congealed in the midst of the sea.

9 The enemy said, I will pursue, I will overtake, I will divide the spoils; I will satisfy my soul, I will destroy with my sword, my hand shall have dominion.

10 You sent forth your wind, the sea covered them; they sank like lead in the mighty water.

11 Who is like to you among the gods, O Lord? who is like to you? glorified in holiness, marvellous in glories, doing wonders.

12 You stretchedst forth your right hand, the earth swallowed them up.

13 You have guided in your righteousness this your people whom you have redeemed, by your strength you have called them into your holy resting-place.

14 The nations heard and were angry, pangs have seized on the dwellers among the Phylistines.

15 Then the princes of Edom, and the chiefs of the Moabites hasted; trembling took hold upon them, all the inhabitants of Canaan melted away.

16 Let trembling and fear fall upon them; by the greatness of your arm, let them become as stone; till your people pass over, O Lord, till this your people pass over, whom you have purchased.

17 Bring them in and plant them in the mountain of their inheritance, in your prepared habitation, which you, O Lord, have prepared; the sanctuary, O Lord, which yours hands have made ready.

18 The Lord reigns for ever and ever and ever.

19 For the horse of Pharaoh went in with the chariots and horsemen into the sea, and the Lord brought upon them the water of the sea, but the children of Israel walked through dry land in the midst of the sea.

20 And Mariam the prophetess, the sister of Aaron, having taken a timbrel in her hand—then there went forth all the women after her with timbrels and dances.

21 And Mariam led them, saying, Let us sing to the Lord, for he has been very greatly glorified: the horse and rider has he cast into the sea.

22 So Moses brought up the children of Israel from the Red Sea, and brought them into the wilderness of Sur; and they went three days in the wilderness, and found no water to drink.

23 And they came to Merrha, and could not drink of Merrha, for it was bitter; therefore he named the name of that place, Bitterness.

24 And the people murmured against Moses, saying, What shall we drink?

25 And Moses cried to the Lord, and the Lord shewed him a tree, and he cast it into the water, and the water was sweetened: there he established to him ordinances and judgments, and there he proved him,

26 and said, If you will indeed hear the voice of the Lord your God, and do things pleasing before him, and will hearken to his commands, and keep all his ordinances, no disease which I have brought upon the Egyptians will I bring upon you, for I am the Lord your God that heals you.

27 And they came to Ælim, and there were there twelve fountains of water, and seventy stems of palm-trees; and they encamped there by the waters.

Chapter 16

1 And they departed from Ælim, and all the congregation of the children of Israel came to the wilderness of Sin, which is between Ælim and Sinai; and on the fifteenth day, in the second month after their departure from the land of Egypt,

2 all the congregation of the children of Israel murmured against Moses and Aaron.

3 And the children of Israel said to them, Would we had died smitten by the Lord in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the flesh-pots, and ate bread to satiety! for you have brought us out into this wilderness, to slay all this congregation with hunger.

4 And the Lord said to Moses, Behold, I will rain bread upon you out of heaven: and the people shall go forth, and they shall gather their daily portion for the day, that I may try them whether they will walk in my law or not.

5 And it shall come to pass on the sixth day that they shall prepare whatsoever they have brought in, and it shall be double of what they shall have gathered for the day, daily.

6 And Moses and Aaron said to all the congregation of the children of Israel, At even you shall know that the Lord has brought you out of the land of Egypt;

7 and in the morning you shall see the glory of the Lord, inasmuch as he hears your murmuring against God; and who are we, that you continue to murmur against us?

8 And Moses said, This shall be when the Lord gives you in the evening flesh to eat, and bread in the morning to satiety, because the Lord has heard your murmuring, which you murmur against us: and what are we? for your murmuring is not against us, but against God.

9 And Moses said to Aaron, Say to all the congregation of the children of Israel, Come near before God; for he has heard your murmuring.

10 And when Aaron spoke to all the congregation of the children of Israel, and they turned toward the wilderness, then the glory of the Lord appeared in a cloud.

11 And the Lord spoke to Moses, saying,

12 I have heard the murmuring of the children of Israel: speak to them, saying, Towards evening you shall eat flesh, and in the morning you shall be satisfied with bread; and you shall know that I am the Lord your God.

13 And it was evening, and quails came up and covered the camp:

14 in the morning it came to pass as the dew ceased round about the camp, that, behold, on the face of the wilderness was a small thing like white coriander seed, as frost upon the earth.

15 And when the children of Israel saw it, they said one to another, What is this? for they knew not what it was; and Moses said to them,

16 This is the bread which the Lord has given you to eat. This is that which the Lord has appointed: gather of it each man for his family, a homer for each person, according to the number of your souls, gather each of you with his fellow-lodgers.

17 And the children of Israel did so, and gathered some much and some less.

18 And having measured the homer full, he that had gathered much had nothing over, and he that had gathered less had no lack; each gathered according to the need of those who belonged to him.

19 And Moses said to them, Let no man leave of it till the morning.

20 But they did not hearken to Moses, but some left of it till the morning; and it bred worms and stank: and Moses was irritated with them.

21 And they gathered it every morning, each man what he needed, and when the sun waxed hot it melted.

22 And it came to pass on the sixth day, they gathered double what was needed, two homers for one man; and all the chiefs of the synagogue went in and reported it to Moses.

23 And Moses said to them, Is not this the word which the Lord spoke? To-morrow is the sabbath, a holy rest to the Lord: bake that you will bake, and seethe that you will seethe, and all that is over leave to be laid by for the morrow.

24 And they left of it till the morning, as Moses commanded them; and it stank not, neither was there a worm in it.

25 And Moses said, Eat that to-day, for to-day is a sabbath to the Lord: it shall not be found in the plain.

26 Six days you shall gather it, and on the seventh day is a sabbath, for there shall be none on that day.

27 And it came to pass on the seventh day that some of the people went forth to gather, and found none.

28 And the Lord said to Moses, How long are you unwilling to hearken to my commands and my law?

29 See, for the Lord has given you this day as the sabbath, therefore he has given you on the sixth day the bread of two days: you shall sit each of you in your houses; let no one go forth from his place on the seventh day.

30 And the people kept sabbath on the seventh day.

31 And the children of Israel called the name of it Man; and it was as white coriander seed, and the taste of it as a wafer with honey.

32 And Moses said, This is the thing which the Lord has commanded, Fill an homer with manna, to be laid up for your generations; that they may see the bread which you ate in the wilderness, when the Lord led you forth out of the land of Egypt.

33 And Moses said to Aaron, Take a golden pot, and cast into it one full homer of manna; and you shall lay it up before God, to be kept for your generations,

34 as the Lord commanded Moses: and Aaron laid it up before the testimony to be kept.

35 And the children of Israel ate manna forty years, until they came to the land they ate the manna, until they came to the region of Phœnicia.

36 Now the homer was the tenth part of three measures.

Chapter 17

1 And all the congregation of the children of Israel departed from the wilderness of Sin, according to their encampments, by the word of the Lord; and they encamped in Rephidim: and there was no water for the people to drink.

2 And the people reviled Moses, saying, Give us water, that we may drink; and Moses said to them, Why do you revile me, and why tempt you the Lord?

3 And the people thirsted there for water, and there the people murmured against Moses, saying, Why is this? have you brought us up out of Egypt to slay us and our children and our cattle with thirst?

4 And Moses cried to the Lord, saying, What shall I do to this people? yet a little while and they will stone me.

5 And the Lord said to Moses, Go before this people, and take to yourself of the elders of the people; and the rod with which you smotest the river, take in yours hand, and you shall go.

6 Behold, I stand there before you come, on the rock in Horeb, and you shall smite the rock, and water shall come out from it, and the people shall drink. And Moses did so before the sons of Israel.

7 And he called the name of that place, Temptation, and Reviling, because of the reviling of the children of Israel, and because they tempted the Lord, saying, Is the Lord among us or not?

8 And Amalec came and fought with Israel in Rephidim.

9 And Moses said to Joshua, Choose out for yourself mighty men, and go forth and set the army in array against Amalec to-morrow; and, behold, I shall stand on the top of the hill, and the rod of God will be in my hand.

10 And Joshua did as Moses said to him, and he went out and set the army in array against Amalec, and Moses and Aaron and Or went up to the top of the hill.

11 And it came to pass, when Moses lifted up his hands, Israel prevailed; and when he let down his hands, Amalec prevailed.

12 But the hands of Moses were heavy, and they took a stone and put it under him, and he sat upon it; and Aaron and Or supported his hands one on this side and the other on that, and the hands of Moses were supported till the going down of the sun.

13 And Joshua routed Amalec and all his people with the slaughter of the sword.

14 And the Lord said to Moses, Write this for a memorial in a book, and speak this in the ears of Joshua; for I will utterly blot out the memorial of Amalec from under heaven.

15 And Moses built an altar to the Lord, and called the name of it, The Lord my Refuge.

16 For with a secret hand the Lord wages war upon Amalec to all generations.

Chapter 18

1 And Jothor the priest of Midian, the father-in-law of Moses, heard of all that the Lord did to his people Israel; for the Lord brought Israel out of Egypt.

2 And Jothor the father-in-law of Moses, took Sepphora the wife of Moses after she had been sent away,

3 and her two sons: the name of the one was Gersam, his father saying, I was a sojourner in a strange land;—

4 and the name of the second Eliezer, saying, For the God of my father is my helper, and he has rescued me out of the hand of Pharaoh.

5 And Jothor the father-in-law of Moses, and his sons and his wife, went forth to Moses into the wilderness, where he encamped on the mount of God.

6 And it was told Moses, saying, Behold, your father-in-law Jothor is coming to you, and your wife and two sons with him.

7 And Moses went forth to meet his father-in-law, and did him reverence, and kissed him, and they embraced each other, and he brought them into the tent.

8 And Moses related to his father-in-law all things that the Lord did to Pharaoh and all the Egyptians for Israel's sake, and all the labour that had befallen them in the way, and that the Lord had rescued them out of the hand of Pharaoh, and out of the hand of the Egyptians.

9 And Jothor was amazed at all the good things which the Lord did to them, forasmuch as he rescued them out of the hand of the Egyptians and out of the hand of Pharaoh.

10 And Jothor said, Blessed be the Lord, because he has rescued them out of the hand of the Egyptians and out of the hand of Pharaoh.

11 Now know I that the Lord is great above all gods, because of this, wherein they attacked them.

12 And Jothor the father-in-law of Moses took whole burnt-offerings and sacrifices for God, for Aaron and all the elders of Israel came to eat bread with the father-in-law of Moses before God.

13 And it came to pass after the morrow that Moses sat to judge the people, and all the people stood by Moses from morning till evening.

14 And Jothor having seen all that Moses did to the people, says, What is this that you do to the people? wherefore sit you alone, and all the people stand by you from morning till evening?

15 And Moses says to his father-in-law, Because the people come to me to seek judgment from God.

16 For whenever there is a dispute among them, and they come to me, I give judgment upon each, and I teach them the ordinances of God and his law.

17 And the father-in-law of Moses said to him, You do not this thing rightly,

18 you will wear away with intolerable weariness, both you and all this people which is with you: this thing is hard, you will not be able to endure it yourself alone.

19 Now then hearken to me, and I will advise you, and God shall be with you: be you to the people in the things pertaining to God, and you shall bring their matters to God.

20 And you shall testify to them the ordinances of God and his law, and you shall shew to them the ways in which they shall walk, and the works which they shall do.

21 And do you look out for yourself out of all the people able men, fearing God, righteous men, hating pride, and you shall set over the people captains of thousands and captains of hundreds, and captains of fifties, and captains of tens.

22 And they shall judge the people at all times, and the too burdensome matter they shall bring to you, but they shall judge the smaller cases; so they shall relieve you and help you.

23 If you will do this thing, God shall strengthen you, and you shall be able to attend, and all this people shall come with peace into their own place.

24 And Moses hearkened to the voice of his father-in-law, and did whatsoever he said to him.

25 And Moses chose out able men out of all Israel, and he made them captains of thousands and captains of hundreds, and captains of fifties and captains of tens over the people.

26 And they judged the people at all times; and every too burdensome matter they brought to Moses, but every light matter they judged themselves.

27 And Moses dismissed his father-in-law, and he returned to his own land.

Chapter 19

1 And in the third month of the departure of the children of Israel out of the land of Egypt, on the same day, they came into the wilderness of Sinai.

2 And they departed from Rephidim, and came into the wilderness of Sinai, and there Israel encamped before the mountain.

3 And Moses went up to the mount of God, and God called him out of the mountain, saying, These things shall you say to the house of Jacob, and you shall report them to the children of Israel.

4 You have seen all that I have done to the Egyptians, and I took you up as upon eagles' wings, and I brought you near to myself.

5 And now if you will indeed hear my voice, and keep my covenant, you shall be to me a peculiar people above all nations; for the whole earth is mine.

6 And you shall be to me a royal priesthood and a holy nation: these words shall you speak to the children of Israel.

7 And Moses came and called the elders of the people, and he set before them all these words, which God appointed them.

8 And all the people answered with one accord, and said, All things that God has spoken, we will do and hearken to: and Moses reported these words to God.

9 And the Lord said to Moses, Lo! I come to you in a pillar of a cloud, that the people may hear me speaking to you, and may believe you for ever: and Moses reported the words of the people to the Lord.

10 And the Lord said to Moses, Go down and solemnly charge the people, and sanctify them to-day and to-morrow, and let them wash their garments.

11 And let them be ready against the third day, for on the third day the Lord will descend upon mount Sinai before all the people.

12 And you shall separate the people round about, saying, Take heed to yourselves that you go not up into the mountain, nor touch any part of it: every one that touches the mountain shall surely die.

13 A hand shall not touch it, for every one that touches shall be stoned with stones or shot through with a dart, whether beast or whether man, it shall not live: when the voices and trumpets and cloud depart from off the mountain, they shall come up on the mountain.

14 And Moses went down from the mountain to the people, and sanctified them, and they washed their clothes.

15 And he said to the people, Be ready: for three days come not near to a woman.

16 And it came to pass on the third day, as the morning drew nigh, there were voices and lightnings and a dark cloud on mount Sinai: the voice of the trumpet sounded loud, and all the people in the camp trembled.

17 And Moses led the people forth out of the camp to meet God, and they stood by under the mountain.

18 The mount of Sinai was altogether on a smoke, because God had descended upon it in fire; and the smoke went up as the smoke of a furnace, and the people were exceedingly amazed.

19 And the sounds of the trumpet were waxing very much louder. Moses spoke, and God answered him with a voice.

20 And the Lord came down upon mount Sinai on the top of the mountain; and the Lord called Moses to the top of the mountain, and Moses went up.

21 And God spoke to Moses, saying, Go down, and solemnly charge the people, lest at any time they draw nigh to God to gaze, and a multitude of them fall.

22 And let the priests that draw nigh to the Lord God sanctify themselves, lest he destroy some of them.

23 And Moses said to God, The people will not be able to approach to the mount of Sinai, for you have solemnly charged us, saying, Set bounds to the mountain and sanctify it.

24 And the Lord said to him, Go, descend, and come up you and Aaron with you; but let not the priests and the people force their way to come up to God, lest the Lord destroy some of them.

25 And Moses went down to the people, and spoke to them.

Chapter 20

1 And the Lord spoke all these words, saying:

2 I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage.

3 You shall have no other gods beside me.

4 You shall not make to yourself an idol, nor likeness of anything, whatever things are in the heaven above, and whatever are in the earth beneath, and whatever are in the waters under the earth.

5 You shall not bow down to them, nor serve them; for I am the Lord your God, a jealous God, recompensing the sins of the fathers upon the children, to the third and fourth generation to them that hate me,

6 and bestowing mercy on them that love me to thousands of them, and on them that keep my commandments.

7 You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain; for the Lord your God will not acquit him that takes his name in vain.

8 Remember the sabbath day to keep it holy.

9 Six days you shall labour, and shall perform all your work.

10 But on the seventh day is the sabbath of the Lord your God; on it you shall do no work, you, nor your son, nor your daughter, your servant nor your maidservant, your ox nor your ass, nor any cattle of yours, nor the stranger that sojourns with you.

11 For in six days the Lord made the heaven and the earth, and the sea and all things in them, and rested on the seventh day; therefore the Lord blessed the seventh day, and hallowed it.

12 Honour your father and your mother, that it may be well with you, and that you may live long on the good land, which the Lord your God gives to you.

13 You shall not commit adultery.

14 You shall not steal.

15 You shall not kill.

16 You shall not bear false witness against your neighbour.

17 You shall not covet your neighbour's wife; you shall not covet your neighbour's house; nor his field, nor his servant, nor his maid, nor his ox, nor his ass, nor any of his cattle, nor whatever belongs to your neighbour.

18 And all the people perceived the thundering, and the flashes, and the voice of the trumpet, and the mountain smoking; and all the people feared and stood afar off,

19 and said to Moses, Speak you to us, and let not God speak to us, lest we die.

20 And Moses says to them, Be of good courage, for God is come to you to try you, that his fear may be among you, that you sin not.

21 And the people stood afar off, and Moses went into the darkness where God was.

22 And the Lord said to Moses, Thus shall you say to the house of Jacob, and you shall report it to the children of Israel, You have seen that I have spoken to you from heaven.

23 You shall not make to yourselves gods of silver, and gods of gold you shall not make to yourselves.

24 You shall make to me an altar of earth; and upon it you shall sacrifice your whole burnt-offerings, and your peace-offerings, and your sheep and your calves in every place, where I shall record my name; and I will come to you and bless you.

25 And if you will make to me an altar of stones, you shall not build them hewn stones; for you have lifted up your tool upon them, and they are defiled.

26 You shall not go up to my altar by steps, that you may not uncover your nakedness upon it.

Chapter 21

1 And these are the ordinances which you shall set before them.

2 If you buy a Hebrew servant, six years shall he serve you, and in the seventh year he shall go forth free for nothing.

3 If he should have come in alone, he shall also go forth alone; and if his wife should have gone in together with him, his wife also shall go out.

4 Moreover, if his master give him a wife, and she have born him sons or daughters, the wife and the children shall be his master's; and he shall go forth alone.

5 And if the servant should answer and say, I love my master and wife and children, I will not go away free;

6 his master shall bring him to the judgment-seat of God, and then shall he bring him to the door,—to the door-post, and his master shall bore his ear through with an awl, and he shall serve him for ever.

7 And if any one sell his daughter as a domestic, she shall not depart as the maid-servants depart.

8 If she be not pleasing to her master, after she has betrothed herself to him, he shall let her go free; but he is not at liberty to sell her to a foreign nation, because he has trifled with her.

9 And if he should have betrothed her to his son, he shall do to her according to the right of daughters.

10 And if he take another to himself, he shall not deprive her of necessaries and her apparel, and her companionship with him.

11 And if he will not do these three things to her, she shall go out free without money.

12 And if any man smite another and he die, let him be certainly put to death.

13 But as for him that did it not willingly, but God delivered him into his hands, I will give you a place whither the slayer may flee.

14 And if any one lie in wait for his neighbour to slay him by craft, and he go for refuge, you shall take him from my altar to put him to death.

15 Whoever smites his father or his mother, let him be certainly put to death.

16 He that reviles his father or his mother shall surely die.

17 Whosoever shall steal one of the children of Israel, and prevail over him and sell him, and he be found with him, let him certainly die.

18 And if two men revile each other and smite the one the other with a stone or his fist, and he die not, but be laid upon his bed;

19 if the man arise and walk abroad on his staff, he that smote him shall be clear; only he shall pay for his loss of time, and for his healing.

20 And if a man smite his man-servant or his maid-servant, with a rod, and the party die under his hands, he shall be surely punished.

21 But if the servant continue to live a day or two, let not the master be punished; for he is his money.

22 And if two men strive and smite a woman with child, and her child be born imperfectly formed, he shall be forced to pay a penalty: as the woman's husband may lay upon him, he shall pay with a valuation.

23 But if it be perfectly formed, he shall give life for life,

24 eye for eye, tooth for tooth, hand for hand, foot for foot,

25 burning for burning, wound for wound, stripe for stripe.

26 And if one smite the eye of his man-servant, or the eye of his maidservant, and put it out, he shall let them go free for their eye's sake.

27 And if he should smite out the tooth of his man-servant, or the tooth of his maid-servant, he shall send them away free for their tooth's sake.

28 And if a bull gore a man or woman and they die, the bull shall be stoned with stones, and his flesh shall not be eaten; but the owner of the bull shall be clear.

29 But if the bull should have been given to goring in former time, and men should have told his owner, and he

have not removed him, but he should have slain a man or woman, the bull shall be stoned, and his owner shall die also.

30 And if a ransom should be imposed on him, he shall pay for the ransom of his soul as much as they shall lay upon him.

31 And if the bull gore a son or daughter, let them do to him according to this ordinance.

32 And if the bull gore a man-servant or maid-servant, he shall pay to their master thirty silver didrachms, and the bull shall be stoned.

33 And if any one open a pit or dig a cavity in stone, and cover it not, and an ox or an ass fall in there,

34 the owner of the pit shall make compensation; he shall give money to their owner, and the dead shall be his own.

35 And if any man's bull gore the bull of his neighbour, and it die, they shall sell the living bull and divide the money, and they shall divide the dead bull.

36 But if the bull be known to have been given to goring in time past, and they have testified to his owner, and he have not removed him, he shall repay bull for bull, but the dead shall be his own.

37 And if one steal an ox or a sheep, and kill it or sell it, he shall pay five calves for a calf, and four sheep for a sheep.

Chapter 22

1 And if the thief be found in the breach made by himself and be smitten and die, there shall not be blood shed for him.

2 But if the sun be risen upon him, he is guilty, he shall die instead; and if a thief have nothing, let him be sold in compensation for what he has stolen.

3 And if the thing stolen be left and be in his hand alive, whether ox or sheep, he shall restore them two-fold.

4 And if any one should feed down a field or a vineyard, and should send in his beast to feed down another field, he shall make compensation of his own field according to his produce; and if he shall have fed down the whole field, he shall pay for compensation the best of his own field and the best of his vineyard.

5 And if fire have gone forth and caught thorns, and should also set on fire threshing-floors or ears of corn or a field, he that kindled the fire shall make compensation.

6 And if any one give to his neighbour money or goods to keep, and they be stolen out of the man's house, if the thief be found, he shall repay double.

7 But if the thief be not found, the master of the house shall come forward before God, and shall swear that surely he has not wrought wickedly in regard of any part of his neighbour's deposit,

8 according to every injury alleged, both concerning a calf, and an ass, and a sheep, and a garment, and every alleged loss, whatsoever in fact it may be,—the judgment of both shall proceed before God, and he that is convicted by God shall repay to his neighbour double.

9 And if any one give to his neighbour to keep a calf or sheep or any beast, and it be wounded or die or be taken, and no one know,

10 an oath of God shall be between both, each swearing that he has surely not at all been guilty in the matter of his neighbour's deposit; and so his master shall hold him guiltless, and he shall not make compensation.

11 And if it be stolen from him, he shall make compensation to the owner.

12 And if it be seized of beasts, he shall bring him to witness the prey, and he shall not make compensation.

13 And if any one borrow ought of his neighbour, and it be wounded or die or be carried away, and the owner of it be not with it, he shall make compensation.

14 But if the owner be with it, he shall not make compensation: but if it be a hired thing, there shall be a compensation to him instead of his hire.

15 And if any one deceive a virgin that is not betrothed, and lie with her, he shall surely endow her for a wife to himself.

16 And if her father positively refuse, and will not consent to give her to him for a wife, he shall pay compensation to her father according to the amount of the dowry of virgins.

17 You shall not save the lives of sorcerers.

18 Every one that lies with a beast you shall surely put to death.

19 He that sacrifices to any gods but to the Lord alone, shall be destroyed by death.

20 And you shall not hurt a stranger, nor afflict him; for you were strangers in the land of Egypt.

21 You shall hurt no widow or orphan.

22 And if you should afflict them by ill-treatment, and they should cry aloud to me, I will surely hear their voice.

23 And I will be very angry, and will slay you with the sword, and your wives shall be widows and your children orphans.

24 And if you should lend money to your poor brother who is by you, you shall not be hard upon him, you shall not exact usury of him.

25 And if you take your neighbour's garment for a pledge, you shall restore it to him before sunset.

26 For this is his clothing, this is the only covering of his nakedness; wherein shall he sleep? If then he shall cry to me, I will hearken to him, for I am merciful.

27 You shall not revile the gods, nor speak ill of the ruler of your people.

28 You shall not keep back the first-fruits of your threshing floor and press. The first-born of your sons you shall give to me.

29 So shall you do with your calf and your sheep and your ass; seven days shall it be under the mother, and the eighth day you shall give it to me.

30 And you shall be holy men to me; and you shall not eat flesh taken of beasts, you shall cast it to the dog.

Chapter 23

1 You shall not receive a vain report: you shall not agree with the unjust man to become an unjust witness.

2 You shall not associate with the multitude for evil; you shall not join yourself with a multitude to turn aside with the majority so as to shut out judgment.

3 And you shall not spare a poor man in judgment.

4 And if you meet your enemy's ox or his ass going astray, you shall turn them back and restore them to him.

5 And if you see your enemy's ass fallen under its burden, you shall not pass by it, but shall help to raise it with him.

6 You shall not wrest the sentence of the poor in his judgment.

7 You shall abstain from every unjust thing: you shall not slay the innocent and just, and you shall not justify the wicked for gifts.

8 And you shall not receive gifts; for gifts blind the eyes of the seeing, and corrupt just words.

9 And you shall not afflict a stranger, for you know the heart of a stranger; for you were yourselves strangers in the land of Egypt.

10 Six years you shall sow your land, and gather in the fruits of it.

11 But in the seventh year you shall let it rest, and leave it, and the poor of your nation shall feed; and the wild beasts of the field shall eat that which remains: thus shall you do to your vineyard and to your oliveyard.

12 Six days shall you do your works, and on the seventh day there shall be rest, that your ox and your ass may rest, and that the son of your maidservant and the stranger may be refreshed.

13 Observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you; and you shall make no mention of the name of other gods, neither shall they be heard out of your mouth.

14 Keep you a feast to me three times in the year.

15 Take heed to keep the feast of unleavened bread: seven days you shall eat unleavened bread, as I charged you at the season of the month of new corn, for in it you came out of Egypt: you shall not appear before me empty.

16 And you shall keep the feast of the harvest of first-fruits of your labours, whatsoever you shall have sown in your field, and the feast of completion at the end of the year in the gathering in of your fruits out of your field.

17 Three times in the year shall all your males appear before the Lord your God.

18 For when I shall have cast out the nations from before you, and shall have widened your borders, you shall not offer the blood of my sacrifice with leaven, neither must the fat of my feast abide till the morning.

19 You shall bring the first-offerings of the first-fruits of your land into the house of the Lord your God. You shall not seethe a lamb in its mother's milk.

20 And, behold, I send my angel before your face, that he may keep you in the way, that he may bring you into the land which I have prepared for you.

21 Take heed to yourself and hearken to him, and disobey him not; for he will not give way to you, for my name is on him.

22 If you will indeed hear my voice, and if you will do all the things I shall charge you with, and keep my covenant, you shall be to me a peculiar people above all nations, for the whole earth is mine; and you shall be to me a royal priesthood, and a holy nation: these words shall you speak to the children of Israel, If you shall indeed hear my voice, and do all the things I shall tell you, I will be an enemy to your enemies, and an adversary to your adversaries.

23 For my angel shall go as your leader, and shall bring you to the Amorite, and Chettite, and Pherezite, and Chananite, and Gergesite, and Evite, and Jebusite, and I will destroy them.

24 You shall not worship their gods, nor serve them: you shall not do according to their works, but shall utterly destroy them, and break to pieces their pillars.

25 And you shall serve the Lord your God, and I will bless your bread and your wine and your water, and I will turn away sickness from you.

26 There shall not be on your land one that is impotent or barren. I will surely fulfil the number of your days.

27 And I will send terror before you, and I will strike with amazement all the nations to which you shall come, and I will make all your enemies to flee.

28 And I will send hornets before you, and you shall cast out the Amorites and the Evites, and the Chananites and the Chettites from you.

29 I will not cast them out in one year, lest the land become desolate, and the beasts of the field multiply against you.

30 By little and little I will cast them out from before you, until you shall be increased and inherit the earth.

31 And I will set your borders from the Red Sea, to the sea of the Phylistines, and from the wilderness to the great river Euphrates; and I will give into your hand those that dwell in the land, and will cast them out from you.

32 You shall make no covenant with them and their gods.

33 And they shall not dwell in your land, lest they cause you to sin against me; for if you should serve their gods, these will be an offence to you.

Chapter 24

1 And to Moses he said, Go up to the Lord, you and Aaron and Nadab and Abiud, and seventy of the elders of Israel: and they shall worship the Lord from a distance.

2 And Moses alone shall draw nigh to God; and they shall not draw nigh, and the people shall not come up with them.

3 And Moses went in and related to the people all the words of God and the ordinances; and all the people answered with one voice, saying, All the words which the Lord has spoken, we will do and be obedient.

4 And Moses wrote all the words of the Lord; and Moses rose up early in the morning, and built an altar under the mountain, and set up twelve stones for the twelve tribes of Israel.

5 And he sent forth the young men of the children of Israel, and they offered whole burnt-offerings, and they sacrificed young calves as a peace-offering to God.

6 And Moses took half the blood and poured it into bowls, and half the blood he poured out upon the altar.

7 And he took the book of the covenant and read it in the ears of the people, and they said, All things whatsoever the Lord has spoken we will do and hearken therein.

8 And Moses took the blood and sprinkled it upon the people, and said, Behold the blood of the covenant, which the Lord has made with you concerning all these words.

9 And Moses went up, and Aaron, and Nadab and Abiud, and seventy of the elders of Israel.

10 And they saw the place where the God of Israel stood; and under his feet was as it were a work of sapphire slabs, and as it were the appearance of the firmament of heaven in its purity.

11 And of the chosen ones of Israel there was not even one missing, and they appeared in the place of God, and did eat and drink.

12 And the Lord said to Moses, Come up to me into the mountain, and be there; and I will give you the tables of stone, the law and the commandments, which I have written to give them laws.

13 And Moses rose up and Joshua his attendant, and they went up into the mount of God.

14 And to the elders they said, Rest there till we return to you; and behold, Aaron and Or are with you: if any man have a cause to be tried, let them go to them.

15 And Moses and Joshua went up to the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain.

16 And the glory of God came down upon the mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it six days; and the Lord called Moses on the seventh day out of the midst of the cloud.

17 And the appearance of the glory of the Lord was as burning fire on the top of the mountain, before the children of Israel.

18 And Moses went into the midst of the cloud, and went up to the mountain, and was there in the mountain forty days and forty nights.

Chapter 25

1 And the Lord spoke to Moses, saying,

2 Speak to the children of Israel, and take first-fruits of all, who may be disposed in their heart to give; and you shall take my first-fruits.

3 And this is the offering which you shall take of them; gold and silver and brass,

4 and blue, and purple, and double scarlet, and fine spun linen, and goats' hair,

5 and rams' skins dyed red, and blue skins, and incorruptible wood,

5a and oil for the light, incense for anointing oil, and for the composition of incense,

7 and sardius stones, and stones for the carved work of the breast-plate, and the full-length robe.

8 And you shall make me a sanctuary, and I will appear among you.

9 And you shall make for me according to all things which I shew you in the mountain; even the pattern of the tabernacle, and the pattern of all its furniture: so shall you make it.

10 And you shall make the ark of testimony of incorruptible wood; the length of two cubits and a half, and the breadth of a cubit and a half, and the height of a cubit and a half.

11 And you shall gild it with pure gold, you shall gild it within and without; and you shall make for it golden wreaths twisted round about.

12 And you shall cast for it four golden rings, and shall put them on the four sides; two rings on the one side, and two rings on the other side.

13 And you shall make staves of incorruptible wood, and shall gild them with gold.

14 And you shall put the staves into the rings on the sides of the ark, to bear the ark with them.

15 The staves shall remain fixed in the rings of the ark.

16 And you shall put into the ark the testimonies which I shall give you.

17 And you shall make a propitiatory, a lid of pure gold; the length of two cubits and a half, and the breadth of a cubit and a half.

18 And you shall make two cherubs graven in gold, and you shall put them on both sides of the propitiatory.

19 They shall be made, one cherub on this side, and another cherub on the other side of the propitiatory; and you shall make the two cherubs on the two sides.

20 The cherubs shall stretch forth their wings above, overshadowing the propitiatory with their wings; and their faces shall be toward each other, the faces of the cherubs shall be toward the propitiatory.

21 And you shall set the propitiatory on the ark above, and you shall put into the ark the testimonies which I shall give you.

22 And I will make myself known to you from thence, and I will speak to you above the propitiatory between the two cherubs, which are upon the ark of testimony, even in all things which I shall charge you concerning the children of Israel.

23 And you shall make a golden table of pure gold, in length two cubits, and in breadth a cubit, and in height a cubit and a half.

24 And you shall make for it golden wreaths twisted round about, and you shall make for it a crown of an hand-breadth round about.

25 And you shall make a twisted wreath for the crown round about.

26 And you shall make four golden rings; and you shall put the four rings upon the four parts of its feet under the crown.

27 And the rings shall be for bearings for the staves, that they may bear the table with them.

28 And you shall make the staves of incorruptible wood, and you shall gild them with pure gold; and the table shall be borne with them.

29 And you shall make its dishes and its censers, and its bowls, and its cups, with which you shall offer drink-offerings: of pure gold shall you make them.

30 And you shall set upon the table shewbread before me continually.

31 And you shall make a candlestick of pure gold; you shall make the candlestick of graven work: its stem and its branches, and its bowls and its knops and its lilies shall be of one piece.

32 And six branches proceeding sideways, three branches of the candlestick from one side of it, and three branches of the candlestick from the other side.

33 And three bowls fashioned like almonds, on each branch a knop and a lily; so to the six branches proceeding from the candlestick,

34 and in the candlestick four bowls fashioned like almonds, in each branch knops and the flowers of the same.

35 A knop under two branches out of it, and a knop under four branches out of it; so to the six branches proceeding from the candlestick; and in the candlestick four bowls fashioned like almonds.

36 Let the knops and the branches be of one piece, altogether graven of one piece of pure gold.

37 And you shall make its seven lamps: and you shall set on it the lamps, and they shall shine from one front.

38 And you shall make its funnel and its snuff-dishes of pure gold.

39 All these articles shall be a talent of pure gold.

40 See, you shall make them according to the pattern shewed you in the mount.

Chapter 26

1 And you shall make the tabernacle, ten curtains of fine linen spun, and blue and purple, and scarlet spun with cherubs; you shall make them with work of a weaver.

2 The length of one curtain shall be eight and twenty cubits, and one curtain shall be the breadth of four cubits: there shall be the same measure to all the curtains.

3 And the five curtains shall be joined one to another, and the other five curtains shall be closely connected the one with the other.

4 And you shall make for them loops of blue on the edge of one curtain, on one side for the coupling, and so shall you make on the edge of the outer curtain for the second coupling.

5 Fifty loops shall you make for one curtain, and fifty loops shall you make on the part of the curtain answering to the coupling of the second, opposite each other, corresponding to each other at each point.

6 And you shall make fifty golden rings; and you shall join the curtains to each other with the rings, and it shall be one tabernacle.

7 And you shall make for a covering of the tabernacle skins with the hair on, you shall make them eleven skins.

8 The length of one skin thirty cubits, and the breadth of one skin four cubits: there shall be the same measure to the eleven skins.

9 And you shall join the five skins together, and the six skins together; and you shall double the sixth skin in front of the tabernacle.

10 And you shall make fifty loops on the border of one skin, which is in the midst for the joinings; and you shall make fifty loops on the edge of the second skin that joins it.

11 And you shall make fifty brazen rings; and you shall join the rings by the loops, and you shall join the skins, and they shall be one.

12 And you shall fix at the end that which is over in the skins of the tabernacle; the half of the skin that is left shall you fold over, according to the overplus of the skins of the tabernacle; you shall fold it over behind the tabernacle.

13 A cubit on this side, and a cubit on that side of that which remains of the skins, of the length of the skins of the tabernacle: it shall be folding over the sides of the tabernacle on this side and that side, that it may cover it.

14 And you shall make for a covering of the tabernacle rams' skins dyed red, and blue skins as coverings above.

15 And you shall make the posts of the tabernacle of incorruptible wood.

16 Of ten cubits shall you make one post, and the breadth of one post of a cubit and a half.

17 Two joints shall you make in one post, answering the one to the other: so shall you do to all the posts of the tabernacle.

18 And you shall make posts to the tabernacle, twenty posts on the north side.

19 And you shall make to the twenty posts forty silver sockets; two sockets to one post on both its sides, and two sockets to the other post on both its sides.

20 And for the next side, toward the south, twenty posts,

21 and their forty silver sockets: two sockets to one post on both its sides, and two sockets to the other post on both its sides.

22 And on the back of the tabernacle at the part which is toward the west you shall make six posts.

23 And you shall make two posts on the corners of the tabernacle behind.

24 And it shall be equal below, they shall be equal toward the same part from the heads to one joining; so shall you make to both the two corners, let them be equal.

25 And there shall be eight posts, and their sixteen silver sockets; two sockets to one post on both its sides, and two sockets to the other post.

26 And you shall make bars of incorruptible wood; five to one post on one side of the tabernacle,

27 and five bars to one post on the second side of the tabernacle, and five bars to the hinder posts, on the side of the tabernacle toward the sea.

28 And let the bar in the middle between the posts go through from the one side to the other side.

29 And you shall gild the posts with gold; and you shall make golden rings, into which you shall introduce the bars, and you shall gild the bars with gold.

30 And you shall set up the tabernacle according to the pattern shewed you in the mount.

31 And you shall make a veil of blue and purple and scarlet woven, and fine linen spun: you shall make it cherubs in woven work.

32 And you shall set it upon four posts of incorruptible wood overlaid with gold; and their tops shall be gold, and their four sockets shall be of silver.

33 And you shall put the veil on the posts, and you shall carry in thither within the veil the ark of the testimony; and the veil shall make a separation for you between the holy and the holy of holies.

34 And you shall screen with the veil the ark of the testimony in the holy of holies.

35 And you shall set the table outside the veil, and the candlestick opposite the table on the south side of the tabernacle; and you shall put the table on the north side of the tabernacle.

36 And you shall make a screen for the door of the tabernacle of blue, and purple, and spun scarlet and fine linen spun, the work of the embroiderer.

37 And you shall make for the veil five posts, and you shall gild them with gold; and their chapiters shall be gold; and you shall cast for them five brazen sockets.

Chapter 27

1 And you shall make an altar of incorruptible wood, of five cubits in the length, and five cubits in the breadth; the altar shall be square, and the height of it shall be of three cubits.

2 And you shall make the horns on the four corners; the horns shall be of the same piece, and you shall overlay them with brass.

3 And you shall make a rim for the altar; and its covering and its cups, and its flesh-hooks, and its fire-pan, and all its vessels shall you make of brass.

4 And you shall make for it a brazen grate with net-work; and you shall make for the grate four brazen rings under the four sides.

5 And you shall put them below under the grate of the altar, and the grate shall extend to the middle of the altar.

6 And you shall make for the altar staves of incorruptible wood, and you shall overlay them with brass.

7 And you shall put the staves into the rings; and let the staves be on the sides of the altar to carry it.

8 You shall make it hollow with boards: according to what was shewed you in the mount, so you shall make it.

9 And you shall make a court for the tabernacle, curtains of the court of fine linen spun on the south side, the length of a hundred cubits for one side.

10 And their pillars twenty, and twenty brazen sockets for them, and their rings and their clasps of silver.

11 Thus shall there be to the side toward the north curtains of a hundred cubits in length; and their pillars twenty, and their sockets twenty of brass, and the rings and the clasps of the pillars, and their sockets overlaid with silver.

12 And in the breadth of the tabernacle toward the west curtains of fifty cubits, their pillars ten and their sockets ten.

13 And in the breadth of the tabernacle toward the south, curtains of fifty cubits; their pillars ten, and their sockets ten.

14 And the height of the curtains shall be of fifteen cubits for the one side of the gate; their pillars three, and their sockets three.

15 And for the second side the height of the curtains shall be of fifteen cubits; their pillars three, and their sockets three.

16 And a veil for the door of the court, the height of it of twenty cubits of blue linen, and of purple, and spun scarlet, and of fine linen spun with the art of the embroiderer; their pillars four, and their sockets four.

17 All the pillars of the court round about overlaid with silver, and their chapiters silver and their brass sockets.

18 And the length of the court shall be a hundred cubits on each side, and the breadth fifty on each side, and the height five cubits of fine linen spun, and their sockets of brass.

19 And all the furniture and all the instruments and the pins of the court shall be of brass.

20 And do you charge the children of Israel, and let them take for you refined pure olive-oil beaten to burn for light, that a lamp may burn continually

21 in the tabernacle of the testimony, without the veil that is before the ark of the covenant, shall Aaron and his sons burn it from evening until morning, before the Lord: it is a perpetual ordinance throughout your generations of the children of Israel.

Chapter 28

1 And do you take to yourself both Aaron your brother, and his sons, even them of the children of Israel; so that Aaron, and Nadab and Abiud, and Eleazar and Ithamar, sons of Aaron, may minister to me.

2 And you shall make holy apparel for Aaron your brother, for honour and glory.

3 And speak you to all those who are wise in understanding, whom I have filled with the spirit of wisdom and perception; and they shall make the holy apparel of Aaron for the sanctuary, in which apparel he shall minister to me as priest.

4 And these are the garments which they shall make: the breast-plate, and the shoulder-piece, and the full-length robe, and the tunic with a fringe, and the tire, and the girdle; and they shall make holy garments for Aaron and his sons to minister to me as priests.

5 And they shall take the gold, and the blue, and the purple, and the scarlet, and the fine linen.

6 And they shall make the shoulder-piece of fine linen spun, the woven work of the embroiderer.

7 It shall have two shoulder-pieces joined together, fastened on the two sides.

8 And the woven work of the shoulder-pieces which is upon it, shall be of one piece according to the work, of pure gold and blue and purple, and spun scarlet and fine twined linen.

9 And you shall take the two stones, the stones of emerald, and you shall grave on them the names of the children of Israel.

10 Six names on the first stone, and the other six names on the second stone, according to their births.

11 It shall be the work of the stone-engraver's art; as the graving of a seal you shall engrave the two stones with the names of the children of Israel.

12 And you shall put the two stones on the shoulders of the shoulder-piece: they are memorial-stones for the children of Israel: and Aaron shall bear the names of the children of Israel before the Lord on his two shoulders, a memorial for them.

13 And you shall make circlets of pure gold;

14 and you shall make two fringes of pure gold, variegated with flowers, wreathen work; and you shall put the wreathen fringes on the circlets, fastening them on their shoulder-pieces in front.

15 And you shall make the oracle of judgment, the work of the embroiderer: in keeping with the ephod, you shall make it of gold, and blue and purple, and spun scarlet, and fine linen spun.

16 You shall make it square: it shall be double; of a span the length of it, and of a span the breadth.

17 And you shall interweave with it a texture of four rows of stone; there shall be a row of stones, a sardius, a topaz, an emerald, the first row.

18 And the second row, a carbuncle, a sapphire, and a jasper.

19 And the third row, a ligure, an agate, an amethyst:

20 and the fourth row, a chrysolite, and a beryl, and an onyx stone, set round with gold, bound together with gold: let them be according to their row.

21 And let the stones of the names of the children of Israel be twelve according to their names, engravings as of seals: let them be for the twelve tribes each according to the name.

22 And you shall make on the oracle woven fringes, a chain-work of pure gold.

29 And Aaron shall take the names of the children of Israel, on the oracle of judgment on his breast; a memorial before God for him as he goes into the sanctuary.

29a And you shall put the fringes on the oracle of judgment; you shall put the wreaths on both sides of the oracle,

30 and you shall put the two circlets on both the shoulders of the ephod in front. And you shall put the Manifestation and the Truth on the oracle of judgment; and it shall be on the breast of Aaron, when he goes into the holy place before the Lord; and Aaron shall bear the judgments of the children of Israel on his breast before the Lord continually.

31 And you shall make the full-length tunic all of blue.

32 And the opening of it shall be in the middle having a fringe round about the opening, the work of the weaver, woven together in the joining of the same piece that it might not be rent.

33 And under the fringe of the robe below you shall make as it were pomegranates of a flowering pomegranate tree, of blue, and purple, and spun scarlet, and fine linen spun, under the fringe of the robe round about: golden pomegranates of the same shape, and bells round about between these.

34 A bell by the side of a golden pomegranate, and flower-work on the fringe of the robe round about.

35 And the sound of Aaron shall be audible when he ministers, as he goes into the sanctuary before the Lord, and as he goes out, that he die not.

36 And you shall make a plate of pure gold, and you shall grave on it as the graving of a signet, Holiness of the Lord.

37 And you shall put it on the spun blue cloth, and it shall be on the mitre: it shall be in the front of the mitre.

38 And it shall be on the forehead of Aaron; and Aaron shall bear away the sins of their holy things, all that the children of Israel shall sanctify of every gift of their holy things, and it shall be on the forehead of Aaron continually acceptable for them before the Lord.

39 And the fringes of the garments shall be of fine linen; and you shall make a tire of fine linen, and you shall make a girdle, the work of the embroiderer.

40 And for the sons of Aaron you shall make tunics and girdles, and you shall make for them tires for honour and glory.

41 And you shall put them on Aaron your brother, and his sons with him, and you shall anoint them and fill their hands: and you shall sanctify them, that they may minister to me in the priest's office.

42 And you shall make for them linen drawers to cover the nakedness of their flesh; they shall reach from the loins to the thighs.

43 And Aaron shall have them, and his sons, whenever they enter into the tabernacle of witness, or when they shall advance to the altar of the sanctuary to minister, so they shall not bring sin upon themselves, lest they die: it is a perpetual statute for him, and for his seed after him.

Chapter 29

1 And these are the things which you shall do to them: you shall sanctify them, so that they shall serve me in the priesthood; and you shall take one young calf from the herd, and two unblemished rams;

2 and unleavened loaves kneaded with oil, and unleavened cakes anointed with oil: you shall make them of fine flour of wheat.

3 And you shall put them on one basket, and you shall offer them on the basket, and the young calf and the two rams.

4 And you shall bring Aaron and his sons to the doors of the tabernacle of testimony, and you shall wash them with water.

5 And having taken the garments, you shall put on Aaron your brother both the full-length robe and the ephod and the oracle; and you shall join for him the oracle to the ephod.

6 And you shall put the mitre on his head; and you shall put the plate, even the Holiness, on the mitre.

7 And you shall take of the anointing oil, and you shall pour it on his head, and shall anoint him,

8 and you shall bring his sons, and put garments on them.

9 And you shall gird them with the girdles, and put the tires upon them, and they shall have a priestly office to me for ever; and you shall fill the hands of Aaron and the hands of his sons.

10 And you shall bring the calf to the door of the tabernacle of witness; and Aaron and his sons shall lay their hands on the head of the calf, before the Lord, by the doors of the tabernacle of witness.

11 And you shall slay the calf before the Lord, by the doors of the tabernacle of witness.

12 And you shall take of the blood of the calf, and put it on the horns of the altar with your finger, but all the rest of the blood you shall pour out at the foot of the altar.

13 And you shall take all the fat that is on the belly, and the lobe of the liver, and the two kidneys, and the fat that is upon them, and shall put them upon the altar.

14 But the flesh of the calf, and his skin, and his dung, shall you burn with fire without the camp; for it is an offering on account of sin.

15 And you shall take one ram, and Aaron and his sons shall lay their hands on the head of the ram.

16 And you shall kill it, and take the blood and pour it on the altar round about.

17 And you shall divide the ram by his several limbs, and you shall wash the inward parts and the feet with water, and you shall put them on the divided parts with the head.

18 And you shall offer the whole ram on the altar, a whole burnt-offering to the Lord for a sweet-smelling savour: it is an offering of incense to the Lord.

19 And you shall take the second ram, and Aaron and his sons shall lay their hands on the head of the ram.

20 And you shall kill it, and take of the blood of it, and put it on the tip of Aaron's right ear, and on the thumb of his right hand, and on the great toe of his right foot, and on the tips of the right ears of his sons, and on the thumbs of their right hands, and on the great toes of their right feet.

21 And you shall take of the blood from the altar, and of the anointing oil; and you shall sprinkle it upon Aaron and on his garments, and on his sons and on his sons' garments with him; and he shall be sanctified and his apparel, and his sons and his sons' apparel with him: but the blood of the ram you shall pour round about upon the altar.

22 And you shall take from the ram its fat, both the fat that covers the belly, and the lobe of the liver, and the two kidneys, and the fat that is upon them, and the right shoulder, for this is a consecration.

23 And one cake made with oil, and one cake from the basket of unleavened bread set forth before the Lord.

24 And you shall put them all on the hands of Aaron, and on the hands of his sons, and you shall separate them as a separate offering before the Lord.

25 And you shall take them from their hands, and shall offer them up on the altar of whole burnt-offering for a sweet-smelling savour before the Lord: it is an offering to the Lord.

26 And you shall take the breast from the ram of consecration which is Aaron's, and you shall separate it as a separate offering before the Lord, and it shall be to you for a portion.

27 And you shall sanctify the separated breast and the shoulder of removal which has been separated, and which has been removed from the ram of consecration, of the portion of Aaron and of that of his sons.

28 And it shall be a perpetual statute of the children of Israel to Aaron and his sons, for this is a separate offering; and it shall be a special offering from the children of Israel, from the peace-offerings of the children of Israel, a special offering to the Lord.

29 And the apparel of the sanctuary which is Aaron's shall be his sons' after him, for them to be anointed in them, and to fill their hands.

30 The priest his successor from among his sons who shall go into the tabernacle of witness to minister in the holies, shall put them on seven days.

31 And you shall take the ram of consecration, and you shall boil the flesh in the holy place.

32 And Aaron and his sons shall eat the flesh of the ram, and the loaves in the basket, by the doors of the tabernacle of witness.

33 They shall eat the offerings with which they were sanctified to fill their hands, to sanctify them; and a stranger shall not eat of them, for they are holy.

34 And if aught be left of the flesh of the sacrifice of consecration and of the loaves until the morning, you shall burn the remainder with fire: it shall not be eaten, for it is a holy thing.

35 And thus shall you do for Aaron and for his sons according to all things that I have commanded you; seven days shall you fill their hands.

36 And you shall sacrifice the calf of the sin-offering on the day of purification, and you shall purify the altar when you do perform consecration upon it, and you shall anoint it so as to sanctify it.

37 Seven days shall you purify the altar and sanctify it; and the altar shall be most holy, every one that touches the altar shall be hallowed.

38 And these are the offerings which you shall offer upon the altar; two unblemished lambs of a year old daily on the altar continually, a constant offering.

39 One lamb you shall offer in the morning, and the second lamb you shall offer in the evening.

40 And a tenth measure of fine flour mingled with the fourth part of an hin of beaten oil, and a drink-offering the fourth part of a hin of wine for one lamb.

41 And you shall offer the second lamb in the evening, after the manner of the morning-offering, and according to the drink-offering of the morning lamb; you shall offer it an offering to the Lord for a sweet-smelling savour,

42 a perpetual sacrifice throughout your generations, at the door of the tabernacle of witness before the Lord; wherein I will be known to you from thence, so as to speak to you.

43 And I will there give orders to the children of Israel, and I will be sanctified in my glory.

44 And I will sanctify the tabernacle of testimony and the altar, and I will sanctify Aaron and his sons, to minister as priests to me.

45 And I will be called upon among the children of Israel, and will be their God.

46 And they shall know that I am the Lord their God, who brought them forth out of the land of Egypt, to be called upon by them, and to be their God.

Chapter 30

1 And you shall make the altar of incense of incorruptible wood.

2 And you shall make it a cubit in length, and a cubit in breadth: it shall be square; and the height of it shall be of two cubits, its horns shall be of the same piece.

3 And you shall gild its grate with pure gold, and its sides round about, and its horns; and you shall make for it a wreathen border of gold roundabout.

4 And you shall make under its wreathen border two rings of pure gold; you shall make it to the two corners on the two sides, and they shall be bearings for the staves, so as to bear it with them.

5 And you shall make the staves of incorruptible wood, and shall gild them with gold.

6 And you shall set it before the veil that is over the ark of the testimonies, wherein I will make myself known to you from thence.

7 And Aaron shall burn upon it fine compound incense every morning; whensoever he trims the lamps he shall burn incense upon it.

8 And when Aaron lights the lamps in the evening, he shall burn incense upon it; a constant incense-offering always before the Lord for their generations.

9 And you shall not offer strange incense upon it, nor an offering made by fire, nor a sacrifice; and you shall not pour a drink-offering upon it.

10 And once in the year Aaron shall make atonement on its horns, he shall purge it with the blood of purification for their generations: it is most holy to the Lord.

11 And the Lord spoke to Moses, saying,

12 If you take account of the children of Israel in the surveying of them, and they shall give every one a ransom for his soul to the Lord, then there shall not be among them a destruction in the visiting of them.

13 And this is what they shall give, as many as pass the survey, half a didrachm which is according to the didrachm of the sanctuary: twenty oboli go to the didrachm, but the half of the didrachm is the offering to the Lord.

14 Every one that passes the survey from twenty years old and upwards shall give the offering to the Lord.

15 The rich shall not give more, and the poor shall not give less than the half didrachm in giving the offering to the Lord, to make atonement for your souls.

16 And you shall take the money of the offering from the children of Israel, and shall give it for the service of the tabernacle of testimony; and it shall be to the children of Israel a memorial before the Lord, to make atonement for your souls.

17 And the Lord spoke to Moses, saying,

18 Make a brazen laver, and a brazen base for it, for washing; and you shall put it between the tabernacle of witness and the altar, and you shall pour forth water into it.

19 And Aaron and his sons shall wash their hands and their feet with water from it.

20 Whensoever they shall go into the tabernacle of witness, they shall wash themselves with water, so they shall not die, whensoever they advance to the altar to do service and to offer the whole burnt-offerings to the Lord.

21 They shall wash their hands and feet with water, whensoever they shall go into the tabernacle of witness; they shall wash themselves with water, that they die not; and it shall be for them a perpetual statute, for him and his posterity after him.

22 And the Lord spoke to Moses, saying,

23 Do you also take sweet herbs, the flower of choice myrrh five hundred shekels, and the half of this two hundred and fifty shekels of sweet-smelling cinnamon, and two hundred and fifty shekels of sweet-smelling calamus,

24 and of cassia five hundred shekels of the sanctuary, and a hin of olive oil.

25 And you shall make it a holy anointing oil, a perfumed ointment tempered by the art of the perfumer: it shall be a holy anointing oil.

26 And you shall anoint with it the tabernacle of witness, and the ark of the tabernacle of witness,

27 and all its furniture, and the candlestick and all its furniture, and the altar of incense,

28 and the altar of whole burnt-offerings and all its furniture, and the table and all its furniture, and the laver.

29 And you shall sanctify them, and they shall be most holy: every one that touches them shall be hallowed.

30 And you shall anoint Aaron and his sons, and sanctify them that they may minister to me as priests.

31 And you shall speak to the children of Israel, saying, This shall be to you a holy anointing oil throughout your generations.

32 On man's flesh it shall not be poured, and you shall not make any for yourselves according to this composition: it is holy, and shall be holiness to you.

33 Whosoever shall make it in like manner, and whosoever shall give of it to a stranger, shall be destroyed from among his people.

34 And the Lord said to Moses, Take for yourself sweet herbs, stacte, onycha, sweet galbanum, and transparent frankincense; there shall be an equal weight of each.

35 And they shall make with it perfumed incense, tempered with the art of a perfumer, a pure holy work.

36 And of these you shall beat some small, and you shall put it before the testimonies in the tabernacle of testimony, whence I will make myself known to you: it shall be to you a most holy incense.

37 You shall not make any for yourselves according to this composition; it shall be to you a holy thing for the Lord.

38 Whosoever shall make any in like manner, so as to smell it, shall perish from his people.

Chapter 31

1 And the Lord spoke to Moses, saying,

2 Behold, I have called by name Beseleel the son of Urias the son of Or, of the tribe of Judah.

3 And I have filled him with a divine spirit of wisdom, and understanding, and knowledge, to invent in every work,

4 and to frame works, to labour in gold, and silver, and brass, and blue, and purple, and spun scarlet,

5 and works in stone, and for artificers' work in wood, to work at all works.

6 And I have appointed him and Eliab the son of Achisamach of the tribe of Dan, and to every one understanding in heart I have given understanding; and they shall make all things as many as I have appointed you,—

7 the tabernacle of witness, and the ark of the covenant, and the propitiatory that is upon it, and the furniture of the tabernacle,

8 and the altars, and the table and all its furniture,

9 and the pure candlestick and all its furniture, and the laver and its base,

10 and Aaron's robes of ministry, and the robes of his sons to minister to me as priests,

11 and the anointing oil and the compound incense of the sanctuary; according to all that I have commanded you shall they make them.

12 And the Lord spoke to Moses, saying,

13 Do you also charge the children of Israel, saying, Take heed and keep my sabbaths; for they are a sign with me and among you throughout your generations, that you may know that I am the Lord that sanctifies you.

14 And you shall keep the sabbaths, because this is holy to the Lord for you; he that profanes it shall surely be put to death: every one who shall do a work on it, that soul shall be destroyed from the midst of his people.

15 Six days you shall do works, but the seventh day is the sabbath, a holy rest to the Lord; every one who shall do a work on the seventh day shall be put to death.

16 And the children of Israel shall keep the sabbaths, to observe them throughout their generations.

17 It is a perpetual covenant with me and the children of Israel, it is a perpetual sign with me; for in six days the Lord made the heaven and the earth, and on the seventh day he ceased, and rested.

18 And he gave to Moses when he left off speaking to him in mount Sinai the two tables of testimony, tables of stone written upon with the finger of God.

Chapter 32

1 And when the people saw that Moses delayed to come down from the mountain, the people combined against Aaron, and said to him, Arise and make us gods who shall go before us; for this Moses, the man who brought us forth out of the land of Egypt—we do not know what is become of him.

2 And Aaron says to them, Take off the golden ear-rings which are in the ears of your wives and daughters, and bring them to me.

3 And all the people took off the golden ear-rings that were in their ears, and brought them to Aaron.

4 And he received them at their hands, and formed them with a graving tool; and he made them a molten calf, and said, These are your gods, O Israel, which have brought you up out of the land of Egypt.

5 And Aaron having seen it built an altar before it, and Aaron made proclamation saying, To-morrow is a feast of the Lord.

6 And having risen early on the morrow, he offered whole burnt-offerings, and offered a peace-offering; and the people sat down to eat and drink, and rose up to play.

7 And the Lord spoke to Moses, saying, Go quickly, descend hence, for your people whom you brought out of the land of Egypt have transgressed;

8 they have quickly gone out of the way which you commandedst; they have made for themselves a calf, and worshipped it, and sacrificed to it, and said, These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt.

10 And now let me alone, and I will be very angry with them and consume them, and I will make you a great nation.

11 And Moses prayed before the Lord God, and said, Wherefore, O Lord, are you very angry with your people, whom you brought out of the land of Egypt with great strength, and with your high arm?

12 Take heed lest at any time the Egyptians speak, saying, With evil intent he brought them out to slay them in the mountains, and to consume them from off the earth; cease from your wrathful anger, and be merciful to the sin of your people,

13 remembering Abraam and Isaac and Jacob your servants, to whom you have sworn by yourself, and have spoken to them, saying, I will greatly multiply your seed as the stars of heaven for multitude, and all this land which you spoke of to give to them, so that they shall possess it for ever.

14 And the Lord was prevailed upon to preserve his people.

15 And Moses turned and went down from the mountain, and the two tables of testimony were in his hands, tables of stone written on both their sides: they were written within and without.

16 And the tables were the work of God, and the writing the writing of God written on the tables.

17 And Joshua having heard the voice of the people crying, says to Moses, There is a noise of war in the camp.

18 And Moses says, It is not the voice of them that begin the battle, nor the voice of them that begin the cry of defeat, but the voice of them that begin the banquet of wine do I hear.

19 And when he drew nigh to the camp, he sees the calf and the dances; and Moses being very angry cast the two tables out of his hands, and broke them to pieces under the mountain.

20 And having taken the calf which they made, he consumed it with fire, and ground it very small, and scattered it on the water, and made the children of Israel to drink it.

21 And Moses said to Aaron, What has this people done to you, that you have brought upon them a great sin?

22 And Aaron said to Moses, Be not angry, my lord, for you know the impetuosity of this people.

23 For they say to me, Make us gods, which shall go before us; for as for this man Moses, who brought us out of Egypt, we do not know what is become of him.

24 And I said to them, If any one has golden ornaments, take them off; and they gave them me, and I cast them into the fire, and there came out this calf.

25 And when Moses saw that the people was scattered,—for Aaron had scattered them so as to be a rejoicing to their enemies,—

26 then stood Moses at the gate of the camp, and said, Who is on the Lord's side? let him come to me. Then all the sons of Levi came to him.

27 And he says to them, Thus says the Lord God of Israel, Put every one his sword on his thigh, and go through and return from gate to gate through the camp, and slay every one his brother, and every one his neighbour, and every one him that is nearest to him.

28 And the sons of Levi did as Moses spoke to them, and there fell of the people in that day to the number of three thousand men.

29 And Moses said to them, You have filled your hands this day to the Lord each one on his son or on his brother, so that blessing should be given to you.

30 And it came to pass after the morrow had begun, that Moses said to the people, You have sinned a great sin; and now I will go up to God, that I may make atonement for your sin.

31 And Moses returned to the Lord and said, I pray, O Lord, this people has sinned a great sin, and they have made for themselves golden gods.

32 And now if you will forgive their sin, forgive it; and if not, blot me out of your book, which you have written.

33 And the Lord said to Moses, If any one has sinned against me, I will blot them out of my book.

34 And now go, descend, and lead this people into the place of which I spoke to you: behold, my angel shall go before your face; and in the day when I shall visit I will bring upon them their sin.

35 And the Lord smote the people for the making of the calf, which Aaron made.

Chapter 33

1 And the Lord said to Moses, Go forward, go up hence, you and your people, whom you brought out of the land of Egypt, into the land which I swore to Abraam, and Isaac, and Jacob, saying, I will give it to your seed.

2 And I will send at the same time my angel before your face, and he shall cast out the Amorite and the Chettite, and the Pherezite and Gergesite, and Evite, and Jebusite, and Chananite.

3 And I will bring you into a land flowing with milk and honey; for I will not go up with you, because you are a stiff-necked people, lest I consume you by the way.

4 And the people having heard this grievous saying, mourned in mourning apparel.

5 For the Lord said to the children of Israel, You are a stiff-necked people; take heed lest I bring on you another plague, and destroy you: now then put off your glorious apparel, and your ornaments, and I will shew you what I will do to you.

6 So the sons of Israel took off their ornaments and their array at the mount of Horeb.

7 And Moses took his tabernacle and pitched it without the camp, at a distance from the camp; and it was called the Tabernacle of Testimony: and it came to pass that every one that sought the Lord went forth to the tabernacle which was without the camp.

8 And whenever Moses went into the tabernacle without the camp, all the people stood every one watching by the doors of his tent; and when Moses departed, they took notice until he entered into the tabernacle.

9 And when Moses entered into the tabernacle, the pillar of the cloud descended, and stood at the door of the tabernacle, and God talked to Moses.

10 And all the people saw the pillar of the cloud standing by the door of the tabernacle, and all the people stood and worshipped every one at the door of his tent.

11 And the Lord spoke to Moses face to face, as if one should speak to his friend; and he retired into the camp: but his servant Joshua the son of Naue, a young man, departed not forth from the tabernacle.

12 And Moses said to the Lord, Lo! you say to me, Lead on this people; but you have not shewed me whom you will send with me, but you have said to me, I know you above all, and you have favour with me.

13 If then I have found favour in your sight, reveal yourself to me, that I may evidently see you; that I may find favour in your sight, and that I may know that this great nation is your people.

14 And he says, I myself will go before you, and give you rest.

15 And he says to him, If you go not up with us yourself, bring me not up hence.

16 And how shall it be surely known, that both I and this people have found favour with you, except only if you go with us? So both I and your people shall be glorified beyond all the nations, as many as are upon the earth.

17 And the Lord said to Moses, I will also do for you this thing, which you have spoken; for you have found grace before me, and I know you above all.

18 And Moses says, Manifest yourself to me.

19 And God said, I will pass by before you with my glory, and I will call by my name, the Lord, before you; and I will have mercy on whom I will have mercy, and will have pity on whom I will have pity.

20 And God said, You shall not be able to see my face; for no man shall see my face, and live.

21 And the Lord said, Behold, there is a place by me: you shall stand upon the rock;

22 and when my glory shall pass by, then I will put you into a hole of the rock; and I will cover you over with my hand, until I shall have passed by.

23 And I will remove my hand, and then shall you see my back parts; but my face shall not appear to you.

Chapter 34

1 And the Lord said to Moses, Hew for yourself two tables of stone, as also the first were, and come up to me to the mountain; and I will write upon the tables the words, which were on the first tables, which you broke.

2 And be ready by the morning, and you shall go up to the mount Sinai, and shall stand there for me on the top of the mountain.

3 And let no one go up with you, nor be seen in all the mountain; and let not the sheep and oxen feed near that mountain.

4 And Moses hewed two tables of stone, as also the first were; and Moses having arisen early, went up to the mount Sinai, as the Lord appointed him; and Moses took the two tables of stone.

5 And the Lord descended in a cloud, and stood near him there, and called by the name of the Lord.

6 And the Lord passed by before his face, and proclaimed, The Lord God, pitiful and merciful, longsuffering and very compassionate, and true,

7 and keeping justice and mercy for thousands, taking away iniquity, and unrighteousness, and sins; and he will not clear the guilty; bringing the iniquity of the fathers upon

the children, and to the children's children, to the third and fourth generation.

8 And Moses hasted, and bowed to the earth and worshipped;

9 and said, If I have found grace before you, let my Lord go with us; for the people is stiff-necked: and you shall take away our sins and our iniquities, and we will be yours.

10 And the Lord said to Moses, Behold, I establish a covenant for you in the presence of all your people; I will do glorious things, which have not been done in all the earth, or in any nation; and all the people among whom you are shall see the works of the Lord, that they are wonderful, which I will do for you.

11 Do you take heed to all things whatsoever I command you: behold, I cast out before your face the Amorite and the Chananite and the Pherezite, and the Chettite, and Evite, and Gergesite and Jebusite:

12 take heed to yourself, lest at any time you make a covenant with the dwellers on the land, into which you are entering, lest it be to you a stumbling-block among you.

13 You shall destroy their altars, and break in pieces their pillars, and you shall cut down their groves, and the graven images of their gods you shall burn with fire.

14 For you shall not worship strange gods, for the Lord God, a jealous name, is a jealous God;

15 lest at any time you make a covenant with the dwellers on the land, and they go a whoring after their gods, and sacrifice to their gods, and they call you, and you should eat of their feasts,

16 and you should take of their daughters to your sons, and you should give of your daughters to their sons; and your daughters should go a whoring after their gods, and your sons should go a whoring after their gods.

17 And you shall not make to yourself molten gods.

18 And you shall keep the feast of unleavened bread: seven days shall you eat unleavened bread, as I have charged you, at the season in the month of new corn; for in the month of new corn you came out from Egypt.

19 The males are mine, everything that opens the womb; every first-born of oxen, and every first-born of sheep.

20 And the first-born of an ass you shall redeem with a sheep, and if you will not redeem it you shall pay a price: every first-born of your sons shall you redeem: you shall not appear before me empty.

21 Six days you shall work, but on the seventh day you shall rest: there shall be rest in seed-time and harvest.

22 And you shall keep to me the feast of weeks, the beginning of wheat-harvest; and the feast of ingathering in the middle of the year.

23 Three times in the year shall every male of your appear before the Lord the God of Israel.

24 For when I shall have cast out the nations before your face, and shall have enlarged your coasts, no one shall desire your land, whenever you may go up to appear before the Lord your God, three times in the year.

25 You shall not offer the blood of my sacrifices with leaven, neither shall the sacrifices of the feast of the passover remain till the morning.

26 The first-fruits of your land shall you put into the house of the Lord your God: you shall not boil a lamb in his mother's milk.

27 And the Lord said to Moses, Write these words for yourself, for on these words I have established a covenant with you and with Israel.

28 And Moses was there before the Lord forty days, and forty nights; he did not eat bread, and he did not drink water; and he wrote upon the tables these words of the covenant, the ten sayings.

29 And when Moses went down from the mountain, there were the two tables in the hands of Moses,—as then he went down from the mountain, Moses knew not that the appearance of the skin of his face was glorified, when God spoke to him.

30 And Aaron and all the elders of Israel saw Moses, and the appearance of the skin of his face was made glorious, and they feared to approach him.

31 And Moses called them, and Aaron and all the rulers of the synagogue turned towards him, and Moses spoke to them.

32 And afterwards all the children of Israel came to him, and he commanded them all things, whatsoever the Lord had commanded him in the mount of Sinai.

33 And when he ceased speaking to them, he put a veil on his face.

34 And whenever Moses went in before the Lord to speak to him, he took off the veil till he went out, and he went forth and spoke to all the children of Israel whatsoever the Lord commanded him.

35 And the children of Israel saw the face of Moses, that it was glorified; and Moses put the veil over his face, till he went in to speak with him.

Chapter 35

1 And Moses gathered all the congregation of the children of Israel together, and said, These are the words which the Lord has spoken for you to do them.

2 Six days shall you perform works, but on the seventh day shall be rest—a holy sabbath—a rest for the Lord: every one that does work on it, let him die.

3 You shall not burn a fire in any of your dwellings on the sabbath-day; I am the Lord.

4 And Moses spoke to all the congregation of the children of Israel, saying, This is the thing which the Lord has appointed you, saying,

5 Take of yourselves an offering for the Lord: every one that engages in his heart shall bring the first-fruits to the Lord; gold, silver, brass,

6 blue, purple, double scarlet spun, and fine linen spun, and goats' hair,

7 and rams' skins dyed red, and skins dyed blue, and incorruptible wood,

9 and sardine stones, and stones for engraving for the shoulder-piece and full-length robe.

10 And every man that is wise in heart among you, let him come and work all things whatsoever the Lord has commanded.

11 The tabernacle, and the cords, and the coverings, and the rings, and the bars, and the posts,

12 and the ark of the testimony, and its staves, and its propitiatory, and the veil,

12a and the curtains of the court, and its posts, and the emerald stones, and the incense, and the anointing oil,

13 and the table and all its furniture,

14 and the candlestick for the light and all its furniture,

16 and the altar and all its furniture;

19 and the holy garments of Aaron the priest, and the garments in which they shall do service; and the garments of priesthood for the sons of Aaron and the anointing oil, and the compound incense.

20 And all the congregation of the children of Israel went out from Moses. And they brought, they whose heart prompted them, and they to whomsoever it seemed good in their mind, each an offering:

21 and they brought an offering to the Lord for all the works of the tabernacle of witness, and all its services, and for all the robes of the sanctuary.

22 And the men, even every one to whom it seemed good in his heart, brought from the women, even brought seals and ear-rings, and finger-rings, and necklaces, and bracelets, every article of gold.

23 And all as many as brought ornaments of gold to the Lord, and with whomsoever fine linen was found; and they brought skins dyed blue, and rams' skins dyed red.

24 And every one that offered an offering brought silver and brass, the offerings to the Lord; and they with whom was found incorruptible wood; and they brought offerings for all the works of the preparation.

25 And every woman skilled in her heart to spin with her hands, brought spun articles, the blue, and purple, and scarlet and fine linen.

26 And all the women to whom it seemed good in their heart in their wisdom, spun the goats' hair.

27 And the rulers brought the emerald stones, and the stones for setting in the ephod, and the oracle,

28 and the compounds both for the anointing oil, and the composition of the incense.

29 And every man and woman whose mind inclined them to come in and do all the works as many as the Lord appointed them to do by Moses—they the children of Israel brought an offering to the Lord.

30 And Moses said to the children of Israel, Behold, God has called by name Beseleel the son of Urias the son of Or, of the tribe of Judah,

31 and has filled him with a divine spirit of wisdom and understanding, and knowledge of all things,

32 to labour skilfully in all works of cunning workmanship, to form the gold and the silver and the brass,

33 and to work in stone, and to fashion the wood, and to work in every work of wisdom.

34 And God gave improvement in understanding both to him, and to Eliab the son of Achisamach of the tribe of Dan.

35 And God filled them with wisdom, understanding and perception, to understand to work all the works of the sanctuary, and to weave the woven and embroidered work with scarlet and fine linen, to do all work of curious workmanship and embroidery.

Chapter 36

1 And Beseleel wrought, and Eliab and every one wise in understanding, to whom was given wisdom and knowledge, to understand to do all the works according to the holy offices, according to all things which the Lord appointed.

2 And Moses called Beseleel and Eliab, and all that had wisdom, to whom God gave knowledge in their heart, and all who were freely willing to come forward to the works, to perform them.

3 And they received from Moses all the offerings, which the children of Israel brought for all the works of the sanctuary to do them; and they continued to receive the gifts brought, from those who brought them in the morning.

4 And there came all the wise men who wrought the works of the sanctuary, each according to his own work, which they wrought.

5 And one said to Moses, The people bring an abundance too great in proportion to all the works which the Lord has appointed them to do.

6 And Moses commanded, and proclaimed in the camp, saying, Let neither man nor woman any longer labour for the offerings of the sanctuary; and the people were restrained from bringing any more.

7 And they had materials sufficient for making the furniture, and they left some besides.

8 And every wise one among those that wrought made the robes of the holy places, which belong to Aaron the priest, as the Lord commanded Moses.

9 And he made the ephod of gold, and blue, and purple, and spun scarlet, and fine linen twined.

10 And the plates were divided, the threads of gold, so as to interweave with the blue and purple, and with the spun scarlet, and the fine linen twined, they made it a woven work;

11 shoulder-pieces joined from both sides, a work woven by mutual twisting of the parts into one another.

12 They made it of the same material according to the making of it, of gold, and blue, and purple, and spun scarlet, and fine linen twined, as the Lord commanded Moses;

13 and they made the two emerald stones clasped together and set in gold, graven and cut after the cutting of a seal with the names of the children of Israel;

14 and he put them on the shoulder-pieces of the ephod, as stones of memorial of the children of Israel, as the Lord appointed Moses.

15 And they made the oracle, a work woven with embroidery, according to the work of the ephod, of gold, and blue, and purple, and spun scarlet, and fine linen twined.

16 They made the oracle square and double, the length of a span, and the breadth of a span,—double.

17 And there was interwoven with it a woven work of four rows of stones, a series of stones, the first row, a sardius and topaz and emerald;

18 and the second row, a carbuncle and sapphire and jasper;

19 and the third row, a ligure and agate and amethyst;

20 and the fourth row a chrysolite and beryl and onyx set round about with gold, and fastened with gold.

21 And the stones were twelve according to the names of the children of Israel, graven according to their names like seals, each according to his own name for the twelve tribes.

22 And they made on the oracle turned wreaths, wreathen work, of pure gold,

23 and they made two golden circlets and two golden rings. And they put the two golden rings on both the upper corners of the oracle;

24 and they put the golden wreaths on the rings on both sides of the oracle,

25 and the two wreaths into the two couplings. And they put them on the two circlets, and they put them on the shoulders of the ephod opposite each other in front.

26 And they made two golden rings, and put them on the two projections on the top of the oracle, and on the top of the hinder part of the ephod within.

27 And they made two golden rings, and put them on both the shoulders of the ephod under it, in front by the coupling above the connexion of the ephod.

28 And he fastened the oracle by the rings that were on it to the rings of the ephod, which were fastened with a string of blue, joined together with the woven work of the ephod; that the oracle should not be loosed from the ephod, as the Lord commanded Moses.

29 And they made the tunic under the ephod, woven work, all of blue.

30 And the opening of the tunic in the midst woven closely together, the opening having a fringe round about, that it might not be rent.

31 And they made on the border of the tunic below pomegranates as of a flowering pomegranate tree, of blue, and purple, and spun scarlet, and fine linen twined.

32 And they made golden bells, and put the bells on the border of the tunic round about between the pomegranates:

33 a golden bell and a pomegranate on the border of the tunic round about, for the ministration, as the Lord commanded Moses.

34 And they made vestments of fine linen, a woven work, for Aaron and his sons,

35 and the tires of fine linen, and the mitre of fine linen, and the drawers of fine linen twined;

36 and their girdles of fine linen, and blue, and purple, and scarlet spun, the work of an embroiderer, according as the Lord commanded Moses.

37 And they made the golden plate, a dedicated thing of the sanctuary, of pure gold; and he wrote upon it graven letters as of a seal, Holiness to the Lord.

38 And they put it on the border of blue, so that it should be on the mitre above, as the Lord commanded Moses.

Chapter 37

1 And they made ten curtains for the tabernacle;

2 of eight and twenty cubits the length of one curtain: the same measure was to all, and the breadth of one curtain was of four cubits.

3 And they made the veil of blue, and purple, and spun scarlet, and fine linen twined, the woven work with cherubs.

4 And they put it on four posts of incorruptible wood overlaid with gold; and their chapiters were gold, and their four sockets were silver.

5 And they made the veil of the door of the tabernacle of witness of blue, and purple, and spun scarlet, and fine linen twined, woven work with cherubs,

6 and their posts five, and the rings; and they gilded their chapiters and their clasps with gold, and they had five sockets of brass.

7 And they made the court toward the south; the curtains of the court of fine linen twined, a hundred cubits every way,

8 and their posts twenty, and their sockets twenty;

9 and on the north side a hundred every way, and on the south side a hundred every way, and their posts twenty and their sockets twenty.

10 And on the west side curtains of fifty cubits, their posts ten and their sockets ten.

11 And on the east side curtains of fifty cubits of fifteen cubits behind,

12 and their pillars three, and their sockets three.

13 And at the second back on this side and on that by the gate of the court, curtains of fifteen cubits, their pillars three and their sockets three;

14 all the curtains of the tabernacle of fine linen twined.

15 And the sockets of their pillars of brass, and their hooks of silver, and their chapiters overlaid with silver, and all the posts of the court overlaid with silver:

16 and the veil of the gate of the court, the work of an embroiderer of blue, and purple, and spun scarlet, and fine linen twined; the length of twenty cubits, and the height and the breadth of five cubits, made equal to the curtains of the court;

17 and their pillars four, and their sockets four of brass, and their hooks of silver, and their chapiters overlaid with silver.

18 And all the pins of the court round about of brass, and they were overlaid with silver.

19 And this was the construction of the tabernacle of witness, accordingly as it was appointed to Moses; so that the public service should belong to the Levites, through Ithamar the son of Aaron the priest.

20 And Beseleel the son of Urias of the tribe of Judah, did as the Lord commanded Moses.

21 And Eliab the son of Achisamach of the tribe of Dan was there, who was chief artificer in the woven works and needle-works and embroideries, in weaving with the scarlet and fine linen.

Chapter 38

1 And Beseleel made the ark,

2 and overlaid it with pure gold within and without;

3 and he cast for it four golden rings, two on the one side, and two on the other,

4 wide enough for the staves, so that men should bear the ark with them.

5 And he made the propitiatory over the ark of pure gold,

6 and the two cherubs of gold;

7 one cherub on the one end of the propitiatory, and another cherub on the other end of the propitiatory,

8 overshadowing the propitiatory with their wings.

9 And he made the set table of pure gold,

10 and cast for it four rings: two on the one side and two on the other side, broad, so that men should lift it with the staves in them.

11 And he made the staves of the ark and of the table, and gilded them with gold.

12 And he made the furniture of the table, both the dishes, and the censers, and the cups, and the bowls with which he should offer drink-offerings, of gold.

13 And he made the candlestick which gives light, of gold;

14 the stem solid, and the branches from both its sides;

15 and blossoms proceeding from its branches, three on this side, and three on the other, made equal to each other.

16 And as to their lamps, which are on the ends, knops proceeded from them; and sockets proceeding from them, that the lamps might be upon them; and the seventh socket, on the top of the candlestick, on the summit above, entirely of solid gold.

17 And on the candlestick seven golden lamps, and its snuffers gold, and its funnels gold.

18 He overlaid the posts with silver, and cast for each post golden rings, and gilded the bars with gold; and he gilded the posts of the veil with gold, and made the hooks of gold.

19 He made also the rings of the tabernacle of gold; and the rings of the court, and the rings for drawing out the veil above of brass.

20 He cast the silver chapiters of the tabernacle, and the brazen chapiters of the door of the tabernacle, and the gate of the court; and he made silver hooks for the posts, he overlaid them with silver on the posts.

21 He made the pins of the tabernacle and the pins of the court of brass.

22 He made the brazen altar of the brazen censers, which belonged to the men engaged in sedition with the gathering of Korah.

23 He made all the vessels of the altar and its grate, and its base, and its bowls, and the brazen flesh-hooks.

24 He made an appendage for the altar of network under the grate, beneath it as far as the middle of it; and he fastened to it four brazen rings on the four parts of the appendage of the altar, wide enough for the bars, so as to bear the altar with them.

25 He made the holy anointing oil and the composition of the incense, the pure work of the perfumer.

26 He made the brazen laver, and the brazen base of it of the mirrors of the women that fasted, who fasted by the doors of the tabernacle of witness, in the day in which he set it up.

27 And he made the laver, that at it Moses and Aaron and his sons might wash their hands and their feet: when they went into the tabernacle of witness, or whensoever they should advance to the altar to do service, they washed at it, as the Lord commanded Moses.

Chapter 39

1 All the gold that was employed for the works according to all the fabrication of the holy things, was of the gold of the offerings, twenty-nine talents, and seven hundred and twenty shekels according to the holy shekel.

2 And the offering of silver from the men that were numbered of the congregation a hundred talents, and a thousand seven hundred and seventy-five shekels, one drachm apiece, even the half shekel, according to the holy shekel.

3 Every one that passed the survey from twenty years old and upwards to the number of six hundred thousand, and three thousand five hundred and fifty.

4 And the hundred talents of silver went to the casting of the hundred chapiters of the tabernacle, and to the chapiters of the veil;

5 a hundred chapiters to the hundred talents, a talent to a chapiter.

6 And the thousand seven hundred and seventy-five shekels he formed into hooks for the pillars, and he gilt their chapiters and adorned them.

7 And the brass of the offering was seventy talents, and a thousand five hundred shekels;

8 and they made of it the bases of the door of the tabernacle of witness,

9 and the bases of the court round about, and the bases of the gate of the court, and the pins of the tabernacle, and the pins of the court round about;

10 and the brazen appendage of the altar, and all the vessels of the altar, and all the instruments of the tabernacle of witness.

11 And the children of Israel did as the Lord commanded Moses, so did they.

12 And of the gold that remained of the offering they made vessels to minister with before the Lord.

13 And the blue that was left, and the purple, and the scarlet they made into garments of ministry for Aaron, so that he should minister with them in the sanctuary;

14 and they brought the garments to Moses, and the tabernacle, and its furniture, its bases and its bars and the posts;

15 and the ark of the covenant, and its bearers, and the altar and all its furniture.

16 And they made the anointing oil, and the incense of composition, and the pure candlestick,

17 and its lamps, lamps for burning, and oil for the light,

18 and the table of shewbread, and all its furniture, and the shewbread upon it,

19 and the garments of the sanctuary which belong to Aaron, and the garments of his sons, for the priestly ministry;

20 and the curtains of the court, and the posts, and the veil of the door of the tabernacle, and the gate of the court,

21 and all the vessels of the tabernacle and all its instruments: and the skins, even rams' skins dyed red, and the blue coverings, and the coverings of the other things, and the pins, and all the instruments for the works of the tabernacle of witness.

22 Whatsoever things the Lord appointed Moses, so did the children of Israel make all the furniture.

23 And Moses saw all the works; and they had done them all as the Lord commanded Moses, so had they made them; and Moses blessed them.

Chapter 40

1 And the Lord spoke to Moses, saying,

2 On the first day of the first month, at the new moon, you shall set up the tabernacle of witness,

3 and you shall place in it the ark of the testimony, and shall cover the ark with the veil,

4 and you shall bring in the table and shall set forth that which is to be set forth on it; and you shall bring in the candlestick and place its lamps on it.

5 And you shall place the golden altar, to burn incense before the ark; and you shall put a covering of a veil on the door of the tabernacle of witness.

6 And you shall put the altar of burnt-offerings by the doors of the tabernacle of witness,

8 and you shall set up the tabernacle round about, and you shall hallow all that belongs to it round about.

9 And you shall take the anointing oil, and shall anoint the tabernacle, and all things in it; and shall sanctify it, and all its furniture, and it shall be holy.

10 And you shall anoint the altar of burnt-offerings, and all its furniture; and you shall hallow the altar, and the altar shall be most holy.

12 And you shall bring Aaron and his sons to the doors of the tabernacle of witness, and you shall wash them with water.

13 And you shall put on Aaron the holy garments, and you shall anoint him, and you shall sanctify him, and he shall minister to me as priest.

14 And you shall bring up his sons, and shall put garments on them.

15 And you shall anoint them as you did anoint their father, and they shall minister to me as priests; and it shall be that they shall have an everlasting anointing of priesthood, throughout their generations.

16 And Moses did all things whatsoever the Lord commanded him, so did he.

17 And it came to pass in the first month, in the second year after their going forth out of Egypt, at the new moon, that the tabernacle was set up.

18 And Moses set up the tabernacle, and put on the chapiters, and put the bars into their places, and set up the posts.

19 And he stretched out the curtains over the tabernacle, and put the veil of the tabernacle on it above as the Lord commanded Moses.

20 And he took the testimonies, and put them into the ark; and he put the staves by the sides of the ark.

21 And he brought the ark into the tabernacle, and put on it the covering of the veil, and covered the ark of the testimony, as the Lord commanded Moses.

22 And he put the table in the tabernacle of witness, on the north side without the veil of the tabernacle.

23 And he put on it the shewbread before the Lord, as the Lord commanded Moses.

24 And he put the candlestick into the tabernacle of witness, on the side of the tabernacle toward the south.

25 And he put on it its lamps before the Lord, as the Lord had commanded Moses.

26 And he put the golden altar in the tabernacle of witness before the veil;

27 and he burnt on it incense of composition, as the Lord commanded Moses.

29 And he put the altar of the burnt-offerings by the doors of the tabernacle.

33 And he set up the court round about the tabernacle and the altar; and Moses accomplished all the works.

34 And the cloud covered the tabernacle of witness, and the tabernacle was filled with the glory of the Lord.

35 And Moses was not able to enter into the tabernacle of testimony, because the cloud overshadowed it, and the tabernacle was filled with the glory of the Lord.

36 And when the cloud went up from the tabernacle, the children of Israel prepared to depart with their baggage.

37 And if the cloud went not up, they did not prepare to depart, till the day when the cloud went up.

38 For a cloud was on the tabernacle by day, and fire was on it by night before all Israel, in all their journeyings.

Leviticus

Chapter 1

1 AND the Lord called Moses again and spoke to him out of the tabernacle of witness, saying, Speak to the children of Israel, and you shall say to them,

2 If any man of you shall bring gifts to the Lord, you shall bring your gifts of the cattle and of the oxen and of the sheep.

3 If his gift be a whole-burnt-offering, he shall bring an unblemished male of the herd to the door of the tabernacle of witness, he shall bring it as acceptable before the Lord.

4 And he shall lay his hand on the head of the burnt-offering as a thing acceptable for him, to make atonement for him.

5 And they shall slay the calf before the Lord; and the sons of Aaron the priests shall bring the blood, and they shall pour the blood round about on the altar, which is at the doors of the tabernacle of witness.

6 And having flayed the whole burnt-offering, they shall divide it by its limbs.

7 And the sons of Aaron the priests shall put fire on the altar, and shall pile wood on the fire.

8 And the sons of Aaron the priests shall pile up the divided parts, and the head, and the fat on the wood on the fire, the wood which is on the altar.

9 And the entrails and the feet they shall wash in water, and the priests shall put all on the altar: it is a burnt-offering, a sacrifice, a smell of sweet savour to the Lord.

10 And if his gift be of the sheep to the Lord, or of the lambs, or of the kids for whole-burnt-offerings, he shall bring it a male without blemish.

11 And he shall lay his hand on its head; and they shall kill it by the side of the altar, toward the north before the Lord, and the sons of Aaron the priests shall pour its blood on the altar round about.

12 And they shall divide it by its limbs, and its head and its fat, and the priests shall pile them up on the wood which is on the fire, on the altar.

13 And they shall wash the entrails and the feet with water, and the priest shall bring all the parts and put them on the altar: it is a burnt-offering, a sacrifice, a smell of sweet savour to the Lord.

14 And if he bring his gift, a burnt-offering to the Lord, of birds, then shall he bring his gift of doves or pigeons.

15 And the priest shall bring it to the altar, and shall wring off its head; and the priest shall put it on the altar, and shall wring out the blood at the bottom of the altar.

16 And he shall take away the crop with the feathers, and shall cast it forth by the altar toward the east to the place of the ashes.

17 And he shall break it off from the wings and shall not separate it, and the priest shall put it on the altar on the wood which is on the fire: it is a burnt-offering, a sacrifice, a sweet-smelling savour to the Lord.

Chapter 2

1 And if a soul bring a gift, a sacrifice to the Lord, his gift shall be fine flour; and he shall pour oil upon it, and shall put frankincense on it: it is a sacrifice.

2 And he shall bring it to the priests the sons of Aaron: and having taken from it a handful of the fine flour with the oil, and all its frankincense, then the priest shall put the memorial of it on the altar: it is a sacrifice, an odour of sweet savour to the Lord.

3 And the remainder of the sacrifice shall be for Aaron and his sons, a most holy portion from the sacrifices of the Lord.

4 And if he bring as a gift a sacrifice baked from the oven, a gift to the Lord of fine flour, he shall bring unleavened bread kneaded with oil, and unleavened cakes anointed with oil.

5 And if your gift be a sacrifice from a pan, it is fine flour mingled with oil, unleavened offerings.

6 And you shall break them into fragments and pour oil upon them: it is a sacrifice to the Lord.

7 And if your gift be a sacrifice from the hearth, it shall be made of fine flour with oil.

8 And he shall offer the sacrifice which he shall make of these to the Lord, and shall bring it to the priest.

9 And the priest shall approach the altar, and shall take away from the sacrifice a memorial of it, and the priest shall place it on the altar: a burnt offering, a smell of sweet savour to the Lord.

10 And that which is left of the sacrifice shall be for Aaron and his sons, most holy from the burnt-offerings of the Lord.

11 You shall not leaven any sacrifice which you shall bring to the Lord; for as to any leaven, or any honey, you shall not bring of it to offer a gift to the Lord.

12 You shall bring them in the way of fruits to the Lord, but they shall not be offered on the altar for a sweet-smelling savour to the Lord.

13 And every gift of your sacrifice shall be seasoned with salt; omit not the salt of the covenant of the Lord from your sacrifices: on every gift of yours you shall offer salt to the Lord your God.

14 And if you would offer a sacrifice of first-fruits to the Lord, it shall be new grains ground and roasted for the Lord; so shall you bring the sacrifice of the first-fruits.

15 And you shall pour oil upon it, and shall put frankincense on it: it is a sacrifice.

16 And the priest shall offer the memorial of it taken from the grains with the oil, and all its frankincense: it is a burnt-offering to the Lord.

Chapter 3

1 And if his gift to the Lord be a peace-offering, if he should bring it of the oxen, whether it be male or whether it be female, he shall bring it unblemished before the Lord.

2 And he shall lay his hands on the head of the gift, and shall slay it before the Lord, by the doors of the tabernacle of witness. And the priests the sons of Aaron shall pour the blood on the altar of burnt-offerings round about.

3 And they shall bring of the peace-offering a burnt-sacrifice to the Lord, the fat covering the belly, and all the fat on the belly.

4 And the two kidneys and the fat that is upon them; he shall take away that which is on the thighs, and the caul above the liver together with the kidneys.

5 And the priests the sons of Aaron shall offer them on the altar on the burnt-offering, on the wood which is on the fire upon the altar: it is a burnt-offering, a smell of sweet savour to the Lord.

6 And if his gift be of the sheep, a peace-offering to the Lord, male or female, he shall bring it unblemished.

7 If he bring a lamb for his gift, he shall bring it before the Lord.

8 And he shall lay his hands on the head of his offering, and shall slay it by the doors of the tabernacle of witness; and the priests the sons of Aaron shall pour out the blood on the altar round about.

9 And he shall bring of the peace-offering a burnt-sacrifice to the Lord: the fat and the hinder part unblemished he shall take away with the loins, and having taken away all the fat that covers the belly, and all the fat that is on the belly,

10 and both the kidneys and the fat that is upon them, and that which is on the thighs, and the caul which is on the liver with the kidneys,

11 the priest shall offer these on the altar: it is a sacrifice of sweet savour, a burnt-offering to the Lord.

12 And if his offering be of the goats, then shall he bring it before the Lord.

13 And he shall lay his hands on its head; and they shall slay it before the Lord by the doors of the tabernacle of witness; and the priests the sons of Aaron shall pour out the blood on the altar round about.

14 And he shall offer of it a burnt-offering to the Lord, even the fat that covers the belly, and all the fat that is on the belly.

15 And both the kidneys, and all the fat that is upon them, that which is upon the thighs, and the caul of the liver with the kidneys, shall he take away.

16 And the priest shall offer it upon the altar: it is a burnt-offering, a smell of sweet savour to the Lord. All the fat belongs to the Lord.

17 It is a perpetual statute throughout your generations, in all your habitations; you shall eat no fat and no blood.

Chapter 4

1 And the Lord spoke to Moses, saying,

2 Speak to the children of Israel, saying, If a soul shall sin unwillingly before the Lord, in any of the commandments of the Lord concerning things which he ought not to do, and shall do some of them;

3 if the anointed priest sin so as to cause the people to sin, then shall he bring for his sin, which he has sinned, an unblemished calf of the herd to the Lord for his sin.

4 And he shall bring the calf to the door of the tabernacle of witness before the Lord, and he shall put his hand on the head of the calf before the Lord, and shall slay the calf in the presence of the Lord.

5 And the anointed priest who has been consecrated having received of the blood of the calf, shall then bring it into the tabernacle of witness.

6 And the priest shall dip his finger into the blood, and sprinkle of the blood seven times before the Lord, over against the holy veil.

7 And the priest shall put of the blood of the calf on the horns of the altar of the compound incense which is before the Lord, which is in the tabernacle of witness; and all the blood of the calf shall he pour out by the foot of the altar of whole-burnt-offerings, which is by the doors of the tabernacle of witness.

8 And all the fat of the calf of the sin-offering shall he take off from it; the fat that covers the inwards, and all the fat that is on the inwards,

9 and the two kidneys, and the fat that is upon them, that which is on the thighs, and the caul that is on the liver with the kidneys, them shall he take away,

10 as he takes it away from the calf of the sacrifice of peace-offering, so shall the priest offer it on the altar of burnt-offering.

11 And they shall take the skin of the calf, and all his flesh with the head and the extremities and the belly and the dung,

12 and they shall carry out the whole calf out of the camp into a clean place, where they pour out the ashes, and they shall consume it there on wood with fire: it shall be burnt on the ashes poured out.

13 And if the whole congregation of Israel trespass ignorantly, and a thing should escape the notice of the congregation, and they should do one thing forbidden of any of the commands of the Lord, which ought not to be done, and should transgress:

14 and the sin wherein they have sinned should become known to them, then shall the congregation bring an unblemished calf of the herd for a sin-offering, and they shall bring it to the doors of the tabernacle of witness.

15 And the elders of the congregation shall lay their hands on the head of the calf before the Lord, and they shall slay the calf before the Lord.

16 And the anointed priest shall bring in of the blood of the calf into the tabernacle of witness.

17 And the priest shall dip his finger into some of the blood of the calf, and shall sprinkle it seven times before the Lord, in front of the veil of the sanctuary.

18 And the priest shall put some of the blood on the horns of the altar of the incense of composition, which is before the Lord, which is in the tabernacle of witness; and he shall pour out all the blood at the bottom of the altar of whole-burnt-offerings, which is by the door of the tabernacle of witness.

19 And he shall take away all the fat from it, and shall offer it up on the altar.

20 And he shall do to the calf as he did to the calf of the sin-offering, so shall it be done; and the priest shall make atonement for them, and the trespass shall be forgiven them.

21 And they shall carry forth the calf whole without the camp, and they shall burn the calf as they burnt the former calf: it is the sin-offering of the congregation.

22 And if a ruler sin, and break one of all the commands of the Lord his God, doing the thing which ought not to be done, unwillingly, and shall sin and trespass,

23 and his trespass wherein he has sinned, be known to him,—then shall he offer for his gift a kid of the goats, a male without blemish.

24 And he shall lay his hand on the head of the kid, and they shall kill it in the place where they kill the victims for whole-burnt-offerings before the Lord; it is a sin-offering.

25 And the priest shall put some of the blood of the sin-offering with his finger on the horns of the altar of whole-burnt-offering; and he shall pour out all its blood by the bottom of the altar of whole-burnt-offerings.

26 And he shall offer up all his fat on the altar, as the fat of the sacrifice of peace-offering; and the priest shall make atonement for him concerning his sin, and it shall be forgiven him.

27 And if a soul of the people of the land should sin unwillingly, in doing a thing contrary to any of the commandments of the Lord, which ought not to be done, and shall transgress,

28 and his sin should be known to him, wherein he has sinned, then shall he bring a kid of the goats, a female without blemish shall he bring for his sin, which he has sinned.

29 And he shall lay his hand on the head of his sin-offering, and they shall slay the kid of the sin-offering in the place where they slay the victims for whole-burnt-offerings.

30 And the priest shall take of its blood with his finger, and shall put it on the horns of the altar of whole-burnt-offerings; and all its blood he shall pour forth by the foot of the altar.

31 And he shall take away all the fat, as the fat is taken away from the sacrifice of peace-offering, and the priest shall offer it on the altar for a smell of sweet savour to the Lord; and the priest shall make atonement for him, and his sin shall be forgiven him.

32 And if he should offer a lamb for his sin-offering, he shall offer it a female without blemish.

33 And he shall lay his hand on the head of the sin-offering, and they shall kill it in the place where they kill the victims for whole-burnt-offerings.

34 And the priest shall take of the blood of the sin-offering with his finger, and shall put it on the horns of the altar of whole-burnt-offerings, and he shall pour out all its blood by the bottom of the altar of whole-burnt-offering.

35 And he shall take away all his fat, as the fat of the lamb of the sacrifice of peace-offering is taken away, and the priest shall put it on the altar for a whole-burnt-offering to the Lord; and the priest shall make atonement for him for the sin which he sinned, and it shall be forgiven him.

Chapter 5

1 And if a soul sin, and hear the voice of swearing, and he is a witness or has seen or been conscious, if he do not report it, he shall bear his iniquity.

2 That soul which shall touch any unclean thing, or carcase, or that which is unclean being taken of beasts, or the dead bodies of abominable reptiles which are unclean, or carcases of unclean cattle,

3 or should touch the uncleanness of a man, of whatever kind, which he may touch and be defiled by, and it should have escaped him, but afterwards he should know,—then he shall have transgressed.

4 That unrighteous soul, which determines with his lips to do evil or to do good according to whatsoever a man may determine with an oath, and it shall have escaped his notice, and he shall afterwards know it, and so he should sin in some one of these things:—

5 then shall he declare his sin in the things wherein he has sinned by that sin.

6 And he shall bring for his transgressions against the Lord, for his sin which he has sinned, a ewe lamb of the flock, or a kid of the goats, for a sin-offering; and the priest shall make an atonement for him for his sin which he has sinned, and his sin shall be forgiven him.

7 And if he cannot afford a sheep, he shall bring for his sin which he has sinned, two turtle-doves or two young pigeons to the Lord; one for a sin-offering, and the other for a burnt-offering.

8 And he shall bring them to the priest, and the priest shall bring the sin-offering first; and the priest shall pinch off the head from the neck, and shall not divide the body.

9 And he shall sprinkle of the blood of the sin-offering on the side of the altar, but the rest of the blood he shall drop at the foot of the altar, for it is a sin-offering.

10 And he shall make the second a whole-burnt-offering, as it is fit; and the priest shall make atonement for his sin which he has sinned, and it shall be forgiven him.

11 And if he cannot afford a pair of turtle-doves, or two young pigeons, then shall he bring as his gift for his sin, the tenth part of an ephah of fine flour for a sin-offering; he shall not pour oil upon it, nor shall he put frankincense upon it, because it is a sin-offering.

12 And he shall bring it to the priest; and the priest having taken a handful of it, shall lay the memorial of it on the altar of whole-burnt-offerings to the Lord; it is a sin-offering.

13 And the priest shall make atonement for him for his sin, which he has sinned in one of these things, and it shall be forgiven him; and that which is left shall be the priest's, as an offering of fine flour.

14 And the Lord spoke to Moses, saying,

15 The soul which shall be really unconscious, and shall sin unwillingly in any of the holy things of the Lord, shall even bring to the Lord for his transgression, a ram of the flock without blemish, valued according to shekels of silver according to the shekel of the sanctuary, for his transgression wherein he transgressed.

16 And he shall make compensation for that wherein he has sinned in the holy things; and he shall add the fifth part to it, and give it to the priest; and the priest shall make atonement for him with the ram of transgression, and his sin shall be forgiven him.

17 And the soul which shall sin, and do one thing against any of the commandments of the Lord, which it is not right to do, and has not known it, and shall have transgressed, and shall have contracted guilt,

18 he shall even bring a ram without blemish from the flock, valued at a price of silver for his transgression to the priest; and the priest shall make atonement for his trespass of ignorance, wherein he ignorantly trespassed, and he knew it not; and it shall be forgiven him.

19 For he has surely been guilty of transgression before the Lord.

20 And the Lord spoke to Moses, saying,

21 The soul which shall have sinned, and wilfully overlooked the commandments of the Lord, and shall have dealt falsely in the affairs of his neighbour in the matter of a deposit, or concerning fellowship, or concerning plunder, or has in anything wronged his neighbour,

22 or has found that which was lost, and shall have lied concerning it, and shall have sworn unjustly concerning any one of all the things, whatsoever a man may do, so as to sin hereby;

23 it shall come to pass, whensoever he shall have sinned, and transgressed, that he shall restore the plunder which he has seized, or redress the injury which he has committed, or restore the deposit which was entrusted to him, or the lost article which he has found

24 of any kind, about which he swore unjustly, he shall even restore it in full; and he shall add to it a fifth part besides; he shall restore it to him whose it is in the day in which he happens to be convicted.

25 And he shall bring to the Lord for his trespass, a ram of the flock, without blemish, of value to the amount of the thing in which he trespassed.

26 And the priest shall make atonement for him before the Lord, and he shall be forgiven for any one of all the things which he did and trespassed in it.

Chapter 6

1 And the Lord spoke to Moses, saying,

2 Charge Aaron and his sons, saying, This is the law of whole-burnt-offering; this is the whole-burnt-offering in its burning on the altar all the night till the morning; and the fire of the altar shall burn on it, it shall not be put out.

3 And the priest shall put on the linen tunic, and he shall put the linen drawers on his body; and shall take away that which has been thoroughly burnt, which the fire shall have

consumed, even the whole-burnt-offering from the altar, and he shall put it near the altar.

4 And he shall put off his robe, and put on another robe, and he shall take forth the offering that has been burnt without the camp into a clean place.

5 And the fire on the altar shall be kept burning on it, and shall not be extinguished; and the priest shall burn on it wood every morning, and shall heap on it the whole-burnt-offering, and shall lay on it the fat of the peace-offering.

6 And the fire shall always burn on the altar; it shall not be extinguished.

7 This is the law of the sacrifice, which the sons of Aaron shall bring near before the Lord, before the altar.

8 And he shall take from it a handful of the fine flour of the sacrifice with its oil, and with all its frankincense, which are upon the sacrifice; and he shall offer up on the altar a burnt-offering as a sweet-smelling savour, a memorial of it to the Lord.

9 And Aaron and his sons shall eat that which is left of it: it shall be eaten without leaven in a holy place, they shall eat it in the court of the tabernacle of witness.

10 It shall not be baked with leaven. I have given it as a portion to them of the burnt-offerings of the Lord: it is most holy, as the offering for sin, and as the offering for trespass.

11 Every male of the priests shall eat it: it is a perpetual ordinance throughout your generations of the burnt-offerings of the Lord; whosoever shall touch them shall be hallowed.

12 And the Lord spoke to Moses, saying,

13 This is the gift of Aaron and of his sons, which they shall offer to the Lord in the day in which you shall anoint him; the tenth of an ephah of fine flour for a sacrifice continually, the half of it in the morning, and the half of it in the evening.

14 It shall be made with oil in a frying-pan; he shall offer it kneaded and in rolls, an offering of fragments, an offering of a sweet savour unto the Lord.

15 The anointed priest who is in his place, one of his sons, shall offer it: it is a perpetual statute, it shall all be consumed.

16 And every sacrifice of a priest shall be thoroughly burnt, and shall not be eaten.

17 And the Lord spoke to Moses, saying,

18 Speak to Aaron and to his sons, saying, This is the law of the sinoffering;—in the place where they slay the whole-burnt-offering, they shall slay the sin-offerings before the Lord: they are most holy.

19 The priest that offers it shall eat it: in a holy place it shall be eaten, in the court of the tabernacle of witness.

20 Every one that touches the flesh of it shall be holy, and on whosesoever garment any of its blood shall have been sprinkled, whosoever shall have it sprinkled, shall be washed in the holy place.

21 And the earthen vessel, in whichsoever it shall have been sodden, shall be broken; and if it shall have been sodden in a brazen vessel, he shall scour it and wash it with water.

22 Every male among the priests shall eat it: it is most holy to the Lord.

23 And no offerings for sin, of whose blood there shall be brought any into the tabernacle of witness to make atonement in the holy place, shall be eaten: they shall be burned with fire.

Chapter 7

1 And this is the law of the ram for the trespass-offering; it is most holy.

2 In the place where they slay the whole-burnt-offering, they shall slay the ram of the trespass-offering before the Lord, and he shall pour out the blood at the bottom of the altar round about.

3 And he shall offer all the fat from it; and the loins, and all the fat that covers the inwards, and all the fat that is upon the inwards,

4 and the two kidneys, and the fat that is upon them, that which is upon the thighs, and the caul upon the liver with the kidneys, he shall take them away.

5 And the priest shall offer them on the altar a burnt-offering to the Lord; it is for trespass.

6 Every male of the priests shall eat them, in the holy place they shall eat them: they are most holy.

7 As the sin-offering, so also is the trespass-offering. There is one law of them; the priest who shall make atonement with it, his it shall be.

8 And as for the priest who offers a man's whole-burnt-offering, the skin of the whole-burnt-offering which he offers, shall be his.

9 And every sacrifice which shall be prepared in the oven, and every one which shall be prepared on the hearth, or on a frying-pan, it is the property of the priest that offers it; it shall be his.

10 And every sacrifice made up with oil, or not made up with oil, shall belong to the sons of Aaron, an equal portion to each.

11 This is the law of the sacrifice of peace-offering, which they shall bring to the Lord.

12 If a man should offer it for praise, then shall he bring, for the sacrifice of praise, loaves of fine flour made up with oil, and unleavened cakes anointed with oil, and fine flour kneaded with oil.

13 With leavened bread he shall offer his gifts, with the peace-offering of praise.

14 And he shall bring one of all his gifts, a separate offering to the Lord: it shall belong to the priest who pours forth the blood of the peace-offering.

15 And the flesh of the sacrifice of the peace-offering of praise shall be his, and it shall be eaten in the day in which it is offered: they shall not leave of it till the morning.

16 And if it be a vow, or he offer his gift of his own will, on whatsoever day he shall offer his sacrifice, it shall be eaten, and on the morrow.

17 And that which is left of the flesh of the sacrifice till the third day, shall be consumed with fire.

18 And if he do at all eat of the flesh on the third day, it shall not be accepted for him that offers: it shall not be reckoned to him, it is pollution; and whatsoever soul shall eat of it, shall bear his iniquity.

19 And whatsoever flesh shall have touched any unclean thing, it shall not be eaten, it shall be consumed with fire; every one that is clean shall eat the flesh.

20 And whatsoever soul shall eat of the flesh of the sacrifice of the peace-offering which is the Lord's, and his uncleanness be upon him, that soul shall perish from his people.

21 And whatsoever soul shall touch any unclean thing, either of the uncleanness of a man, or of unclean quadrupeds, or any unclean abominable thing, and shall eat of the flesh of the sacrifice of the peace-offering, which is the Lord's, that soul shall perish from his people.

22 And the Lord spoke to Moses, saying,

23 Speak to the children of Israel, saying, You shall eat no fat of oxen or sheep or goats.

24 And the fat of such animals as have died of themselves, or have been seized of beasts, may be employed for any work; but it shall not be eaten for food.

25 Every one that eats fat off the beasts, from which he will bring a burnt-offering to the Lord—that soul shall perish from his people.

26 You shall eat no blood in all your habitations, either of beasts or of birds.

27 Every soul that shall eat blood, that soul shall perish from his people.

28 And the Lord spoke to Moses, saying,

29 You shall also speak to the children of Israel, saying, He that offers a sacrifice of peace-offering, shall bring his gift to the Lord also from the sacrifice of peace-offering.

30 His hands shall bring the burnt-offerings to the Lord; the fat which is on the breast and the lobe of the liver, he shall bring them, so as to set them for a gift before the Lord.

31 And the priest shall offer the fat upon the altar, and the breast shall be Aaron's and his sons,

32 and you shall give the right shoulder for a choice piece to the priest of your sacrifices of peace-offering.

33 He that offers the blood of the peace-offering, and the fat, of the sons of Aaron, his shall be the right shoulder for a portion.

34 For I have taken the wave-breast and shoulder of separation from the children of Israel from the sacrifices of your peace-offerings, and I have given them to Aaron the priest and his sons, a perpetual ordinance due from the children of Israel.

35 This is the anointing of Aaron, and the anointing of his sons, their portion of the burnt-offerings of the Lord, in the day in which he brought them forward to minister as priests to the Lord;

36 as the Lord commanded to give to them in the day in which he anointed them of the sons of Israel, a perpetual statute through their generations.

37 This is the law of the whole-burnt-offerings, and of sacrifice, and of sin-offering, and of offering for transgression, and of the sacrifice of consecration, and of the sacrifice of peace-offering;

38 as the Lord commanded Moses in the mount Sinai, in the day in which he commanded the children of Israel to offer their gifts before the Lord in the wilderness of Sinai.

Chapter 8

1 And the Lord spoke to Moses, saying,

2 Take Aaron and his sons, and his robes and the anointing oil, and the calf for the sin-offering, and the two rams, and the basket of unleavened bread,

3 and assemble the whole congregation at the door of the tabernacle of witness.

4 And Moses did as the Lord appointed him, and he assembled the congregation at the door of the tabernacle of witness.

5 And Moses said to the congregation, This is the thing which the Lord has commanded you to do.

6 And Moses brought nigh Aaron and his sons, and washed them with water,

7 and put on him the coat, and girded him with the girdle, and clothed him with the tunic, and put on him the ephod;

8 and girded him with a girdle according to the make of the ephod, and clasped him closely with it: and put upon it the

oracle, and put upon the oracle the Manifestation and the Truth.

9 And he put the mitre on his head, and put upon the mitre in front the golden plate, the most holy thing, as the Lord commanded Moses.

10 And Moses took of the anointing oil,

11 and sprinkled of it seven times on the altar; and anointed the altar, and hallowed it, and all things on it, and the laver, and its foot, and sanctified them; and anointed the tabernacle and all its furniture, and hallowed it.

12 And Moses poured of the anointing oil on the head of Aaron; and he anointed him and sanctified him.

13 And Moses brought the sons of Aaron near, and put on them coats and girded them with girdles, and put on them bonnets, as the Lord commanded Moses.

14 And Moses brought near the calf for the sin-offering, and Aaron and his sons laid their hands on the head of the calf of the sin-offering.

15 And he slew it; and Moses took of the blood, and put it on the horns of the altar round about with his finger; and he purified the altar, and poured out the blood at the bottom of the altar, and sanctified it, to make atonement upon it.

16 And Moses took all the fat that was upon the inwards, and the lobe on the liver, and both the kidneys, and the fat that was upon them, and Moses offered them on the altar.

17 But the calf, and his hide, and his flesh, and his dung, he burnt with fire without the camp, as the Lord commanded Moses.

18 And Moses brought near the ram for a whole-burnt-offering, and Aaron and his sons laid their hands on the head of the ram. And Moses slew the ram: and Moses poured the blood on the altar round about.

19 And he divided the ram by its limbs, and Moses offered the head, and the limbs, and the fat; and he washed the belly and the feet with water.

20 And Moses offered up the whole ram on the altar: it is a whole-burnt-offering for a sweet-smelling savour; it is a burnt-offering to the Lord, as the Lord commanded Moses.

21 And Moses brought the second ram, the ram of consecration, and Aaron and his sons laid their hands on the head of the ram, and he slew him;

22 and Moses took of his blood, and put it upon the tip of Aaron's right ear, and on the thumb of his right hand, and on the great toe of his right foot.

23 And Moses brought near the sons of Aaron; and Moses put of the blood on the tips of their right ears, and on the thumbs of their right hands, and on the great toes of their right feet, and Moses poured out the blood on the altar round about.

24 And he took the fat, and the rump, and the fat on the belly, and the lobe of the liver, and the two kidneys, and the fat that is upon them, and the right shoulder.

25 And from the basket of consecration, which was before the Lord, he also took one unleavened loaf, and one loaf made with oil, and one cake; and put them upon the fat, and the right shoulder:

26 and put them all on the hands of Aaron, and upon the hands of his sons, and offered them up for a wave-offering before the Lord.

27 And Moses took them at their hands, and Moses offered them on the altar, on the whole-burnt-offering of consecration, which is a smell of sweet savour: it is a burnt-offering to the Lord.

28 And Moses took the breast, and separated it for a heave-offering before the Lord, from the ram of consecration; and it became Moses' portion, as the Lord commanded Moses.

29 And Moses took of the anointing oil, and of the blood that was on the altar, and sprinkled it on Aaron, and on his garments, and his sons, and the garments of his sons with him.

30 And he sanctified Aaron and his garments, and his sons, and the garments of his sons with him.

31 And Moses said to Aaron and to his sons, Boil the flesh in the tent of the tabernacle of witness in the holy place; and there you shall eat it and the loaves in the basket of consecration, as it has been appointed me, the Lord saying, Aaron and his sons shall eat them.

32 And that which is left of the flesh and of the loaves burn you with fire.

33 And you shall not go out from the door of the tabernacle of witness for seven days, until the day be fulfilled, the day of your consecration; for in seven days shall he consecrate you,

34 as he did in this day on which the Lord commanded me to do so, to make an atonement for you.

35 And you shall remain seven days at the door of the tabernacle of witness, day and night; you shall observe the ordinances of the Lord, that you die not; for so has the Lord God commanded me.

36 And Aaron and his sons performed all these commands which the Lord commanded Moses.

Chapter 9

1 And it came to pass on the eighth day, that Moses called Aaron and his sons, and the elders of Israel,

2 and Moses said to Aaron, Take to yourself a young calf of the herd for a sin-offering, and a ram for a whole-burnt-offering, unblemished, and offer them before the Lord.

3 And speak to the elders of Israel, saying, Take one kid of the goats for a sin-offering, and a young calf, and a lamb of a year old for a whole-burnt-offering, spotless,

4 and a calf and a ram for a peace offering before the Lord, and fine flour mingled with oil, for to-day the Lord will appear among you.

5 And they took as Moses commanded them before the tabernacle of witness, and all the congregation drew nigh, and they stood before the Lord.

6 And Moses said, This is the thing which the Lord has spoken; do it, and the glory of the Lord shall appear among you.

7 And Moses said to Aaron, Draw nigh to the altar, and offer your sin-offering, and your whole-burnt-offering, and make atonement for yourself, and for your house; and offer the gifts of the people, and make atonement for them, as the Lord commanded Moses.

8 And Aaron drew nigh to the altar, and slew the calf of his sin-offering.

9 And the sons of Aaron brought the blood to him, and he dipped his finger into the blood, and put it on the horns of the altar, and he poured out the blood at the bottom of the altar.

10 And he offered up on the altar the fat and the kidneys and the lobe of the liver of the sin-offering, according as the Lord commanded Moses.

11 And the flesh and the hide he burnt with fire outside of the camp.

12 And he slew the whole-burnt-offering; and the sons of Aaron brought the blood to him, and he poured it on the altar round about.

13 And they brought the whole-burnt-offering, according to its pieces; them and the head he put upon the altar.

14 And he washed the belly and the feet with water, and he put them on the whole-burnt-offering on the altar.

15 And he brought the gift of the people, and took the goat of the sin-offering of the people, and slew it, and purified it as also the first.

16 And he brought the whole-burnt-offering, and offered it in due form.

17 And he brought the sacrifice and filled his hands with it, and laid it on the altar, besides the morning whole-burnt-offering.

18 And he slew the calf, and the ram of the sacrifice of peace-offering of the people; and the sons of Aaron brought the blood to him, and he poured it out on the altar round about.

19 And he took the fat of the calf, and the hind quarters of the ram, and the fat covering the belly, and the two kidneys, and the fat upon them, and the caul on the liver.

20 And he put the fat on the breasts, and offered the fat on the altar.

21 And Aaron separated the breast and the right shoulder as a choice-offering before the Lord, as the Lord commanded Moses.

22 And Aaron lifted up his hands on the people and blessed them; and after he had offered the sin-offering, and the whole-burnt-offerings, and the peace-offerings, he came down.

23 And Moses and Aaron entered into the tabernacle of witness. And they came out and blessed all the people, and the glory of the Lord appeared to all the people.

24 And fire came forth from the Lord, and devoured the offerings on the altar, both the whole-burnt-offerings and the fat; and all the people saw, and were amazed, and fell upon their faces.

Chapter 10

1 And the two sons of Aaron, Nadab and Abiud, took each his censer, and put fire therein, and threw incense thereon, and offered strange fire before the Lord, which the Lord did not command them,

2 and fire came forth from the Lord, and devoured them, and they died before the Lord.

3 And Moses said to Aaron, This is the thing which the Lord spoke, saying, I will be sanctified among them that draw nigh to me, and I will be glorified in the whole congregation; and Aaron was pricked in his heart.

4 And Moses called Misadaë, and Elisaphan, sons of Oziel, sons of the brother of Aaron's father, and said to them, Draw near and take your brethren from before the sanctuary out of the camp.

5 And they came near and took them in their coats out of the camp, as Moses said.

6 And Moses said to Aaron, and Eleazar and Ithamar his sons that were left, You shall not make bare your heads, and you shall not tear your garments; that you die not, and so there should be wrath on all the congregation: but your brethren, even all the house of Israel, shall lament for the burning, with which they were burnt by the Lord.

7 And you shall not go forth from the door of the tabernacle of witness, that you die not; for the Lord's anointing oil is upon you: and they did according to the word of Moses.

8 And the Lord spoke to Aaron, saying,

9 You shall not drink wine nor strong drink, you and your sons with you, whensoever you enter into the tabernacle of witness, or when you approach the altar, so shall you not die; it is a perpetual statute for your generations,

10 to distinguish between sacred and profane, and between clean and unclean,

11 and to teach the children of Israel all the statutes, which the Lord spoke to them by Moses.

12 And Moses said to Aaron, and to Eleazar and Ithamar, the sons of Aaron who survived, Take the sacrifice that is left of the burnt-offerings of the Lord, and you shall eat unleavened bread by the altar: it is most holy.

13 And you shall eat it in the holy place; for this is a statute for you and a statute for your sons, of the burnt-offerings to the Lord; for so it has been commanded me.

14 And you shall eat the breast of separation, and the shoulder of the choice-offering in the holy place, you and your sons and your house with you; for it has been given as an ordinance for you and an ordinance for your sons, of the sacrifices of peace-offering of the children of Israel.

15 They shall bring the shoulder of the choice-offering, and the breast of the separation upon the burnt-offerings of the fat, to separate for a separation before the Lord; and it shall be a perpetual ordinance for you and your sons and your daughters with you, as the Lord commanded Moses.

16 And Moses diligently sought the goat of the sin-offering, but it had been consumed by fire; and Moses was angry with Eleazar and Ithamar the sons of Aaron that were left, saying,

17 Why did you not eat the sin-offering in the holy place? for because it is most holy he has given you this to eat, that you might take away the sin of the congregation, and make atonement for them before the Lord.

18 For the blood of it was not brought into the holy place: you shall eat it within, before the Lord, as the Lord commanded me.

19 And Aaron spoke to Moses, saying, If they have brought nigh to-day their sin-offerings, and their whole-burnt-offerings before the Lord, and these events have happened to me, and yet I should eat to-day of the sin-offerings, would it be pleasing to the Lord?

20 And Moses heard it, and it pleased him.

Chapter 11

1 And the Lord spoke to Moses and Aaron, saying,

2 Speak you to the sons of Israel, saying, These are the beasts which you shall eat of all beasts that are upon the earth.

3 Every beast parting the hoof and making divisions of two claws, and chewing the cud among beasts, these you shall eat.

4 But of these you shall not eat, of those that chew the cud, and of those that part the hoofs, and divide claws; the camel, because it chews the cud, but does not divide the hoof, this is unclean to you.

5 And the rabbit, because it chews the cud, but does not divide the hoof, this is unclean to you.

6 And the hare, because it does not chew the cud, and does not divide the hoof, this is unclean to you.

7 And the swine, because this animal divides the hoof, and makes claws of the hoof, and it does not chew the cud, is unclean to you.

8 You shall not eat of their flesh, and you shall not touch their carcases; these are unclean to you.

9 And these are what you shall eat of all that are in the waters: all things that have fins and scales in the waters, and in the seas, and in the brooks, these you shall eat.

10 And all things which have not fins or scales in the water, or in the seas, and in the brooks, of all which the waters produce, and of every soul living in the water, are an abomination; and they shall be abominations to you.

11 You shall not eat of their flesh, and you shall abhor their carcases.

12 And all things that have not fins or scales of those that are in the waters, these are an abomination to you.

13 And these are the things which you shall abhor of birds, and they shall not be eaten, they are an abomination: the eagle and the ossifrage, and the sea-eagle.

14 And the vulture, and the kite, and the like to it;

15 and the sparrow, and the owl, and the sea-mew, and the like to it:

16 and every raven, and the birds like it, and the hawk and his like,

17 and the night-raven and the cormorant and the stork,

18 and the red-bill, and pelican, and swan,

19 and the heron, and the lapwing, and the like to it, and the hoopoe and the bat.

20 And all winged creatures that creep, which go upon four feet, are abominations to you.

21 But these you shall eat of the creeping winged animals, which go upon four feet, which have legs above their feet, to leap with on the earth.

22 And these of them you shall eat: the caterpillar and his like, and the attacus and his like, and the cantharus and his like, and the locust and his like.

23 Every creeping thing from among the birds, which has four feet, is an abomination to you.

24 And by these you shall be defiled; every one that touches their carcases shall be unclean till the evening.

25 And every one that takes of their dead bodies shall wash his garments, and shall be unclean till the evening.

26 And whichever among the beasts divides the hoof and makes claws, and does not chew the cud, shall be unclean to you; every one that touches their dead bodies shall be unclean till evening.

27 And every one among all the wild beasts that moves upon its fore feet, which goes on all four, is unclean to you; every one that touches their dead bodies shall be unclean till evening.

28 And he that takes of their dead bodies shall wash his garments, and shall be unclean till evening: these are unclean to you.

29 And these are unclean to you of reptiles upon the earth, the weasel, and the mouse, and the lizard,

30 the ferret, and the chameleon, and the evet, and the newt, and the mole.

31 These are unclean to you of all the reptiles which are on the earth; every one who touches their carcases shall be unclean till evening.

32 And on whatsoever one of their dead bodies shall fall it shall be unclean; whatever wooden vessel, or garment, or skin, or sack it may be, every vessel in which work should be done, shall be dipped in water, and shall be unclean till evening; and then it shall be clean.

33 And every earthen vessel into which one of these things shall fall, whatsoever is inside it, shall be unclean, and it shall be broken.

34 And all food that is eaten, on which water shall come from such a vessel, shall be unclean; and every beverage which is drunk in any such vessel, shall be unclean.

35 And every thing on which there shall fall of their dead bodies shall be unclean; ovens and stands for jars shall be broken down: these are unclean, and they shall be unclean to you.

36 Only if the water be of fountains of water, or a pool, or confluence of water, it shall be clean; but he that touches their carcases shall be unclean.

37 And if one of their carcases should fall upon any sowing seed which shall be sown, it shall be clean.

38 But if water be poured on any seed, and one of their dead bodies fall upon it, it is unclean to you.

39 And if one of the cattle die, which it is lawful for you to eat, he that touches their carcases shall be unclean till evening.

40 And he that eats of their carcases shall wash his garments, and be unclean till evening; and he that carries any of their carcases shall wash his garments, and bathe himself in water, and be unclean till evening.

41 And every reptile that creeps on the earth, this shall be an abomination to you; it shall not be eaten.

42 And every animal that creeps on its belly, and every one that goes on four feet continually, which abounds with feet among all the reptiles creeping upon the earth—you shall not eat it, for it is an abomination to you.

43 And you shall not defile your souls with any of the reptiles that creep upon the earth, and you shall not be polluted with them, and you shall not be unclean by them.

44 For I am the Lord your God; and you shall be sanctified, and you shall be holy, because I the Lord your God am holy; and you shall not defile your souls with any of the reptiles creeping upon the earth.

45 For I am the Lord who brought you up out of the land of Egypt to be your God; and you shall be holy, for I the Lord am holy.

46 This is the law concerning beasts and birds and every living creature moving in the water, and every living creature creeping on the earth;

47 to distinguish between the unclean and the clean; and between those that bring forth alive, such as should be eaten, and those that bring forth alive, such as should not be eaten.

Chapter 12

1 And the Lord spoke to Moses, saying,

2 Speak to the children of Israel, and you shall say to them, Whatsoever woman shall have conceived and born a male child shall be unclean seven days, she shall be unclean according to the days of separation for her monthly courses.

3 And on the eighth day she shall circumcise the flesh of his foreskin.

4 And for thirty-three days she shall continue in her unclean blood; she shall touch nothing holy, and shall not enter the sanctuary, until the days of her purification be fulfilled.

5 But if she should have born a female child, then she shall be unclean twice seven days, according to the time of her monthly courses; and for sixty-six days shall she remain in her unclean blood.

6 And when the days of her purification shall have been fulfilled for a son or a daughter, she shall bring a lamb of a year old without blemish for a whole-burnt-offering, and a young pigeon or turtle-dove for a sin-offering to the door of the tabernacle of witness, to the priest.

7 And he shall present it before the Lord, and the priest shall make atonement for her, and shall purge her from the

fountain of her blood; this is the law of her who bears a male or a female.

8 And if she cannot afford a lamb, then shall she take two turtle-doves or two young pigeons, one for a whole-burnt-offering, and one for a sin-offering; and the priest shall make atonement for her, and she shall be purified.

Chapter 13

1 And the Lord spoke to Moses and Aaron, saying,

2 If any man should have in the skin of his flesh a bright clear spot, and there should be in the skin of his flesh a plague of leprosy, he shall be brought to Aaron the priest, or to one of his sons the priests.

3 And the priest shall view the spot in the skin of his flesh; and if the hair in the spot be changed to white, and the appearance of the spot be below the skin of the flesh, it is a plague of leprosy; and the priest shall look upon it, and pronounce him unclean.

4 But if the spot be clear and white in the skin of his flesh, yet the appearance of it be not deep below the skin, and its hair have not changed itself for white hair, but it is dark, then the priest shall separate him that has the spot seven days;

5 and the priest shall look on the spot the seventh day; and, behold, if the spot remains before him, if the spot has not spread in the skin, then the priest shall separate him the second time seven days.

6 And the priest shall look upon him the second time on the seventh day; and, behold, if the spot be dark, and the spot have not spread in the skin, then the priest shall pronounce him clean; for it is a mere mark, and the man shall wash his garments and be clean.

7 But if the bright spot should have changed and spread in the skin, after the priest has seen him for the purpose of purifying him, then shall he appear the second time to the priest,

8 and the priest shall look upon him; and, behold, if the mark have spread in the skin, then the priest shall pronounce him unclean: it is a leprosy.

9 And if a man have a plague of leprosy, then he shall come to the priest;

10 and the priest shall look, and, behold, if it is a white spot in the skin, and it has changed the hair to white, and there be some of the sound part of the quick flesh in the sore—

11 it is a leprosy waxing old in the skin of the flesh; and the priest shall pronounce him unclean, and shall separate him, because he is unclean.

12 And if the leprosy should have come out very evidently in the skin, and the leprosy should cover all the skin of the patient from the head to the feet, wheresoever the priest shall look;

13 then the priest shall look, and, behold, the leprosy has covered all the skin of the flesh; and the priest shall pronounce him clean of the plague, because it has changed all to white, it is clean.

14 But on whatsoever day the quick flesh shall appear on him, he shall be pronounced unclean.

15 And the priest shall look upon the sound flesh, and the sound flesh shall prove him to be unclean; for it is unclean, it is a leprosy.

16 But if the sound flesh be restored and changed to white, then shall he come to the priest;

17 and the priest shall see him, and, behold, if the plague is turned white, then the priest shall pronounce the patient clean: he is clean.

18 And if the flesh should have become an ulcer in his skin, and should be healed,

19 and there should be in the place of the ulcer a white sore, or one looking white and bright, or fiery, and it shall be seen by the priest;

20 then the priest shall look, and, behold, if the appearance be beneath the skin, and its hair has changed to white, then the priest shall pronounce him unclean; because it is a leprosy, it has broken out in the ulcer.

21 But if the priest look, and behold there is no white hair on it, and it be not below the skin of the flesh, and it be dark-coloured; then the priest shall separate him seven days.

22 But if it manifestly spread over the skin, then the priest shall pronounce him unclean: it is a plague of leprosy; it has broken out in the ulcer.

23 But if the bright spot should remain in its place and not spread, it is the scar of the ulcer; and the priest shall pronounce him clean.

24 And if the flesh be in his skin in a state of fiery inflammation, and there should be in his skin the part which is healed of the inflammation, bright, clear, and white, suffused with red or very white;

25 then the priest shall look upon him, and, behold, if the hair being white is changed to a bright colour, and its appearance is lower than the skin, it is a leprosy; it has broken out in the inflammation, and the priest shall pronounce him unclean: it is a plague of leprosy.

26 But if the priest should look, and, behold, there is not in the bright spot any white hair, and it should not be lower than the skin, and it should be dark, then the priest shall separate him seven days.

27 And the priest shall look upon him on the seventh day; and if the spot be much spread in the skin, then the priest

shall pronounce him unclean: it is a plague of leprosy, it has broken out in the ulcer.

28 But if the bright spot remain stationary, and be not spread in the skin, but the sore should be dark, it is a scar of inflammation; and the priest shall pronounce him clean, for it is the mark of the inflammation.

29 And if a man or a woman have in them a plague of leprosy in the head or the beard;

30 then the priest shall look on the plague, and, behold, if the appearance of it be beneath the skin, and in it there be thin yellowish hair, then the priest shall pronounce him unclean: it is a scurf, it is a leprosy of the head or a leprosy of the beard.

31 And if the priest should see the plague of the scurf, and, behold, the appearance of it be not beneath the skin, and there is no yellowish hair in it, then the priest shall set apart him that has the plague of the scurf seven days.

32 And the priest shall look at the plague on the seventh day; and, behold, if the scurf be not spread, and there be no yellowish hair on it, and the appearance of the scurf is not hollow under the skin;

33 then the skin shall be shaven, but the scurf shall not be shaven; and the priest shall set aside the person having the scurf the second time for seven days.

34 And the priest shall see the scurf on the seventh day; and, behold, if the scurf is not spread in the skin after the man's being shaved, and the appearance of the scurf is not hollow beneath the skin, then the priest shall pronounce him clean; and he shall wash his garments, and be clean.

35 But if the scurf be indeed spread in the skin after he has been purified,

36 then the priest shall look, and, behold, if the scurf be spread in the skin, the priest shall not examine concerning the yellow hair, for he is unclean.

37 But if the scurf remain before him in its place, and a dark hair should have arisen in it, the scurf is healed: he is clean, and the priest shall pronounce him clean.

38 And if a man or woman should have in the skin of their flesh spots of a bright whiteness,

39 then the priest shall look; and, behold, there being bright spots of a bright whiteness in the skin of their flesh, it is a tetter; it bursts forth in the skin of his flesh; he is clean.

40 And if any one's head should lose the hair, he is only bald, he is clean.

41 And if his head should lose the hair in front, he is forehead bald: he is clean.

42 And if there should be in his baldness of head, or his baldness of forehead, a white or fiery plague, it is leprosy in his baldness of head, or baldness of forehead.

43 And the priest shall look upon him, and, behold, if the appearance of the plague be white or inflamed in his baldness of head or baldness in front, as the appearance of leprosy in the skin of his flesh,

44 he is a leprous man: the priest shall surely pronounce him unclean, his plague is in his head.

45 And the leper in whom the plague is, let his garments be ungirt, and his head uncovered; and let him have a covering put upon his mouth, and he shall be called unclean.

46 All the days in which the plague shall be upon him, being unclean, he shall be esteemed unclean; he shall dwell apart, his place of sojourn shall be without the camp.

47 And if a garment have in it the plague of leprosy, a garment of wool, or a garment of flax,

48 either in the warp or in the woof, or in the linen, or in the woollen threads, or in a skin, or in any workmanship of skin,

49 and the plague be greenish or reddish in the skin, or in the garment, either in the warp, or in the woof, or in any utensil of skin, it is a plague of leprosy, and he shall show it to the priest.

50 And the priest shall look upon the plague, and the priest shall set apart that which has the plague seven days.

51 And the priest shall look upon the plague on the seventh day; and if the plague be spread in the garment, either in the warp or in the woof, or in the skin, in whatsoever things skins may be used in their workmanship, the plague is a confirmed leprosy; it is unclean.

52 He shall burn the garment, either the warp or woof in woollen garments or in flaxen, or in any utensil of skin, in which there may be the plague; because it is a confirmed leprosy; it shall be burnt with fire.

53 And if the priest should see, and the plague be not spread in the garments, either in the warp or in the woof, or in any utensil of skin,

54 then the priest shall give directions, and one shall wash that on which there may have been the plague, and the priest shall set it aside a second time for seven days.

55 And the priest shall look upon it after the plague has been washed; and if this, even the plague, has not changed its appearance, and the plague does not spread, it is unclean; it shall be burnt with fire: it is fixed in the garment, in the warp, or in the woof.

56 And if the priest should look, and the spot be dark after it has been washed, he shall tear it off from the garment, either from the warp or from the woof, or from the skin.

57 And if it should still appear in the garment, either in the warp or in the woof, or in any article of skin, it is a leprosy bursting forth: that wherein is the plague shall be burnt with fire.

58 And the garment, or the warp, or the woof, or any article of skin, which shall be washed, and the plague depart from it, shall also be washed again, and shall be clean.

59 This is the law of the plague of leprosy of a woollen or linen garment, either of the warp, or woof, or any leathern article, to pronounce it clean or unclean.

Chapter 14

1 And the Lord spoke to Moses, saying,

2 This is the law of the leper: in whatsoever day he shall have been cleansed, then shall he be brought to the priest.

3 And the priest shall come forth out of the camp, and the priest shall look, and, behold, the plague of the leprosy is removed from the leper.

4 And the priest shall give directions, and they shall take for him that is cleansed two clean live birds, and cedar wood, and spun scarlet, and hyssop.

5 And the priest shall give direction, and they shall kill one bird over an earthen vessel over running water.

6 And as for the living bird he shall take it, and the cedar wood, and the spun scarlet, and the hyssop, and he shall dip them and the living bird into the blood of the bird that was slain over running water.

7 And he shall sprinkle seven times upon him that was cleansed of his leprosy, and he shall be clean; and he shall let go the living bird into the field.

8 And the man that has been cleansed shall wash his garments, and shall shave off all his hair, and shall wash himself in water, and shall be clean; and after that he shall go into the camp, and shall remain out of his house seven days.

9 And it shall come to pass on the seventh day, he shall shave off all his hair, his head and his beard, and his eye-brows, even all his hair shall he shave; and he shall wash his garments, and wash his body with water, and shall be clean.

10 And on the eighth day he shall take two lambs without spot of a year old, and one ewe lamb without spot of a year old, and three-tenths of fine flour for sacrifice kneaded with oil, and one small cup of oil.

11 And the priest that cleanses shall present the man under purification, and these offerings before the Lord, at the door of the tabernacle of witness.

12 And the priest shall take one lamb, and offer him for a trespass-offering, and the cup of oil, and set them apart for a special offering before the Lord.

13 And they shall kill the lamb in the place where they kill the whole-burnt-offerings, and the sin-offerings, in the holy places; for it is a sin-offering: as the trespass-offering, it belongs to the priest, it is most holy.

14 And the priest shall take of the blood of the trespass-offering, and the priest shall put it on the tip of the right ear of the person under cleansing, and on the thumb of his right hand, and on the great toe of his right foot.

15 And the priest shall take of the cup of oil, and shall pour it upon his own left hand.

16 And he shall dip with the finger of his right hand into some of the oil that is in his left hand, and he shall sprinkle with his finger seven times before the Lord.

17 And the remaining oil that is in his hand, the priest shall put on the tip of the right ear of him that is under cleansing, and on the thumb of his right hand, and on the great toe of his right foot, on the place of the blood of the trespass-offering.

18 And the remaining oil that is on the hand of the priest, the priest shall put on the head of the cleansed leper, and the priest shall make atonement for him before the Lord.

19 And the priest shall sacrifice the sin-offering, and the priest shall make atonement for the person under purification to cleanse him from his sin, and afterwards the priest shall slay the whole-burnt-offering.

20 And the priest shall offer the whole-burnt-offering, and the sacrifice upon the altar before the Lord; and the priest shall make atonement for him, and he shall be cleansed.

21 And if he should be poor, and cannot afford so much, he shall take one lamb for his transgression for a separate-offering, so as to make propitiation for him, and a tenth deal of fine flour mingled with oil for a sacrifice, and one cup of oil,

22 and two turtle-doves, or two young pigeons, as he can afford; and the one shall be for a sin-offering, and the other for a whole-burnt-offering.

23 And he shall bring them on the eighth day, to purify him, to the priest, to the door of the tabernacle of witness before the Lord.

24 And the priest shall take the lamb of the trespass-offering, and the cup of oil, and place them for a set-offering before the Lord.

25 And he shall slay the lamb of the trespass-offering; and the priest shall take of the blood of the trespass-offering, and put it on the tip of the right ear of him that is under purification, and on the thumb of his right hand, and on the great toe of his right foot.

26 And the priest shall pour of the oil on his own left hand.

27 And the priest shall sprinkle with the finger of his right hand some of the oil that is in his left hand seven times before the Lord.

28 And the priest shall put of the oil that is on his hand on the tip of the right ear of him that is under purification, and on the thumb of his right hand, and on the great toe of

his right foot, on the place of the blood of the trespass-offering.

29 And that which is left of the oil which is on the hand of the priest he shall put on the head of him that is purged, and the priest shall make atonement for him before the Lord.

30 And he shall offer one of the turtle-doves or of the young pigeons, as he can afford it,

31 the one for a sin-offering, the other for a whole-burnt-offering with the meat-offering, and the priest shall make an atonement before the Lord for him that is under purification.

32 This is the law for him in whom is the plague of leprosy, and who cannot afford the offerings for his purification.

33 And the Lord spoke to Moses and Aaron, saying,

34 Whensoever you shall enter into the land of the Chananites, which I give you for a possession, and I shall put the plague of leprosy in the houses of the land of your possession;

35 then the owner of the house shall come and report to the priest, saying, I have seen as it were a plague in the house.

36 And the priest shall give orders to remove the furniture of the house, before the priest comes in to see the plague, and thus none of the things in the house shall become unclean; and afterwards the priest shall go in to examine the house.

37 And he shall look on the plague, and, behold, if the plague is in the walls of the house, he will see greenish or reddish cavities, and the appearance of them will be beneath the surface of the walls.

38 And the priest shall come out of the house to the door of the house, and the priest shall separate the house seven days.

39 And the priest shall return on the seventh day and view the house; and, behold, if the plague is spread in the walls of the house,

40 then the priest shall give orders, and they shall take away the stones in which the plague is, and shall cast them out of the city into an unclean place.

41 And they shall scrape the house within round about, and shall pour out the dust scraped off outside the city into an unclean place.

42 And they shall take other scraped stones, and put them in the place of the former stones, and they shall take other plaster and plaster the house.

43 And if the plague should return again, and break out in the house after they have taken away the stones and after the house is scraped, and after it has been plastered,

44 then the priest shall go in and see if the plague is spread in the house: it is a confirmed leprosy in the house, it is unclean.

45 And they shall take down the house, and its timbers and its stones, and they shall carry out all the mortar without the city into an unclean place.

46 And he that goes into the house at any time, during its separation, shall be unclean until evening.

47 And he that sleeps in the house shall wash his garments, and be unclean until evening; and he that eats in the house shall wash his garments, and be unclean until evening.

48 And if the priest shall arrive and enter and see, and behold the plague be not at all spread in the house after the house has been plastered, then the priest shall declare the house clean, because the plague is healed.

49 And he shall take to purify the house two clean living birds, and cedar wood, and spun scarlet, and hyssop.

50 And he shall slay one bird in an earthen vessel over running water.

51 And he shall take the cedar wood, and the spun scarlet, and the hyssop, and the living bird; and shall dip it into the blood of the bird slain over running water, and with them he shall sprinkle the house seven times.

52 And he shall purify the house with the blood of the bird, and with the running water, and with the living bird, and with the cedar wood, and with the hyssop, and with the spun scarlet.

53 And he shall let the living bird go out of the city into the field, and shall make atonement for the house, and it shall be clean.

54 This is the law concerning every plague of leprosy and scurf,

55 and of the leprosy of a garment, and of a house,

56 and of a sore, and of a clear spot, and of a shining one,

57 and of declaring in what day it is unclean, and in what day it shall be purged: this is the law of the leprosy.

Chapter 15

1 And the Lord spoke to Moses and Aaron, saying,

2 Speak to the children of Israel, and you shall say to them, Whatever man shall have an issue out of his body, his issue is unclean.

3 And this is the law of his uncleanness; whoever has a gonorrhœa out of his body, this is his uncleanness in him by reason of the issue, by which his body is affected through the issue: all the days of the issue of his body, by which his body is affected through the issue, there is his uncleanness.

4 Every bed on which he that has the issue shall happen to lie, is unclean; and every seat on which he that has the issue may happen to sit, shall be unclean.

5 And the man who shall touch his bed, shall wash his garments, and bathe himself in water, and shall be unclean till evening.

6 And whosoever sits on the seat on which he that has the issue may have sat, shall wash his garments, and bathe himself in water, and shall be unclean until evening.

7 And he that touches the skin of him that has the issue, shall wash his garments and bathe himself in water, and shall be unclean till evening.

8 And if he that has the issue should spit upon one that is clean, that person shall wash his garments, and bathe himself in water, and be unclean until evening.

9 And every ass's saddle, on which the man with the issue shall have mounted, shall be unclean till evening.

10 And every one that touches whatsoever shall have been under him shall be unclean until evening; and he that takes them up shall wash his garments, and bathe himself in water, and shall be unclean until evening.

11 And whomsoever he that has the issue shall touch, if he have not rinsed his hands in water, he shall wash his garments, and bathe his body in water, and shall be unclean until evening.

12 And the earthen vessel which he that has the issue shall happen to touch, shall be broken; and a wooden vessel shall be washed with water, and shall be clean.

13 And if he that has the issue should be cleansed of his issue, then shall he number to himself seven days for his purification; and he shall wash his garments, and bathe his body in water, and shall be clean.

14 And on the eighth day he shall take to himself two turtle-doves or two young pigeons, and he shall bring them before the Lord to the doors of the tabernacle of witness, and shall give them to the priest.

15 And the priest shall offer them one for a sin-offering, and the other for a whole-burnt-offering; and the priest shall make atonement for him before the Lord for his issue.

16 And the man whose seed of copulation shall happen to go forth from him, shall then wash his whole body, and shall be unclean until evening.

17 And every garment, and every skin on which there shall be the seed of copulation shall both be washed with water, and be unclean until evening.

18 And a woman, if a man shall lie with her with seed of copulation—they shall both bathe themselves in water and shall be unclean until evening.

19 And the woman whosoever shall have an issue of blood, when her issue shall be in her body, shall be seven days in her separation; every one that touches her shall be unclean until evening.

20 And every thing whereon she shall lie in her separation, shall be unclean; and whatever she shall sit upon, shall be unclean.

21 And whosoever shall touch her bed shall wash his garments, and bathe his body in water, and shall be unclean until evening.

22 And every one that touches any vessel on which she shall sit, shall wash his garments and bathe himself in water, and shall be unclean until evening.

23 And whether it be while she is on her bed, or on a seat which she may happen to sit upon when he touches her, he shall be unclean till evening.

24 And if any one shall lie with her, and her uncleanness be upon him, he shall be unclean seven days; and every bed on which he shall have lain shall be unclean.

25 And if a woman have an issue of blood many days, not in the time of her separation; if the blood should also flow after her separation, all the days of the issue of her uncleanness shall be as the days of her separation: she shall be unclean.

26 And every bed on which she shall lie all the days of her flux shall be to her as the bed of her separation, and every seat whereon she shall sit shall be unclean according to the uncleanness of her separation.

27 Every one that touches it shall be unclean; and he shall wash his garments, and bathe his body in water, and shall be unclean till evening.

28 But if she shall be cleansed from her flux, then she shall number to herself seven days, and afterwards she shall be esteemed clean.

29 And on the eighth day she shall take two turtle-doves, or two young pigeons, and shall bring them to the priest, to the door of the tabernacle of witness.

30 And the priest shall offer one for a sin-offering, and the other for a whole-burnt-offering, and the priest shall make atonement for her before the Lord for her unclean flux.

31 And you shall cause the children of Israel to beware of their uncleannesses; so they shall not die for their uncleanness, in polluting my tabernacle that is among them.

32 This is the law of the man who has an issue, and if one discharge seed of copulation, so that he should be polluted by it.

33 And this is the law for her that has the issue of blood in her separation, and as to the person who has an issue of seed, in his issue: it is a law for the male and the female, and for the man who shall have lain with her that is set apart.

Chapter 16

1 And the Lord spoke to Moses after the two sons of Aaron died in bringing strange fire before the Lord, so they died.

2 And the Lord said to Moses, Speak to Aaron your brother, and let him not come in at all times into the holy place within the veil before the propitiatory, which is upon the ark of the testimony, and he shall not die; for I will appear in a cloud on the propitiatory.

3 Thus shall Aaron enter into the holy place; with a calf of the herd for a sin-offering, and having a ram for a whole-burnt-offering.

4 And he shall put on the consecrated linen tunic, and he shall have on his flesh the linen drawers, and shall gird himself with a linen girdle, and shall put on the linen cap, they are holy garments; and he shall bathe all his body in water, and shall put them on.

5 And he shall take of the congregation of the children of Israel two kids of the goats for a sin-offering, and one lamb for a whole-burnt-offering.

6 And Aaron shall bring the calf for his own sin-offering, and shall make atonement for himself and for his house.

7 And he shall take the two goats, and place them before the Lord by the door of the tabernacle of witness.

8 And Aaron shall cast lots upon the two goats, one lot for the Lord, and the other for the scape-goat.

9 And Aaron shall bring forward the goat on which the lot for the Lord fell, and shall offer him for a sin-offering.

10 And the goat upon which the lot of the scape-goat came, he shall present alive before the Lord, to make atonement upon him, so as to send him away as a scape-goat, and he shall send him into the wilderness.

11 And Aaron shall bring the calf for his sin, and he shall make atonement for himself and for his house, and he shall kill the calf for his sin-offering.

12 And he shall take his censer full of coals of fire off the altar, which is before the Lord; and he shall fill his hands with fine compound incense, and shall bring it within the veil.

13 And he shall put the incense on the fire before the Lord, and the smoke of the incense shall cover the mercy-seat over the tables of testimony, and he shall not die.

14 And he shall take of the blood of the calf, and sprinkle with his finger on the mercy-seat eastward: before the mercy-seat shall he sprinkle seven times of the blood with his finger.

15 And he shall kill the goat for the sin-offering that is for the people, before the Lord; and he shall bring in of its blood within the veil, and shall do with its blood as he did with the blood of the calf, and shall sprinkle its blood on the mercy-seat, in front of the mercy-seat.

16 And he shall make atonement for the sanctuary on account of the uncleanness of the children of Israel, and for their trespasses in the matter of all their sins; and thus shall he do to the tabernacle of witness established among them in the midst of their uncleanness.

17 And there shall be no man in the tabernacle of witness, when he goes in to make atonement in the holy place, until he shall have come out; and he shall make atonement for himself, and for his house, and for all the congregation of the children of Israel.

18 And he shall come forth to the altar that is before the Lord, and he shall make atonement upon it; and he shall take of the blood of the calf, and of the blood of the goat, and shall put it on the horns of the altar round about.

19 And he shall sprinkle some of the blood upon it seven times with his finger, and shall purge it, and hallow it from the uncleanness of the children of Israel.

20 And he shall finish making atonement for the sanctuary and for the tabernacle of witness, and for the altar; and he shall make a cleansing for the priests, and he shall bring the living goat;

21 and Aaron shall lay his hands on the head of the live goat, and he shall declare over him all the iniquities of the children of Israel, and all their unrighteousnesses, and all their sins; and he shall lay them upon the head of the live goat, and shall send him by the hand of a ready man into the wilderness.

22 And the goat shall bear their unrighteousnesses upon him into a desert land; and Aaron shall send away the goat into the wilderness.

23 And Aaron shall enter into the tabernacle of witness, and shall put off the linen garment, which he had put on, as he entered into the holy place, and shall lay it by there.

24 And he shall bathe his body in water in the holy place, and shall put on his raiment, and shall go out and offer the whole-burnt-offering for himself and the whole-burnt-offering for the people: and shall make atonement for himself and for his house, and for the people, as for the priests.

25 And he shall offer the fat for the sin-offering on the altar.

26 And he that sends forth the goat that has been set apart to be let go, shall wash his garments, and bathe his body in water, and afterwards shall enter into the camp.

27 And the calf for the sin-offering, and the goat for the sin-offering, whose blood was brought in to make atonement in the holy place, they shall carry forth out of the camp, and burn them with fire, even their skins and their flesh and their dung.

28 And he that burns them shall wash his garments, and bathe his body in water, and afterwards he shall enter into the camp.

29 And this shall be a perpetual statute for you; in the seventh month, on the tenth day of the month, you shall humble your souls, and shall do no work, the native and the stranger who abides among you.

30 For in this day he shall make an atonement for you, to cleanse you from all your sins before the Lord, and you shall be purged.

31 This shall be to you a most holy sabbath, a rest, and you shall humble your souls; it is a perpetual ordinance.

32 The priest whomsoever they shall anoint shall make atonement, and whomsoever they shall consecrate to exercise the priestly office after his father; and he shall put on the linen robe, the holy garment.

33 And he shall make atonement for the most holy place, and the tabernacle of witness; and he shall make atonement for the altar, and for the priests; and he shall make atonement for all the congregation.

34 And this shall be to you a perpetual statute to make atonement for the children of Israel for all their sins: it shall be done once in the year, as the Lord commanded Moses.

Chapter 17

1 And the Lord spoke to Moses, saying,

2 Speak to Aaron and to his sons, and to all the children of Israel, and you shall say to them, This is the word which the Lord has commanded, saying,

3 Every man of the children of Israel, or of the strangers abiding among you, who shall kill a calf, or a sheep, or a goat in the camp, or who shall kill it out of the camp,

4 and shall not bring it to the door of the tabernacle of witness, so as to sacrifice it for a whole-burnt-offering or peace-offering to the Lord to be acceptable for a sweet-smelling savour: and whosoever shall slay it without, and shall not bring it to the door of the tabernacle of witness, so as to offer it as a gift to the Lord before the tabernacle of the Lord; blood shall be imputed to that man, he has shed blood; that soul shall be cut off from his people.

5 That the children of Israel may offer their sacrifices, all that they shall slay in the fields, and bring them to the Lord unto the doors of the tabernacle of witness to the priest, and they shall sacrifice them as a peace-offering to the Lord.

6 And the priest shall pour the blood on the altar round about before the Lord by the doors of the tabernacle of witness, and shall offer the fat for a sweet-smelling savour to the Lord.

7 And they shall no longer offer their sacrifices to vain gods after which they go a whoring; it shall be a perpetual statute to you for your generations.

8 And you shall say to them, Whatever man of the children of Israel, or of the sons of the proselytes abiding among you, shall offer a whole-burnt-offering or a sacrifice,

9 and shall not bring it to the door of the tabernacle of witness to sacrifice it to the Lord, that man shall be destroyed from among his people.

10 And whatever man of the children of Israel, or of the strangers abiding among you, shall eat any blood, I will even set my face against that soul that eats blood, and will destroy it from its people.

11 For the life of flesh is its blood, and I have given it to you on the altar to make atonement for your souls; for its blood shall make atonement for the soul.

12 Therefore I said to the children of Israel, No soul of you shall eat blood, and the stranger that abides among you shall not eat blood.

13 And whatever man of the children of Israel, or of the strangers abiding among you shall take any animal in hunting, beast, or bird, which is eaten, then shall he pour out the blood, and cover it in the dust.

14 For the blood of all flesh is its life; and I said to the children of Israel, You shall not eat the blood of any flesh, for the life of all flesh is its blood: every one that eats it shall be destroyed.

15 And every soul which eats that which has died of itself, or is taken of beasts, either among the natives or among the strangers, shall wash his garments, and bathe himself in water, and shall be unclean until evening: then shall he be clean.

16 But if he do not wash his garments, and do not bathe his body in water, then shall he bear his iniquity.

Chapter 18

1 And the Lord spoke to Moses, saying,

2 Speak to the children of Israel, and you shall say to them, I am the Lord your God.

3 You shall not do according to the devices of Egypt, in which you dwelt: and according to the devices of the land of Canaan, into which I bring you, you shall not do; and you shall not walk in their ordinances.

4 You shall observe my judgments, and shall keep my ordinances, and shall walk in them: I am the Lord your God.

5 So you shall keep all my ordinances, and all my judgments, and do them; which if a man do, he shall live in them: I am the Lord your God.

6 No man shall draw nigh to any of his near kindred to uncover their nakedness; I am the Lord.

7 You shall not uncover the nakedness of your father, or the nakedness of your mother, for she is your mother; you shall not uncover her nakedness.

8 You shall not uncover the nakedness of your father's wife; it is your father's nakedness.

9 The nakedness of your sister by your father or by your mother, born at home or abroad, their nakedness you shall not uncover.

10 The nakedness of your son's daughter, or your daughter's daughter, their nakedness you shall not uncover; because it is your nakedness.

11 You shall not uncover the nakedness of the daughter of your father's wife; she is your sister by the same father: you shall not uncover her nakedness.

12 You shall not uncover the nakedness of your father's sister, for she is near akin to your father.

13 You shall not uncover the nakedness of your mother's sister, for she is near akin to your mother.

14 You shall not uncover the nakedness of your father's brother, and you shall not go in to his wife; for she is your relation.

15 You shall not uncover the nakedness of your daughter-in-law, for she is your son's wife, you shall not uncover her nakedness.

16 You shall not uncover the nakedness of your brother's wife: it is your brother's nakedness.

17 The nakedness of a woman and her daughter shall you not uncover; her son's daughter, and her daughter's daughter, shall you not take, to uncover their nakedness, for they are your kinswomen: it is impiety.

18 You shall not take a wife in addition to her sister, as a rival, to uncover her nakedness in opposition to her, while she is yet living.

19 And you shall not go in to a woman under separation for her uncleanness, to uncover her nakedness.

20 And you shall not lie with your neighbour's wife, to defile yourself with her.

21 And you shall not give of your seed to serve a ruler; and you shall not profane my holy name; I am the Lord.

22 And you shall not lie with a man as with a woman, for it is an abomination.

23 Neither shall you lie with any quadruped for copulation, to be polluted with it: neither shall a woman present herself before any quadruped to have connexion with it; for it is an abomination.

24 Do not defile yourselves with any of these things; for in all these things the nations are defiled, which I drive out before you,

25 and the land is polluted; and I have recompensed their iniquity to them because of it, and the land is aggrieved with them that dwell upon it.

26 And you shall keep all my statutes and all my ordinances, and you shall do none of these abominations; neither the native, nor the stranger that joins himself with you:

27 (for all these abominations the men of the land did who were before you, and the land was defiled,)

28 and lest the land be aggrieved with you in your polluting it, as it was aggrieved with the nations before you.

29 For whosoever shall do any of these abominations, the souls that do them shall be destroyed from among their people.

30 And you shall keep mine ordinances, that you may not do any of the abominable practices, which have taken place before your time: and you shall not be polluted in them; for I am the Lord your God.

Chapter 19

1 And the Lord spoke to Moses, saying,

2 Speak to the congregation of the children of Israel, and you shall say to them, You shall be holy; for I the Lord your God am holy.

3 Let every one of you reverence his father and his mother; and you shall keep my sabbaths: I am the Lord your God.

4 You shall not follow idols, and you shall not make to yourselves molten gods: I am the Lord your God.

5 And if you will sacrifice a peace-offering to the Lord, you shall offer it acceptable from yourselves.

6 In what day soever you shall sacrifice it, it shall be eaten; and on the following day, and if any of it should be left till the third day, it shall be thoroughly burnt with fire.

7 And if it should be at all eaten on the third day, it is unfit for sacrifice: it shall not be accepted.

8 And he that eats it shall bear his iniquity, because he has profaned the holy things of the Lord; and the souls that eat it shall be destroyed from among their people.

9 And when you reap the harvest of your land, you shall not complete the reaping of your field with exactness, and you shall not gather that which falls from your reaping.

10 And you shall not go over the gathering of your vineyard, neither shall you gather the remaining grapes of your vineyard: you shall leave them for the poor and the stranger: I am the Lord your God.

11 You shall not steal, you shall not lie, neither shall one bear false witness as an informer against his neighbour.

12 And you shall not swear unjustly by my name, and you shall not profane the holy name of your God: I am the Lord your God.

13 You shall not injure your neighbour, neither do you rob him, neither shall the wages of your hireling remain with you until the morning.

14 You shall not revile the deaf, neither shall you put a stumbling-block in the way of the blind; and you shall fear the Lord your God: I am the Lord your God.

15 You shall not act unjustly in judgment: you shall not accept the person of the poor, nor admire the person of the mighty; with justice shall you judge your neighbour.

16 You shall not walk deceitfully among your people; you shall not rise up against the blood of your neighbour: I am the Lord your God.

17 You shall not hate your brother in yours heart: you shall in any wise rebuke your neighbour, so you shall not bear sin on his account.

18 And your hand shall not avenge you; and you shall not be angry with the children of your people; and you shall love your neighbour as yourself; I am the Lord.

19 You shall observe my law: you shall not let your cattle gender with one of a different kind, and you shall not sow your vineyard with diverse seed; and you shall not put upon yourself a mingled garment woven of two materials.

20 And if any one lie carnally with a woman, and she should be a homeservant kept for a man, and she has not been ransomed, and her freedom has not been given to her, they shall be visited with punishment; but they shall not die, because she was not set at liberty.

21 And he shall bring for his trespass to the Lord to the door of the tabernacle of witness, a ram for a trespass-offering.

22 And the priest shall make atonement for him with the ram of the trespass-offering, before the Lord, for the sin which he sinned; and the sin which he sinned shall be forgiven him.

23 And whenever you shall enter into the land which the Lord your God gives you, and shall plant any fruit-tree, then shall you purge away its uncleanness; its fruit shall be three years uncleansed to you, it shall not be eaten.

24 And in the fourth year all its fruit shall be holy, a subject of praise to the Lord.

25 And in the fifth year you shall eat the fruit, its produce is an increase to you. I am the Lord your God.

26 Eat not on the mountains, nor shall you employ auguries, nor divine by inspection of birds.

27 You shall not make a round cutting of the hair of your head, nor disfigure your beard.

28 And you shall not make cuttings in your body for a dead body, and you shall not inscribe on yourselves any marks. I am the Lord your God.

29 You shall not profane your daughter to prostitute her; so the land shall not go a whoring, and the land be filled with iniquity.

30 You shall keep my sabbaths, and reverence my sanctuaries: I am the Lord.

31 You shall not attend to those who have in them divining spirits, nor attach yourselves to enchanters, to pollute yourselves with them: I am the Lord your God.

32 You shall rise up before the hoary head, and honour the face of the old man, and shall fear your God: I am the Lord your God.

33 And if there should come to you a stranger in your land, you shall not afflict him.

34 The stranger that comes to you shall be among you as the native, and you shall love him as yourself; for you were strangers in the land of Egypt: I am the Lord your God.

35 You shall not act unrighteously in judgment, in measures and weights and scales.

36 There shall be among you just balances and just weights and a just liquid measure. I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt.

37 And you shall keep all my law and all my ordinances, and you shall do them: I am the Lord your God.

Chapter 20

1 And the Lord spoke to Moses, saying,

2 You shall also say to the children of Israel, If there shall be any of the children of Israel, or of those who have become proselytes in Israel, who shall give of his seed to Moloch, let him be surely put to death; the nation upon the land shall stone him with stones.

3 And I will set my face against that man, and will cut him off from his people, because he has given of his seed to Moloch, to defile my sanctuary, and profane the name of them that are consecrated to me.

4 And if the natives of the land should in anywise overlook that man in giving of his seed to Moloch, so as not to put him to death;

5 then will I set my face against that man and his family, and I will destroy him, and all who have been of one mind with him, so that he should go a whoring to the princes, from their people.

6 And the soul that shall follow those who have in them divining spirits, or enchanters, so as to go a whoring after them; I will set my face against that soul, and will destroy it from among its people.

7 And you shall be holy, for I the Lord your God am holy.

8 And you shall observe my ordinances, and do them: I am the Lord that sanctifies you.

9 Every man who shall speak evil of his father or of his mother, let him die the death; has he spoken evil of his father or his mother? he shall be guilty.

10 Whatever man shall commit adultery with the wife of a man, or whoever shall commit adultery with the wife of his neighbour, let them die the death, the adulterer and the adulteress.

11 And if any one should lie with his father's wife, he has uncovered his father's nakedness: let them both die the death, they are guilty.

12 And if any one should lie with his daughter-in-law, let them both be put to death; for they have wrought impiety, they are guilty.

13 And whoever shall lie with a male as with a woman, they have both wrought abomination; let them die the death, they are guilty.

14 Whosoever shall take a woman and her mother, it is iniquity: they shall burn him and them with fire; so there shall not be iniquity among you.

15 And whosoever shall lie with a beast, let him die the death; and you shall kill the beast.

16 And whatever woman shall approach any beast, so as to have connexion with it, you shall kill the woman and the beast: let them die the death, they are guilty.

17 Whosoever shall take his sister by his father or by his mother, and shall see her nakedness, and she see his nakedness, it is a reproach: they shall be destroyed before the children of their family; he has uncovered his sister's nakedness, they shall bear their sin.

18 And whatever man shall lie with a woman that is set apart for a flux, and shall uncover her nakedness, he has uncovered her fountain, and she has uncovered the flux of her blood: they shall both be destroyed from among their generation.

19 And you shall not uncover the nakedness of your father's sister, or of the sister of your mother; for that man has uncovered the nakedness of one near akin: they shall bear their iniquity.

20 Whosoever shall lie with his near kinswoman, has uncovered the nakedness of one near akin to him: they shall die childless.

21 Whoever shall take his brother's wife, it is uncleanness; he has uncovered his brother's nakedness; they shall die childless.

22 And keep you all my ordinances, and my judgments; and you shall do them, and the land shall not be aggrieved with you, into which I bring you to dwell upon it.

23 And walk you not in the customs of the nations which I drive out from before you; for they have done all these things, and I have abhorred them:

24 and I said to you, You shall inherit their land, and I will give it to you for a possession, even a land flowing with milk and honey: I am the Lord your God, who have separated you from all people.

25 And you shall make a distinction between the clean and the unclean cattle, and between clean and unclean birds; and you shall not defile your souls with cattle, or with birds, or with any creeping things of the earth, which I have separated for you by reason of uncleanness.

26 And you shall be holy to me; because I the Lord your God am holy, who separated you from all nations, to be mine.

27 And as for a man or woman whosoever of them shall have in them a divining spirit, or be an enchanter, let them both die the death: you shall stone them with stones, they are guilty.

Chapter 21

1 And the Lord spoke to Moses, saying, Speak to the priests the sons of Aaron, and you shall tell them that they shall not defile themselves in their nation for the dead,

2 but they may mourn for a relative who is very near to them, for a father and mother, and sons and daughters, for a brother,

3 and for a virgin sister that is near to one, that is not espoused to a man; for these one shall defile himself.

4 He shall not defile himself suddenly among his people to profane himself.

5 And you shall not shave your head for the dead with a baldness on the top; and they shall not shave their beard, neither shall they make gashes on their flesh.

6 They shall be holy to their God, and they shall not profane the name of their God; for they offer the sacrifices of the Lord as the gifts of their God, and they shall be holy.

7 They shall not take a woman who is a harlot and profaned, or a woman put away from her husband; for he is holy to the Lord his God.

8 And you shall hallow him; he offers the gifts of the Lord your God: he shall be holy, for I the Lord that sanctify them am holy.

9 And if the daughter of a priest should be profaned to go a whoring, she profanes the name of her father: she shall be burnt with fire.

10 And the priest that is chief among his brethren, the oil having been poured upon the head of the anointed one, and he having been consecrated to put on the garments, shall not take the mitre off his head, and shall not rend his garments:

11 neither shall he go in to any dead body, neither shall he defile himself for his father or his mother.

12 And he shall not go forth out of the sanctuary, and he shall not profane the sanctuary of his God, because the holy anointing oil of God is upon him: I am the Lord.

13 He shall take for a wife a virgin of his own tribe.

14 But a widow, or one that is put away, or profaned, or a harlot, these he shall not take; but he shall take for a wife a virgin of his own people.

15 And he shall not profane his seed among his people: I am the Lord that sanctifies him.

16 And the Lord spoke to Moses, saying,

17 Say to Aaron, A man of your tribe throughout your generations, who shall have a blemish on him, shall not draw nigh to offer the gifts of his God.

18 No man who has a blemish on him shall draw nigh; a man lame, blind, with his nose disfigured, or his ears cut,

19 a man who has a broken hand or a broken foot,

20 or hump-backed, or blear-eyed, or that has lost his eye-lashes, or a man who has a malignant ulcer, or tetter, or one that has lost a testicle.

21 Whoever of the seed of Aaron the priest has a blemish on him, shall not draw nigh to offer sacrifices to your God, because he has a blemish on him; he shall not draw nigh to offer the gifts of God.

22 The gifts of God are most holy, and he shall eat of the holy things.

23 Only he shall not approach the veil, and he shall not draw nigh to the altar, because he has a blemish; and he shall not profane the sanctuary of his God, for I am the Lord that sanctifies them.

24 And Moses spoke to Aaron and his sons, and to all the children of Israel.

Chapter 22

1 And the Lord spoke to Moses, saying,

2 Speak to Aaron and to his sons, and let them take heed concerning the holy things of the children of Israel, so they shall not profane my holy name in any of the things which they consecrate to me: I am the Lord.

3 Say to them, Every man throughout your generations, whoever of all your seed shall approach to the holy things, whatsoever the children of Israel shall consecrate to the Lord, while his uncleanness is upon him, that soul shall be cut off from me: I am the Lord your God.

4 And the man of the seed of Aaron the priest, if he should have leprosy or issue of the reins, shall not eat of the holy things, until he be cleansed; and he that touches any uncleanness of a dead body, or the man whose seed of copulation shall have gone out from him,

5 or whosoever shall touch any unclean reptile, which will defile him, or who shall touch a man, whereby he shall defile him according to all his uncleanness:

6 whatsoever soul shall touch them shall be unclean until evening; he shall not eat of the holy things, unless he bathe his body in water,

7 and the sun go down, and then he shall be clean; and then shall he eat of all the holy things, for they are his bread.

8 He shall not eat that which dies of itself, or is taken of beasts, so that he should be polluted by them: I am the Lord.

9 And they shall keep my ordinances, that they do not bear iniquity because of them, and die because of them, if they shall profane them: I am the Lord God that sanctifies them.

10 And no stranger shall eat the holy things: one that sojourns with a priest, or a hireling, shall not eat the holy things.

11 But if a priest should have a soul purchased for money, he shall eat of his bread; and they that are born in his house, they also shall eat of his bread.

12 And if the daughter of a priest should marry a stranger, she shall not eat of the offerings of the sanctuary.

13 And if the daughter of a priest should be a widow, or put away, and have no seed, she shall return to her father's house, as in her youth: she shall eat of her father's bread, but no stranger shall eat of it.

14 And the man who shall ignorantly eat holy things, shall add the fifth part to it, and give the holy thing to the priest.

15 And they shall not profane the holy things of the children of Israel, which they offer to the Lord.

16 So should they bring upon themselves the iniquity of trespass in their eating their holy things: for I am the Lord that sanctifies them.

17 And the Lord spoke to Moses, saying,

18 Speak to Aaron and his sons, and to all the congregation of Israel, and you shall say to them, Any man of the children of Israel, or of the strangers that abide among them in Israel, who shall offer his gifts according to all their confession and according to all their choice, whatsoever they may bring to the Lord for whole-burnt-offerings—

19 your free-will-offerings shall be males without blemish of the herds, or of the sheep, or of the goats.

20 They shall not bring to the Lord anything that has a blemish in it, for it shall not be acceptable for you.

21 And whatsoever man shall offer a peace-offering to the Lord, discharging a vow, or in the way of free-will-offering, or an offering in your feasts, of the herds or of the sheep, it shall be without blemish for acceptance: there shall be no blemish in it.

22 One that is blind, or broken, or has its tongue cut out, or is troubled with warts, or has a malignant ulcer, or tetters, they shall not offer these to the Lord; neither shall you offer any of them for a burnt-offering on the altar of the Lord.

23 And a calf or a sheep with the ears cut off, or that has lost its tail, you shall slay them for yourself; but they shall not be accepted for your vow.

24 That which has broken testicles, or is crushed or gelt or mutilated,— you shall not offer them to the Lord, neither shall you sacrifice them upon your land.

25 Neither shall you offer the gifts of your God of all these things by the hand of a stranger, because there is corruption in them, a blemish in them: these shall not be accepted for you.

26 And the Lord spoke to Moses, saying,

27 As for a calf, or a sheep, or a goat, whenever it is born, then shall it be seven days under its mother; and on the eighth day and after they shall be accepted for sacrifices, a burnt-offering to the Lord.

28 And a bullock and a ewe, it and its young, you shall not kill in one day.

29 And if you should offer a sacrifice, a vow of rejoicing to the Lord, you shall offer it so as to be accepted for you.

30 In that same day it shall be eaten; you shall not leave of the flesh till the morrow: I am the Lord.

31 And you shall keep my commandments and do them.

32 And you shall not profane the name of the Holy One, and I will be sanctified in the midst of the children of Israel. I am the Lord that sanctifies you,

33 who brought you out of the land of Egypt, to be your God: I am the Lord.

Chapter 23

1 And the Lord spoke to Moses, saying,

2 Speak to the children of Israel, and you shall say unto them, The feasts of the Lord which you shall call holy assemblies, these are my feasts.

3 Six days shall you do works, but on the seventh day is the sabbath; a rest, a holy convocation to the Lord: you shall not do any work, it is a sabbath to the Lord in all your dwellings.

4 These are the feasts to the Lord, holy convocations, which you shall call in their seasons.

5 In the first month, on the fourteenth day of the month, between the evening times is the Lord's passover.

6 And on the fifteenth day of this month is the feast of unleavened bread to the Lord; seven days shall you eat unleavened bread.

7 And the first day shall be a holy convocation to you: you shall do no servile work.

8 And you shall offer whole-burnt-offerings to the Lord seven days; and the seventh day shall be a holy convocation to you: you shall do no servile work.

9 And the Lord spoke to Moses, saying,

10 Speak to the children of Israel, and you shall say to them, When you shall enter into the land which I give you, and reap the harvest of it, then shall you bring a sheaf, the first-fruits of your harvest, to the priest;

11 and he shall lift up the sheaf before the Lord, to be accepted for you. On the morrow of the first day the priest shall lift it up.

12 And you shall offer on the day on which you bring the sheaf, a lamb without blemish of a year old for a whole-burnt-offering to the Lord.

13 And its meat-offering two tenth portions of fine flour mingled with oil: it is a sacrifice to the Lord, a smell of sweet savour to the Lord, and its drink-offering the fourth part of a hin of wine.

14 And you shall not eat bread, or the new parched corn, until this same day, until you offer the sacrifices to your God: it is a perpetual statute throughout your generations in all your dwellings.

15 And you shall number to yourselves from the day after the sabbath, from the day on which you shall offer the sheaf of the heave-offering, seven full weeks:

16 until the morrow after the last week you shall number fifty days, and shall bring a new meat-offering to the Lord.

17 You shall bring from your dwelling loaves, as a heave-offering, two loaves: they shall be of two tenth portions of fine flour, they shall be baked with leaven of the first-fruits to the Lord.

18 And you shall bring with the loaves seven unblemished lambs of a year old, and one calf of the herd, and two rams without blemish, and they shall be a whole-burnt-offering to the Lord: and their meat-offerings and their drink-offerings shall be a sacrifice, a smell of sweet savour to the Lord.

19 And they shall sacrifice one kid of the goats for a sin-offering, and two lambs of a year old for a peace-offering, with the loaves of the first-fruits.

20 And the priest shall place them with the loaves of the first-fruits an offering before the Lord with the two lambs, they shall be holy to the Lord; they shall belong to the priest that brings them.

21 And you shall call this day a convocation: it shall be holy to you; you shall do no servile work on it: it is a perpetual ordinance throughout your generations in all your habitations.

22 And when you shall reap the harvest of your land, you shall not fully reap the remainder of the harvest of your field when you reap, and you shall not gather that which falls from your reaping; you shall leave it for the poor and the stranger: I am the Lord your God.

23 And the Lord spoke to Moses, saying,

24 Speak to the children of Israel, saying, In the seventh month, on the first day of the month, you shall have a rest, a memorial of trumpets: it shall be to you a holy convocation.

25 You shall do no servile work, and you shall offer a whole-burnt-offering to the Lord.

26 And the Lord spoke to Moses, saying,

27 Also on the tenth day of this seventh month is a day of atonement: it shall be a holy convocation to you; and you shall humble your souls, and offer a whole-burnt-offering to the Lord.

28 You shall do no work on this self-same day: for this is a day of atonement for you, to make atonement for you before the Lord your God.

29 Every soul that shall not be humbled in that day, shall be cut off from among its people.

30 And every soul which shall do work on that day, that soul shall be destroyed from among its people.

31 You shall do no manner of work: it is a perpetual statute throughout your generations in all your habitations.

32 It shall be a holy sabbath to you; and you shall humble your souls, from the ninth day of the month: from evening to evening you shall keep your sabbaths.

33 And the Lord spoke to Moses, saying,

34 Speak to the children of Israel, saying, On the fifteenth day of this seventh month, there shall be a feast of tabernacles seven days to the Lord.

35 And on the first day shall be a holy convocation; you shall do no servile work.

36 Seven days shall you offer whole-burnt-offerings to the Lord, and the eighth-day shall be a holy convocation to you; and you shall offer whole-burnt-offerings to the Lord: it is a time of release, you shall do no servile work.

37 These are the feasts to the Lord, which you shall call holy convocations, to offer burnt-offerings to the Lord, whole-burnt-offerings and their meat-offerings, and their drink-offerings, that for each day on its day:

38 besides the sabbaths of the Lord, and besides your gifts, and besides all your vows, and besides your free-will-offerings, which you shall give to the Lord.

39 And on the fifteenth day of this seventh month, when you shall have completely gathered in the fruits of the earth, you shall keep a feast to the Lord seven days; on the first day there shall be a rest, and on the eighth day a rest.

40 And on the first day you shall take goodly fruit of trees, and branches of palm trees, and thick boughs of trees, and willows, and branches of osiers from the brook, to rejoice before the Lord your God seven days in the year.

41 It is a perpetual statute for your generations: in the seventh month you shall keep it.

42 Seven days you shall dwell in tabernacles: every native in Israel shall dwell in tents,

43 that your posterity may see, that I made the children of Israel to dwell in tents, when I brought them out of the land of Egypt: I am the Lord your God.

44 And Moses recounted the feasts of the Lord to the children of Israel.

Chapter 24

1 And the Lord spoke to Moses, saying,

2 Charge the children of Israel, and let them take for you pure olive oil beaten for the light, to burn a lamp continually,

3 outside the veil in the tabernacle of witness; and Aaron and his sons shall burn it from evening until morning before the Lord continually, a perpetual statute throughout your generations.

4 You shall burn the lamps on the pure lamp-stand before the Lord till the morrow.

5 And you shall take fine flour, and make of it twelve loaves; each loaf shall be of two tenth parts.

6 And you shall put them in two rows, each row containing six loaves, on the pure table before the Lord.

7 And you shall put on each row pure frankincense and salt; and these things shall be for loaves for a memorial, set forth before the Lord.

8 On the sabbath-day they shall be set forth before the Lord continually before the children of Israel, for an everlasting covenant.

9 And they shall be for Aaron and his sons, and they shall eat them in the holy place: for this is their most holy portion of the offerings made to the Lord, a perpetual statute.

10 And there went forth a son of an Israelitish woman, and he was son of an Egyptian man among the sons of Israel; and they fought in the camp, the son of the Israelitish woman, and a man who was an Israelite.

11 And the son of the Israelitish woman named THE NAME and cursed; and they brought him to Moses: and his mother's name was Salomith, daughter of Dabri of the tribe of Dan.

12 And they put him in ward, to judge him by the command of the Lord.

13 And the Lord spoke to Moses, saying,

14 Bring forth him that cursed outside the camp, and all who heard shall lay their hands upon his head, and all the congregation shall stone him.

15 And speak to the sons of Israel, and you shall say to them, Whosoever shall curse God shall bear his sin.

16 And he that names the name of the Lord, let him die the death: let all the congregation of Israel stone him with stones; whether he be a stranger or a native, let him die for naming the name of the Lord.

17 And whosoever shall smite a man and he die, let him die the death.

18 And whosoever shall smite a beast, and it shall die, let him render life for life.

19 And whosoever shall inflict a blemish on his neighbour, as he has done to him, so shall it be done to himself in return;

20 bruise for bruise, eye for eye, tooth for tooth: as any one may inflict a blemish on a man, so shall it be rendered to him.

21 Whosoever shall smite a man, and he shall die, let him die the death.

22 There shall be one judgment for the stranger and the native, for I am the Lord your God.

23 And Moses spoke to the children of Israel, and they brought him that had cursed out of the camp, and stoned him with stones: and the children of Israel did as the Lord commanded Moses.

Chapter 25

1 And the Lord spoke to Moses in the mount Sinai, saying,

2 Speak to the children of Israel, and you shall say to them, Whensoever you shall have entered into the land, which I give to you, then the land shall rest which I give to you, for its sabbaths to the Lord.

3 Six years you shall sow your field, and six years you shall prune your vine, and gather in its fruit.

4 But in the seventh year shall be a sabbath, it shall be a rest to the land, a sabbath to the Lord: you shall not sow your field, and you shall not prune your vine.

5 And you shall not gather the spontaneous produce of your field, and you shall not gather fully the grapes of your dedication: it shall be a year of rest to the land.

6 And the sabbaths of the land shall be food for you, and for your man-servant, and for your maid-servant, and your hireling, and the stranger that abides with you.

7 And for your cattle, and for the wild beasts that are in your land, shall every fruit of it be for food.

8 And you shall reckon to yourself seven sabbaths of years, seven times seven years; and they shall be to you seven weeks of years, nine and forty years.

9 In the seventh month, on the tenth day of the month, you shall make a proclamation with the sound of a trumpet in all your land; on the day of atonement you shall make a proclamation with a trumpet in all your land.

10 And you shall sanctify the year, the fiftieth year, and you shall proclaim a release upon the land to all that inhabit it; it shall be given a year of release, a jubilee for you; and each one shall depart to his possession, and you shall go each to his family.

11 This is a jubilee of release, the year shall be to you the fiftieth year: you shall not sow, nor reap the produce that comes of itself from the land, neither shall you gather its dedicated fruits.

12 For it is a jubilee of release; it shall be holy to you, you shall eat its fruits off the fields.

13 In the year of the release even the jubilee of it, shall each one return to his possession.

14 And if you should sell a possession to your neighbour, or if you should buy of your neighbour, let not a man oppress his neighbour.

15 According to the number of years after the jubilee shall you buy of your neighbour, according to the number of years of the fruits shall he sell to you.

16 According as there may be a greater number of years he shall increase the value of his possession, and according as there may be a less number of years he shall lessen the value of his possession; for according to the number of his crops, so shall he sell to you.

17 Let not a man oppress his neighbour, and you shall fear the Lord your God: I am the Lord your God.

18 And you shall keep all my ordinances, and all my judgments; and do you observe them, and you shall keep them, and dwell securely in the land.

19 And the land shall yield her increase, and you shall eat to fulness, and shall dwell securely in it.

20 And if you should say, What shall we eat in this seventh year, if we do not sow nor gather in our fruits?

21 Then will I send my blessing upon you in the sixth year, and the land shall produce its fruits for three years.

22 And you shall sow in the eighth year, and eat old fruits till the ninth year: until its fruit come, you shall eat old fruits of the old.

23 And the land shall not be sold for a permanence; for the land is mine, because you are strangers and sojourners before me.

24 And in every land of your possession, you shall allow ransoms for the land.

25 And if your brother who is with you be poor, and should have sold part of his possession, and his kinsman who is nigh to him come, then he shall redeem the possession which his brother has sold.

26 And if one have no near kinsman, and he prosper with his hand, and he find sufficient money, even his ransom;

27 then shall he calculate the years of his sale, and he shall give what is due to the man to whom he sold it, and he shall return to his possession.

28 But if his hand have not prospered sufficiently, so as that he should restore the money to him, then he that bought the possessions shall have them till the sixth year of the release; and it shall go out in the release, and the owner shall return to his possession.

29 And if any one should sell an inhabited house in a walled city, then there shall be the ransom of it, until the time is fulfilled: its time of ransom shall be a full year.

30 And if it be not ransomed until there be completed of its time a full year, the house which is in the walled city shall be surely confirmed to him that bought it, throughout his generations; and it shall not go out in the release.

31 But the houses in the villages which have not a wall round about them, shall be reckoned as the fields of the country: they shall always be redeemable, and they shall go out in the release.

32 And the cities of the Levites, the houses of the cities in their possession, shall be always redeemable to the Levites.

33 And if any one shall redeem a house of the Levites, then shall their sale of the houses of their possession go out in the release; because the houses of the cities of the Levites are their possession in the midst of the children of Israel.

34 And the lands set apart for their cities shall not be sold, because this is their perpetual possession.

35 And if your brother who is with you become poor, and he fail in resources with you, you shall help him as a stranger and a sojourner, and your brother shall live with you.

36 You shall not receive from him interest, nor increase: and you shall fear your God: I am the Lord: and your brother shall live with you.

37 You shall not lend your money to him at interest, and you shall not lend your meat to him to be returned with increase.

38 I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, to give you the land of Canaan, so as to be your God.

39 And if your brother by you be lowered, and be sold to you, he shall not serve you with the servitude of a slave.

40 He shall be with you as a hireling or a sojourner, he shall work for you till the year of release:

41 and he shall go out in the release, and his children with him; and he shall go to his family, he shall hasten back to his patrimony.

42 Because these are my servants, whom I brought out of the land of Egypt; such an one shall not be sold as a common servant.

43 You shall not oppress him with labour, and shall fear the Lord your God.

44 And whatever number of men-servants and maid-servants you shall have, you shall purchase male and female servants from the nations that are round about you.

45 And of the sons of the sojourners that are among you, of these you shall buy and of their relations, all that shall be in your lands; let them be to you for a possession.

46 And you shall distribute them to your children after you, and they shall be to you permanent possessions for ever: but of your brethren the children of Israel, one shall not oppress his brother in labours.

47 And if a stranger or sojourner with you wax rich, and your brother in distress be sold to the stranger or the sojourner that is with you, or to a proselyte by extraction;

48 after he is sold to him there shall be redemption for him, one of his brethren shall redeem him.

49 A brother of his father, or son of his father's brother shall redeem him; or let one of his near kin of his tribe redeem him, and if he should be rich and redeem himself,

50 then shall he calculate with his purchaser from the year that he sold himself to him until the year of release: and the money of his purchase shall be as that of a hireling, he shall be with him from year to year.

51 And if any have a greater number of years than enough, according to these he shall pay his ransom out of his purchase-money.

52 And if but a little time be left of the years to the year of release, then shall he reckon to him according to his years, and shall pay his ransom

53 as a hireling; he shall be with him from year to year; you shall not oppress him with labour before you.

54 And if he do not pay his ransom accordingly, he shall go out in the year of his release, he and his children with him.

55 For the children of Israel are my servants: they are my attendants, whom I brought out of the land of Egypt.

Chapter 26

1 I am the Lord your God: you shall not make to yourselves gods made with hands, or graven; neither shall you rear up a pillar for yourselves, neither shall you set up a stone for an object in your land to worship it: I am the Lord your God.

2 You shall keep my sabbaths, and reverence my sanctuaries: I am the Lord.

3 If you will walk in my ordinances, and keep my commandments, and do them,

4 then will I give you the rain in its season, and the land shall produce its fruits, and the trees of the field shall yield their fruit.

5 And your threshing time shall overtake the vintage, and your vintage shall overtake your seed time; and you shall eat your bread to the full; and you shall dwell safely upon your land, and war shall not go through your land.

6 And I will give peace in your land, and you shall sleep, and none shall make you afraid; and I will destroy the evil beasts out of your land,

7 and you shall pursue your enemies, and they shall fall before you with slaughter.

8 And five of you shall chase a hundred, and a hundred of you shall chase tens of thousands; and your enemies shall fall before you by the sword.

9 And I will look upon you, and increase you, and multiply you, and establish my covenant with you.

10 And you shall eat that which is old and very old, and bring forth the old to make way for the new.

11 And I will set my tabernacle among you, and my soul shall not abhor you;

12 and I will walk among you, and be your God, and you shall be my people.

13 I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, where you were slaves; and I broke the band of your yoke, and brought you forth openly.

14 But if you will not hearken to me, nor obey these my ordinances,

15 but disobey them, and your soul should loathe my judgments, so that you should not keep all my commands, so as to break my covenant,

16 then will I do thus to you: I will even bring upon you perplexity and the itch, and the fever that causes your eyes to waste away, and disease that consumes your life; and you shall sow your seeds in vain, and your enemies shall eat them.

17 And I will set my face against you, and you shall fall before your enemies, and they that hate you shall pursue you; and you shall flee, no one pursuing you.

18 And if you still refuse to hearken to me, then will I chasten you yet more even seven times for your sins.

19 And I will break down the haughtiness of your pride; and I will make your heaven iron, and your earth as it were brass.

20 And your strength shall be in vain; and your land shall not yield its seed, and the tree of your field shall not yield its fruit.

21 And if after this you should walk perversely, and not be willing to obey me, I will further bring upon you seven plagues according to your sins.

22 And I will send upon you the wild beasts of the land, and they shall devour you, and shall consume your cattle: and I will make you few in number, and your ways shall be desolate.

23 And if hereupon you are not corrected, but walk perversely towards me,

24 I also will walk with you with a perverse spirit, and I also will smite you seven times for your sins.

25 And I will bring upon you a sword avenging the cause of my covenant, and you shall flee for refuge to your cities; and I will send out death against you, and you shall be delivered into the hands of your enemies.

26 When I afflict you with famine of bread, then ten women shall bake your loaves in one oven, and they shall render your loaves by weight; and you shall eat, and not be satisfied.

27 And if hereupon you will not obey me, but walk perversely towards me,

28 then will I walk with you with a froward mind, and I will chasten you sevenfold according to your sins.

29 And you shall eat the flesh of your sons, and the flesh of your daughters shall you eat.

30 And I will render your pillars desolate, and will utterly destroy your wooden images made with hands; and I will lay your carcases on the carcases of your idols, and my soul shall loathe you.

31 And I will lay your cities waste, and I will make your sanctuaries desolate, and I will not smell the savour of your sacrifices.

32 And I will lay your land desolate, and your enemies who dwell in it shall wonder at it.

33 And I will scatter you among the nations, and the sword shall come upon you and consume you; and your land shall be desolate, and your cities shall be desolate.

34 Then the land shall enjoy its sabbaths all the days of its desolation.

35 And you shall be in the land of your enemies; then the land shall keep its sabbaths, and the land shall enjoy its sabbaths all the days of its desolation: it shall keep sabbaths which it kept not among your sabbaths, when you dwelt in it.

36 And to those who are left of you I will bring bondage into their heart in the land of their enemies; and the sound

of a shaken leaf shall chase them, and they shall flee as fleeing from war, and shall fall when none pursues them.

37 And brother shall disregard brother as in war, when none pursues; and you shall not be able to withstand your enemies.

38 And you shall perish among the Gentiles, and the land of your enemies shall devour you.

39 And those who are left of you shall perish, because of their sins, and because of the sins of their fathers: in the land of their enemies shall they consume away.

40 And they shall confess their sins, and the sins of their fathers, that they have transgressed and neglected me, and that they have walked perversely before me,

41 and I walked with them with a perverse mind; and I will destroy them in the land of their enemies: then shall their uncircumcised heart be ashamed, and then shall they acquiesce in the punishment of their sins.

42 And I will remember the covenant of Jacob, and the covenant of Isaac, and the covenant of Abraam will I remember.

43 And I will remember the land, and the land shall be left of them; then the land shall enjoy her sabbaths, when it is deserted through them: and they shall accept the punishment of their iniquities, because they neglected my judgments, and in their soul loathed my ordinances.

44 And yet not even thus, while they were in the land of their enemies, did I overlook them, nor did I loathe them so as to consume them, to break my covenant made with them; for I am the Lord their God.

45 And I will remember their former covenant, when I brought them out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage before the nations, to be their God; I am the Lord.

46 These are my judgments and my ordinances, and the law which the Lord gave between himself and the children of Israel, in the mount Sinai, by the hand of Moses.

Chapter 27

1 And the Lord spoke to Moses, saying,

2 Speak to the children of Israel, and you shall say to them, Whosoever shall vow a vow as the valuation of his soul for the Lord,

3 the valuation of a male from twenty years old to sixty years old shall be—his valuation shall be fifty didrachms of silver by the standard of the sanctuary.

4 And the valuation of a female shall be thirty didrachms.

5 And if it be from five years old to twenty, the valuation of a male shall be twenty didrachms, and of a female ten didrachms.

6 And from a month old to five years old, the valuation of a male shall be five didrachms, and of a female, three didrachms of silver.

7 And if from sixty years old and upward, if it be a male, his valuation shall be fifteen didrachms of silver, and if a female, ten didrachms.

8 And if the man be too poor for the valuation, he shall stand before the priest; and the priest shall value him: according to what the man who has vowed can afford, the priest shall value him.

9 And if it be from the cattle that are offered as a gift to the Lord, whoever shall offer one of these to the Lord, it shall be holy.

10 He shall not change it, a good for a bad, or a bad for a good; and if he do at all change it, a beast for a beast, it and the substitute shall be holy.

11 And if it be any unclean beast, of which none are offered as a gift to the Lord, he shall set the beast before the priest.

12 And the priest shall make a valuation between the good and the bad, and accordingly as the priest shall value it, so shall it stand.

13 And if the worshipper will at all redeem it, he shall add the fifth part to its value.

14 And whatsoever man shall consecrate his house as holy to the Lord, the priest shall make a valuation of it between the good and the bad: as the priest shall value it, so shall it stand.

15 And if he that has sanctified it should redeem his house, he shall add to it the fifth part of the money of the valuation, and it shall be his.

16 And if a man should hallow to the Lord a part of the field of his possession, then the valuation shall be according to its seed, fifty didrachms of silver for a homer of barley.

17 And if he should sanctify his field from the year of release, it shall stand according to his valuation.

18 And if he should sanctify his field in the latter time after the release, the priest shall reckon to him the money for the remaining years, until the next year of release, and it shall be deducted as an equivalent from his full valuation.

19 And if he that sanctified the field would redeem it, he shall add to its value the fifth part of the money, and it shall be his.

20 And if he do not redeem the field, but should sell the field to another man, he shall not after redeem it.

21 But the field shall be holy to the Lord after the release, as separated land; the priest shall have possession of it.

22 And if he should consecrate to the Lord of a field which he has bought, which is not of the field of his possession,

23 the priest shall reckon to him the full valuation from the year of release, and he shall pay the valuation in that day as holy to the Lord.

24 And in the year of release the land shall be restored to the man of whom the other bought it, whose the possession of the land was.

25 And every valuation shall be by holy weights: the didrachm shall be twenty oboli.

26 And every first-born which shall be produced among your cattle shall be the Lord's, and no man shall sanctify it: whether calf or sheep, it is the Lord's.

27 But if he should redeem an unclean beast, according to its valuation, then he shall add the fifth part to it, and it shall be his; and if he redeem it not, it shall be sold according to its valuation.

28 And every dedicated thing which a man shall dedicate to the Lord of all that he has, whether man or beast, or of the field of his possession, he shall not sell it, nor redeem it: every devoted thing shall be most holy to the Lord.

29 And whatever shall be dedicated of men, shall not be ransomed, but shall be surely put to death.

30 Every tithe of the land, both of the seed of the land, and of the fruit of trees, is the Lord's, holy to the Lord.

31 And if a man should at all redeem his tithe, he shall add the fifth part to it, and it shall be his.

32 And every tithe of oxen, and of sheep, and whatsoever may come in numbering under the rod, the tenth shall be holy to the Lord.

33 You shall not change a good for a bad, or a bad for a good; and if you should at all change it, its equivalent also shall be holy, it shall not be redeemed.

34 These are the commandments which the Lord commanded Moses for the sons of Israel in mount Sinai.

Numbers

Chapter 1

1 And the Lord spoke to Moses in the wilderness of Sinai, in the tabernacle of witness, on the first day of the second month, in the second year of their departure from the land of Egypt, saying,

2 Take the sum of all the congregation of Israel according to their kindreds, according to the houses of their fathers' families, according to their number by their names, according to their heads: every male

3 from twenty years old and upwards, every one that goes forth in the forces of Israel, take account of them with their strength; you and Aaron take account of them.

4 And with you there shall be each one of the rulers according to the tribe of each: they shall be according to the houses of their families.

5 And these are the names of the men who shall be present with you; of the tribe of Reuben, Elisur the son of Sediur.

6 Of Simeon, Salamiel the son of Surisadai.

7 Of Judah, Naasson the son of Aminadab.

8 Of Issachar, Nathanael the son of Sogar.

9 Of Zebulun, Eliab the son of Chælon.

10 Of the sons of Joseph, of Ephraim, Elisama the son of Emiud: of Manasseh, Gamaliel the son of Phadasur.

11 Of Benjamin, Abidan the son of Gadeoni.

12 Of Dan, Achiezer the son of Amisadai.

13 Of Aser, Phagaiel the son of Echran.

14 Of Gad, Elisaph the son of Raguel.

15 Of Naphtali, Achire the son of Ænan.

16 These were famous men of the congregation, heads of the tribes according to their families: these are heads of thousands in Israel.

17 And Moses and Aaron took these men who were called by name.

18 And they assembled all the congregation on the first day of the month in the second year; and they registered them after their lineage, after their families, after the number of their names, from twenty years old and upwards, every male according to their number:

19 as the Lord commanded Moses, so they were numbered in the wilderness of Sinai.

20 And the sons of Reuben the first-born of Israel according to their kindreds, according to their divisions, according to the houses of their families, according to the number of their names, according to their heads, were—all males from twenty years old and upward, every one that went out with the host—

21 the numbering of them of the tribe of Reuben, was forty-six thousand and four hundred.

22 For the children of Simeon according to their kindreds, according to their divisions, according to the houses of their families, according to the number of their names, according to their polls, all males from twenty years old and upward, every one that goes out with the host,

23 the numbering of them of the tribe of Simeon, was fifty-nine thousand and three hundred.

24 For the sons of Judah according to their kindreds, according to their divisions, according to the houses of their families, according to the number of their names, according to their polls, all males from twenty years old and upward, every one that goes forth with the host,

25 the numbering of them of the tribe of Judah, was seventy-four thousand and six hundred.

26 For the sons of Issachar according to their kindreds, according to their divisions, according to the houses of their families, according to the number of their names, according to their polls, all males from twenty years old and upward, every one that goes forth with the host,

27 the numbering of them of the tribe of Issachar, was fifty-four thousand and four hundred.

28 For the sons of Zebulun according to their kindreds, according to their divisions, according to the houses of their families, according to the number of their names, according to their polls, all males from twenty years old and upward, every one that goes out with the host,

29 the numbering of them of the tribe of Zebulun, was fifty-seven thousand and four hundred.

30 For the sons of Joseph, the sons of Ephraim, according to their kindreds, according to their divisions, according to the houses of their families, according to the number of their names, according to their polls, all males from twenty years old and upward, every one that goes out with the host,

31 the numbering of them of the tribe of Ephraim, was forty thousand and five hundred.

32 For the sons of Manasseh according to their kindreds, according to their divisions, according to the houses of their families, according to the number of their names, according to their polls, all males from twenty years old and upward, every one that goes out with the host,

33 the numbering of them of the tribe of Manasseh, was thirty-two thousand and two hundred.

34 For the sons of Benjamin according to their kindreds, according to their divisions, according to the houses of their families, according to the number of their names,

according to their polls, every male from twenty years old and upward, every one that goes forth with the host,

35 the numbering of them of the tribe of Benjamin, was thirty-five thousand and four hundred.

36 For the sons of Gad according to their kindreds, according to their divisions, according to the houses of their families, according to the number of their names, according to their polls, all males from twenty years old and upward, every one that goes forth with the host,

37 the numbering of them of the tribe of Gad, was forty and five thousand and six hundred and fifty.

38 For the sons of Dan according to their kindreds, according to their divisions, according to the houses of their families, according to the number of their names, according to their polls, all males from twenty years old and upward, every one that goes forth with the host,

39 the numbering of them of the tribe of Dan, was sixty and two thousand and seven hundred.

40 For the sons of Aser according to their kindreds, according to their divisions, according to the houses of their families, according to the number of their names, according to their polls, every male from twenty years old and upward, every one that goes forth with the host,

41 the numbering of them of the tribe of Aser, was forty and one thousand and five hundred.

42 For the sons of Naphtali according to their kindreds, according to their divisions, according to the houses of their families, according to the number of their names, according to their polls, every male from twenty years old and upward, every one who goes forth with the host,

43 the numbering of them of the tribe of Naphtali, was fifty-three thousand and four hundred.

44 This is the numbering which Moses and Aaron and the rulers of Israel, being twelve men, conducted: there was a man for each tribe, they were according to the tribe of the houses of their family.

45 And the whole numbering of the children of Israel with their host from twenty years old and upward, every one that goes out to set himself in battle array in Israel, came to

46 six hundred thousand and three thousand and five hundred and fifty.

47 But the Levites of the tribe of their family were not counted among the children of Israel.

48 And the Lord spoke to Moses, saying,

49 See, you shall not muster the tribe of Levi, and you shall not take their numbers, in the midst of the children of Israel.

50 And do you set the Levites over the tabernacle of witness, and over all its furniture, and over all things that are in it; and they shall do service in it, and they shall encamp round about the tabernacle.

51 And in removing the tabernacle, the Levites shall take it down, and in pitching the tabernacle they shall set it up: and let the stranger that advances to touch it die.

52 And the children of Israel shall encamp, every man in his own order, and every man according to his company, with their host.

53 But let the Levites encamp round about the tabernacle of witness fronting it, and so there shall be no sin among the children of Israel; and the Levites themselves shall keep the guard of the tabernacle of witness.

54 And the children of Israel did according to all that the Lord commanded Moses and Aaron, so did they.

Chapter 2

1 And the Lord spoke to Moses and Aaron, saying,

2 Let the children of Israel encamp fronting each other, every man keeping his own rank, according to their standards, according to the houses of their families; the children of Israel shall encamp round about the tabernacle of witness.

3 And they that encamp first toward the east shall be the order of the camp of Judah with their host, and the prince of the sons of Judah, Naasson the son of Aminadab.

4 His forces that were numbered, were seventy-four thousand and six hundred.

5 And they that encamp next shall be of the tribe of Issachar, and the prince of the sons of Issachar shall be Nathanael the son of Sogar.

6 His forces that were numbered, were fifty-four thousand and four hundred.

7 And they that encamp next shall be of the tribe of Zebulun, and the prince of the sons of Zebulun shall be Eliab the son of Chælon.

8 His forces that were numbered, were fifty-seven thousand and four hundred.

9 All that were numbered of the camp of Judah were a hundred and eighty thousand and six thousand and four hundred: they shall move first with their forces.

10 This is the order of the camp of Reuben; their forces shall be toward the south, and the prince of the children of Reuben shall be Elisur the son of Sediur.

11 His forces that were numbered, were forty-six thousand and five hundred.

12 And they that encamp next to him shall be of the tribe of Simeon, and the prince of the sons of Simeon shall be Salamiel the son of Surisadai.

13 His forces that were numbered, were fifty-nine thousand and three hundred.

14 And they that encamp next to them shall be the tribe of Gad; and the prince of the sons of Gad, Elisaph the son of Raguel.

15 His forces that were numbered, were forty-five thousand and six hundred and fifty.

16 All who were numbered of the camp of Reuben, were a hundred and fifty-one thousand and four hundred and fifty: they with their forces shall proceed in the second place.

17 And then the tabernacle of witness shall be set forward, and the camp of the Levites shall be between the camps; as they shall encamp, so also shall they commence their march, each one next in order to his fellow according to their companies.

18 The station of the camp of Ephraim shall be westward with their forces, and the head of the children of Ephraim shall be Elisama the son of Emiud.

19 His forces that were numbered, are forty thousand and five hundred.

20 And they that encamp next shall be of the tribe of Manasseh, and the prince of the sons of Manasseh, Gamaliel the son of Phadassur.

21 His forces that were numbered, were thirty-two thousand and two hundred.

22 And they that encamp next shall be of the tribe of Benjamin, and the prince of the sons of Benjamin, Abidan the son of Gadeoni.

23 His forces that were numbered, were thirty-five thousand and four hundred.

24 All that were numbered of the camp of Ephraim, were one hundred and eight thousand and one hundred: they with their forces shall set out third.

25 The order of the camp of Dan shall be northward with their forces; and the prince of the sons of Dan, Achiezer the son of Amisadai.

26 His forces that were numbered, were sixty-two thousand and seven hundred.

27 And they that encamp next to him shall be the tribe of Aser; and the prince of the sons of Aser, Phagiel the son of Echran.

28 His forces that were numbered, were forty-one thousand and five hundred.

29 And they that encamp next shall be of the tribe of Naphtali; and the prince of the children of Naphtali, Achire son of Ænan.

30 His forces that were numbered were fifty-three thousand and four hundred.

31 All that were numbered of the camp of Dan, were a hundred and fifty-seven thousand and six hundred: they shall set out last according to their order.

32 This is the numbering of the children of Israel according to the houses of their families: all the numbering of the camps with their forces, was six hundred and three thousand, five hundred and fifty.

33 But the Levites were not numbered with them, as the Lord commanded Moses.

34 And the children of Israel did all things that the Lord commanded Moses; thus they encamped in their order, and thus they began their march in succession each according to their divisions, according to the houses of their families.

Chapter 3

1 And these are the generations of Aaron and Moses, in the day in which the Lord spoke to Moses in mount Sinai.

2 And these are the names of the sons of Aaron; Nadab the first-born; and Abiud, Eleazar and Ithamar.

3 These are the names of the sons of Aaron, the anointed priests whom they consecrated to the priesthood.

4 And Nadab and Abiud died before the Lord, when they offered strange fire before the Lord, in the wilderness of Sinai; and they had no children; and Eleazar and Ithamar ministered in the priests' office with Aaron their father.

5 And the Lord spoke to Moses, saying,

6 Take the tribe of Levi, and you shall set them before Aaron the priest, and they shall minister to him,

7 and shall keep his charges, and the charges of the children of Israel, before the tabernacle of witness, to do the works of the tabernacle.

8 And they shall keep all the furniture of the tabernacle of witness, and the charges of the children of Israel as to all the works of the tabernacle.

9 And you shall give the Levites to Aaron, and to his sons the priests; they are given for a gift to me of the children of Israel.

10 And you shall appoint Aaron and his sons over the tabernacle of witness; and they shall keep their charge of priesthood, and all things belonging to the altar, and within the veil; and the stranger that touches them shall die.

11 And the Lord spoke to Moses, saying,

12 Behold, I have taken the Levites from the midst of the children of Israel, instead of every male that opens the womb from among the children of Israel: they shall be their ransom, and the Levites shall be mine.

13 For every first-born is mine; in the day in which I smote every firstborn in the land of Egypt, I sanctified to myself every first-born in Israel: both of man and beast, they shall be mine: I am the Lord.

14 And the Lord spoke to Moses in the wilderness of Sinai, saying,

15 Take the number of the sons of Levi, according to the houses of their families, according to their divisions; number you them every male from a month old and upwards.

16 And Moses and Aaron numbered them by the word of the Lord, as the Lord commanded them.

17 And these were the sons of Levi by their names; Gedson, Caath, and Merari.

18 And these are the names of the sons of Gedson according to their families; Lobeni and Semei:

19 and the sons of Caath according to their families; Amram and Issaar, Hebron and Oziel:

20 and the sons of Merari according to their families, Mooli and Musi; these are the families of the Levites according to the houses of their families.

21 To Gedson belongs the family of Lobeni, and the family of Semei: these are the families of Gedson.

22 The numbering of them according to the number of every male from a month old and upwards, their numbering was seven thousand and five hundred.

23 And the sons of Gedson shall encamp westward behind the tabernacle.

24 And the ruler of the household of the family of Gedson was Elisaph the son of Dael.

25 And the charge of the sons of Gedson in the tabernacle of witness was the tent and the veil, and the covering of the door of the tabernacle of witness,

26 and the curtains of the court, and the veil of the door of the court, which is by the tabernacle, and the remainder of all its works.

27 To Caath belonged one division, that of Amram, and another division, that of Issaar, and another division, that of Hebron, and another division, that of Oziel: these are the divisions of Caath, according to number.

28 Every male from a month old and upward, eight thousand and six hundred, keeping the charges of the holy things.

29 The families of the sons of Caath, shall encamp beside the tabernacle toward the south.

30 And the chief of the house of the families of the divisions of Caath, was Elisaphan the son of Oziel.

31 And their charge was the ark, and the table, and the candlestick, and the altars, and all the vessels of the sanctuary wherewith they do holy service, and the veil, and all their works.

32 And the chief over the chief of the Levites, was Eleazar the son of Aaron the priest, appointed to keep the charges of the holy things.

33 To Merari belonged the family of Mooli, and the family of Musi: these are the families of Merari.

34 The mustering of them according to number, every male from a month old and upwards, was six thousand and fifty.

35 And the head of the house of the families of the division of Merari, was Suriel the son of Abichail: they shall encamp by the side of the tabernacle northwards.

36 The oversight of the charge of the sons of Merari included the chapiters of the tabernacle, and its bars, and its pillars, and its sockets, and all their furniture, and their works,

37 and the pillars of the court round about, and their bases, and their pins, and their cords.

38 They that encamp before the tabernacle of witness on the east shall be Moses and Aaron and his sons, keeping the charges of the sanctuary according to the charges of the children of Israel; and the stranger that touches them, shall die.

39 All the numbering of the Levites, whom Moses and Aaron numbered by the word of the Lord, according to their families, every male from a month old and upwards, were two and twenty thousand.

40 And the Lord spoke to Moses, saying, Count every first-born male of the children of Israel from a month old and upwards, and take the number by name.

41 And you shall take the Levites for me—I am the Lord—instead of all the first-born of the sons of Israel, and the cattle of the Levites instead of all the first-born among the cattle of the children of Israel.

42 And Moses counted, as the Lord commanded him, every first-born among the children of Israel.

43 And all the male first-born in number by name, from a month old and upwards, were according to their numbering twenty-two thousand and two hundred and seventy-three.

44 And the Lord spoke to Moses, saying,

45 Take the Levites instead of all the first-born of the sons of Israel, and the cattle of the Levites instead of their cattle, and the Levites shall be mine; I am the Lord.

46 And for the ransoms of the two hundred and seventy-three which exceed the Levites in number of the first-born of the sons of Israel;

47 you shall even take five shekels a head; you shall take them according to the holy didrachm, twenty oboli to the shekel.

48 And you shall give the money to Aaron and to his sons, the ransom of those who exceed in number among them.

49 And Moses took the silver, the ransom of those that exceeded in number the redemption of the Levites.

50 He took the silver from the first-born of the sons of Israel, a thousand three hundred and sixty-five shekels, according to the holy shekel.

51 And Moses gave the ransom of them that were over to Aaron and his sons, by the word of the Lord, as the Lord commanded Moses.

Chapter 4

1 And the Lord spoke to Moses and Aaron, saying,

2 Take the sum of the children of Caath from the midst of the sons of Levi, after their families, according to the houses of their fathers' households;

3 from twenty-five years old and upward until fifty years, every one that goes in to minister, to do all the works in the tabernacle of witness.

4 And these are the works of the sons of Caath in the tabernacle of witness; it is most holy.

5 And Aaron and his sons shall go in, when the camp is about to move, and shall take down the shadowing veil, and shall cover with it the ark of the testimony.

6 And they shall put on it a cover, even a blue skin, and put on it above a garment all of blue, and shall put the staves through the rings.

7 And they shall put on the table set forth for shew-bread a cloth all of purple, and the dishes, and the censers, and the cups, and the vessels with which one offers drink-offerings; and the continual loaves shall be upon it.

8 And they shall put upon it a scarlet cloth, and they shall cover it with a blue covering of skin, and they shall put the staves into it.

9 And they shall take a blue covering, and cover the candlestick that gives light, and its lamps, and its snuffers, and its funnels, and all the vessels of oil with which they minister.

10 And they shall put it, and all its vessels, into a blue skin cover; and they shall put it on bearers.

11 And they shall put a blue cloth for a cover on the golden altar, and shall cover it with a blue skin cover, and put in its staves.

12 And they shall take all the instruments of service, with which they minister in the sanctuary: and shall place them in a cloth of blue, and shall cover them with blue skin covering, and put them upon staves.

13 And he shall put the covering on the altar, and they shall cover it with a cloth all of purple.

14 And they shall put upon it all the vessels with which they minister upon it, and the fire-pans, and the flesh-hooks, and the cups, and the cover, and all the vessels of the altar; and they shall put on it a blue cover of skins, and shall put in its staves; and they shall take a purple cloth, and cover the laver and its foot, and they shall put it into a blue cover of skin, and put it on bars.

15 And Aaron and his sons shall finish covering the holy things, and all the holy vessels, when the camp begins to move; and afterwards the sons of Caath shall go in to take up the furniture; but shall not touch the holy things, lest they die: these shall the sons of Caath bear in the tabernacle of witness.

16 Eleazar the son of Aaron the priest is overseer—the oil of the light, and the incense of composition, and the daily meat-offering and the anointing oil, are his charge; even the oversight of the whole tabernacle, and all things that are in it in the holy place, in all the works.

17 And the Lord spoke to Moses and Aaron, saying,

18 You shall not destroy the family of Caath from the tribe out of the midst of the Levites.

19 This do you to them, and they shall live and not die, when they approach the holy of holies: Let Aaron and his sons advance, and they shall place them each in his post for bearing.

20 And so they shall by no means go in to look suddenly upon the holy things, and die.

21 And the Lord spoke to Moses, saying,

22 Take the sum of the children of Gedson, and these according to the houses of their lineage, according to their families.

23 Take the number of them from five and twenty years old and upwards until the age of fifty, every one that goes in to minister, to do his business in the tabernacle of witness.

24 This is the public service of the family of Gedson, to minister and to bear.

25 And they shall bear the skins of the tabernacle, and the tabernacle of witness, and its veil, and the blue cover that was on it above, and the cover of the door of the tabernacle of witness.

26 And all the curtains of the court which were upon the tabernacle of witness, and the appendages, and all the vessels of service that they minister with they shall attend to.

27 According to the direction of Aaron and his sons shall be the ministry of the sons of Gedson, in all their ministries, and in all their works; and you shall take account of them by name in all things borne by them.

28 This is the service of the sons of Gedson in the tabernacle of witness, and their charge by the hand of Ithamar the son of Aaron the priest.

29 The sons of Merari according to their families, according to the houses of their lineage, take you the number of them.

30 Take the number of them from five and twenty years old and upwards until fifty years old, every one that goes in to perform the services of the tabernacle of witness.

31 And these are the charges of the things borne by them according to all their works in the tabernacle of witness: they shall bear the chapiters of the tabernacle, and the bars, and its pillars, and its sockets, and the veil, and there shall be their sockets, and their pillars, and the curtain of the door of the tabernacle.

32 And they shall bear the pillars of the court round about, and there shall be their sockets, and they shall bear the pillars of the veil of the door of the court, and their sockets and their pins, and their cords, and all their furniture, and all their instruments of service: take you their number by name, and all the articles of the charge of the things borne by them.

33 This is the ministration of the family of the sons of Merari in all their works in the tabernacle of witness, by the hand of Ithamar the son of Aaron the priest.

34 And Moses and Aaron and the rulers of Israel took the number of the sons of Caath according to their families, according to the houses of their lineage;

35 from five and twenty years old and upwards to the age of fifty years, every one that goes in to minister and do service in the tabernacle of witness.

36 And the numbering of them according to their families was two thousand, seven hundred and fifty.

37 This is the numbering of the family of Caath, every one that ministers in the tabernacle of witness, as Moses and Aaron numbered them by the word of the Lord, by the hand of Moses.

38 And the sons of Gedson were numbered according to their families, according to the houses of their lineage,

39 from five and twenty years old and upward till fifty years old, every one that goes in to minister and to do the services in the tabernacle of witness.

40 And the numbering of them according to their families, according to the houses of their lineage, was two thousand six hundred and thirty.

41 This is the numbering of the family of the sons of Gedson, every one who ministers in the tabernacle of witness; whom Moses and Aaron numbered by the word of the Lord, by the hand of Moses.

42 And also the family of the sons of Merari were numbered according to their divisions, according to the house of their fathers;

43 from five and twenty years old and upward till fifty years old, every one that goes in to minister in the services of the tabernacle of witness.

44 And the numbering of them according to their families, according to the houses of their lineage, was three thousand and two hundred.

45 This is the numbering of the family of the sons of Merari, whom Moses and Aaron numbered by the word of the Lord, by the hand of Moses.

46 All that were numbered, whom Moses and Aaron and the rulers of Israel numbered, namely, the Levites, according to their families and according to the houses of their lineage,

47 from five and twenty years old and upward till fifty years old, every one that goes in to the service of the works, and the charge of the things that are carried in the tabernacle of witness.

48 And they that were numbered were eight thousand five hundred and eighty.

49 He reviewed them by the word of the Lord by the hand of Moses, appointing each man severally over their respective work, and over their burdens; and they were numbered, as the Lord commanded Moses.

Chapter 5

1 And the Lord spoke to Moses, saying,

2 Charge the children of Israel, and let them send forth out of the camp every leper, and every one who has an issue of the reins, and every one who is unclean from a dead body.

3 Whether male or female, send them forth out of the camp; and they shall not defile their camps in which I dwell among them.

4 And the children of Israel did so, and sent them out of the camp: as the Lord said to Moses, so did the children of Israel.

5 And the Lord spoke to Moses, saying,

6 Speak to the children of Israel, saying, Every man or woman who shall commit any sin that is common to man, or if that soul shall in anywise have neglected the commandment and transgressed;

7 that person shall confess the sin which he has committed, and shall make satisfaction for his trespass: he shall pay the principal, and shall add to it the fifth part, and shall make restoration to him against whom he has trespassed.

8 But if a man have no near kinsman, so as to make satisfaction for his trespass to him, the trespass-offering paid to the Lord shall be for the priest, besides the ram of atonement, by which he shall make atonement with it for him.

9 And every first-fruits in all the sanctified things among the children of Israel, whatsoever they shall offer to the Lord, shall be for the priest himself.

10 And the hallowed things of every man shall be his; and whatever man shall give any thing to the priest, the gift shall be his.

11 And the Lord spoke to Moses, saying,

12 Speak to the children of Israel, and you shall say to them, Whosesoever wife shall transgress against him, and slight and despise him,

13 and supposing any one shall lie with her carnally, and the thing shall be hid from the eyes of her husband, and she should conceal it and be herself defiled, and there be no witness with her, and she should not be taken;

14 and there should come upon him a spirit of jealousy, and he should be jealous of his wife, and she be defiled; or there should come upon him a spirit of jealousy, and he should be jealous of his wife, and she should not be defiled;

15 then shall the man bring his wife to the priest, and shall bring his gift for her, the tenth part of an ephah of barley-meal: he shall not pour oil upon it, neither shall he put frankincense upon it; for it is a sacrifice of jealousy, a sacrifice of memorial, recalling sin to remembrance.

16 And the priest shall bring her, and cause her to stand before the Lord.

17 And the priest shall take pure running water in an earthen vessel, and he shall take of the dust that is on the floor of the tabernacle of witness, and the priest having taken it shall cast it into the water.

18 And the priest shall cause the woman to stand before the Lord, and shall uncover the head of the woman, and shall put into her hands the sacrifice of memorial, the sacrifice of jealousy; and in the hand of the priest shall be the water of this conviction that brings the curse.

19 And the priest shall adjure her, and shall say to the woman, If no one has lain with you, and if you have not transgressed so as to be polluted, being under the power of your husband, be free from this water of the conviction that causes the curse.

20 But if being a married woman you have transgressed, or been polluted, and any one has lain with you, beside your husband:

21 then the priest shall adjure the woman by the oaths of this curse, and the priest shall say to the woman, The Lord bring you into a curse and under an oath in the midst of your people, in that the Lord should cause your thigh to rot and your belly to swell;

22 and this water bringing the curse shall enter into your womb to cause your belly to swell, and your thigh to rot. And the woman shall say, So be it, So be it.

23 And the priest shall write these curses in a book, and shall blot them out with the water of the conviction that brings the curse.

24 And he shall cause the woman to drink the water of the conviction that brings the curse; and the water of the conviction that brings the curse shall enter into her.

25 And the priest shall take from the hand of the woman the sacrifice of jealousy, and shall present the sacrifice before the Lord, and shall bring it to the altar.

26 And the priest shall take a handful of the sacrifice as a memorial of it, and shall offer it up upon the altar; and afterwards he shall cause the woman to drink the water.

27 And it shall come to pass, if she be defiled, and have altogether escaped the notice of her husband, then the water of the conviction that brings the curse shall enter into her; and she shall swell in her belly, and her thigh shall rot, and the woman shall be for a curse in the midst of her people.

28 But if the woman have not been polluted, and be clean, then shall she be guiltless and shall conceive seed.

29 This is the law of jealousy, wherein a married woman should happen to transgress, and be defiled;

30 or in the case of a man on whomsoever the spirit of jealousy should come, and he should be jealous of his wife, and he should place his wife before the Lord, and the priest shall execute towards her all this law.

31 Then the man shall be clear from sin, and that woman shall bear her sin.

Chapter 6

1 And the Lord spoke to Moses, saying,

2 Speak to the children of Israel, and you shall say to them, Whatsoever man or woman shall specially vow a vow to separate oneself with purity to the Lord,

3 he shall purely abstain from wine and strong drink; and he shall drink no vinegar of wine or vinegar of strong drink; and whatever is made of the grape he shall not drink; neither shall he eat fresh grapes or raisins,

4 all the days of his vow: he shall eat no one of all the things that come from the vine, wine from the grape-stones to the husk,

5 all the days of his separation:—a razor shall not come upon his head, until the days be fulfilled which he vowed to the Lord: he shall be holy, cherishing the long hair of the head,

6 all the days of his vow to the Lord: he shall not come nigh to any dead body,

7 to his father or his mother, or to his brother or his sister; he shall not defile himself for them, when they have died, because the vow of God is upon him on his head.

8 All the days of his vow he shall be holy to the Lord.

9 And if any one should die suddenly by him, immediately the head of his vow shall be defiled; and he shall shave his head in whatever day he shall be purified: on the seventh day he shall be shaved.

10 And on the eighth day he shall bring two turtle-doves, or two young pigeons, to the priest, to the doors of the tabernacle of witness.

11 And the priest shall offer one for a sin-offering; and the other for a whole-burnt-offering; and the priest shall make atonement for him in the things wherein he sinned respecting the dead body, and he shall sanctify his head in that day,

12 in which he was consecrated to the Lord, all the days of his vow; and he shall bring a lamb of a year old for a trespass-offering; and the former days shall not be reckoned, because the head of his vow was polluted.

13 And this is the law of him that has vowed: in whatever day he shall have fulfilled the days of his vow, he shall himself bring his gift to the doors of the tabernacle of witness.

14 And he shall bring his gift to the Lord; one he-lamb of a year old without blemish for a whole-burnt-offering, and one ewe-lamb of a year old without blemish for a sin-offering, and one ram without blemish for a peace-offering;

15 and a basket of unleavened bread of fine flour, even loaves kneaded with oil, and unleavened cakes anointed with oil, and their meat-offering, and their drink-offering.

16 And the priest shall bring them before the Lord, and shall offer his sin-offering, and his whole-burnt-offering.

17 And he shall offer the ram as a sacrifice of peace-offering to the Lord with the basket of unleavened bread; and the priest shall offer its meat-offering and its drink-offering.

18 And he that has vowed shall shave the head of his consecration by the doors of the tabernacle of witness, and shall put the hairs on the fire which is under the sacrifice of peace-offering.

19 And the priest shall take the sodden shoulder of the ram, and one unleavened loaf from the basket, and one unleavened cake, and shall put them on the hands of the votary after he has shaved off his holy hair.

20 And the priest shall present them as an offering before the Lord; it shall be the holy portion for the priest beside the breast of the heave-offering, and beside the shoulder of the wave-offering: and afterwards the votary shall drink wine.

21 This is the law of the votary who shall have vowed to the Lord his gift to the Lord, concerning his vow, besides what he may be able to afford according to the value of his vow, which he may have vowed according to the law of separation.

22 And the Lord spoke to Moses, saying,

23 Speak to Aaron and to his sons, saying, Thus you shall bless the children of Israel, saying to them,

24 The Lord bless you and keep you;

25 the Lord make his face to shine upon you, and have mercy upon you;

26 the Lord lift up his countenance upon you, and give you peace.

27 And they shall put my name upon the children of Israel, and I the Lord will bless them.

Chapter 7

1 And it came to pass in the day in which Moses finished the settingup of the tabernacle, that he anointed it, and consecrated it, and all its furniture, and the altar and all its furniture, he even anointed them, and consecrated them.

2 And the princes of Israel brought gifts, twelve princes of their fathers' houses: these were the heads of tribes, these are they that presided over the numbering.

3 And they brought their gift before the Lord, six covered waggons, and twelve oxen; a waggon from two princes, and a calf from each: and they brought them before the tabernacle.

4 And the Lord spoke to Moses, saying,

5 Take of them, and they shall be for the works of the services of the tabernacle of witness: and you shall give them to the Levites, to each one according to his ministration.

6 And Moses took the waggons and the oxen, and gave them to the Levites.

7 And he gave two waggons and four oxen to the sons of Gedson, according to their ministrations.

8 And four waggons and eight oxen he gave to the sons of Merari according to their ministrations, by Ithamar the son of Aaron the priest.

9 But to the sons of Caath he gave them not, because they have the ministrations of the sacred things: they shall bear them on their shoulders.

10 And the rulers brought gifts for the dedication of the altar, in the day in which he anointed it, and the rulers brought their gifts before the altar.

11 And the Lord said to Moses, One chief each day, they shall offer their gifts a chief each day for the dedication of the altar.

12 And he that offered his gift on the first day, was Naasson the son of Aminadab, prince of the tribe of Judah.

13 And he brought his gift, one silver charger of a hundred and thirty shekels was its weight, one silver bowl, of seventy shekels according to the holy shekel; both full of fine flour kneaded with oil for a meat-offering.

14 One golden censer of ten shekels full of incense.

15 One calf of the herd, one ram, one he-lamb of a year old for a whole-burnt-offering;

16 and one kid of the goats for a sin-offering.

17 And for a sacrifice of peace-offering, two heifers, five rams, five he goats, five ewe-lambs of a year old: this was the gift of Naasson the son of Aminadab.

18 On the second day Nathanael son of Sogar, the prince of the tribe of Issachar, brought his offering.

19 And he brought his gift, one silver charger, its weight a hundred and thirty shekels, one silver bowl of seventy shekels according to the holy shekel; both full of fine flour kneaded with oil for a meat-offering.

20 One censer of ten golden shekels, full of incense.

21 One calf of the herd, one ram, one he-lamb of a year old for a whole-burnt-offering,

22 and one kid of the goats for a sin-offering.

23 And for a sacrifice, a peace-offering, two heifers, five rams, five he-goats, five ewe-lambs of a year old: this was the gift of Nathanael the son of Sogar.

24 On the third day the prince of the sons of Zebulun, Eliab the son of Chælon.

25 He brought his gift, one silver charger, its weight a hundred and thirty shekels, one silver bowl of seventy shekels according to the holy shekel; both full of fine flour kneaded with oil for a meat-offering.

26 One golden censer of ten shekels, full of incense.

27 One calf of the herd, one ram, one he-lamb of a year old for a whole-burnt-offering,

28 and one kid of the goats for a sin-offering.

29 And for a sacrifice of peace-offering, two heifers, five rams, five he-goats, five ewe-lambs of a year old: this was the gift of Eliab the son of Chælon.

30 On the fourth day Elisur the son of Sediur, the prince of the children of Reuben.

31 He brought his gift, one silver charger, its weight a hundred and thirty shekels, one silver bowl of seventy shekels according to the holy shekel; both full of fine flour kneaded with oil for a meat-offering.

32 One golden censer of ten shekels full of incense.

33 One calf of the herd, one ram, one he-lamb of a year old for a whole-burnt-offering,

34 and one kid of the goats for a sin-offering.

35 And for a sacrifice of peace-offering, two heifers, five rams, five he-goats, five ewe-lambs of a year old: this was the gift of Elisur the son of Sediur.

36 On the fifth day the prince of the children of Simeon, Salamiel the son of Surisadai.

37 He brought his gift, one silver charger, its weight one hundred and thirty shekels, one silver bowl of seventy shekels according to the holy shekel; both full of fine flour kneaded with oil for a meat-offering.

38 One golden censer of ten shekels, full of incense.

39 One calf of the herd, one ram, one he-lamb of a year old for a whole-burnt-offering,

40 and one kid of the goats for a sin-offering.

41 And for a sacrifice of peace-offering, two heifers, five rams, five he-goats, five ewe-lambs of a year old: this was the gift of Salamiel the son of Surisadai.

42 On the sixth day the prince of the sons of Gad, Elisaph the son of Raguel.

43 He brought his gift, one silver charger, its weight a hundred and thirty shekels, one silver bowl of seventy shekels according to the holy shekel; both full of fine flour kneaded with oil for a meat offering.

44 One golden censer of ten shekels, full of incense.

45 One calf of the herd, one ram, one he-lamb of a year old for a whole-burnt-offering,

46 and one kid of the goats for a sin-offering.

47 And for a sacrifice of peace-offering, two heifers, five rams, five he-goats, five ewe-lambs of a year old: this was the gift of Elisaph the son of Raguel.

48 On the seventh day the prince of the sons of Ephraim, Elisama the son of Emiud.

49 He brought his gift, one silver charger, its weight was a hundred and thirty shekels, one silver bowl of seventy shekels according to the holy shekel; both full of fine flour kneaded with oil for a meat-offering.

50 One golden censer of ten shekels, full of incense.

51 One calf of the herd, one ram, one he-lamb of a year old for a whole-burnt-offering,

52 and one kid of the goats for a sin-offering.

53 And for a sacrifice of peace-offering, two heifers, five rams, five he-goats, five ewe-lambs of a year old: this was the gift of Elisama the son of Emiud.

54 On the eighth day the prince of the sons of Manasseh, Gamaliel the son of Phadassur.

55 He brought his gift, one silver charger, its weight one hundred and thirty shekels, one silver bowl of seventy shekels according to the holy shekel; both full of fine flour mingled with oil for a meat-offering.

56 One golden censer of ten shekels, full of incense.

57 One calf of the herd, one ram, one he-lamb of a year old for a whole-burnt-offering,

58 and one kid of the goats for a sin-offering.

59 And for a sacrifice of peace-offering two heifers, five rams, five he-goats, five ewe-lambs of a year old: this was the gift of Gamaliel the son of Phadassur.

60 On the ninth day the prince of the sons of Benjamin, Abidan the son of Gadeoni.

61 He brought his gift, one silver charger, its weight a hundred and thirty shekels, one silver bowl of seventy shekels according to the holy shekel; both full of fine flour mingled with oil for a meat-offering.

62 One golden censer of ten shekels, full of incense.

63 One calf of the herd, one ram, one he-lamb of a year old for a whole-burnt-offering,

64 and one kid of the goats for a sin-offering.

65 And for a sacrifice of peace-offering, two heifers, five rams, five he-goats, five ewe-lambs of a year old: this was the gift of Abidan the son of Gadeoni.

66 On the tenth day the prince of the sons of Dan, Achiezer the son of Amisadai.

67 He brought his gift, one silver charger, its weight a hundred and thirty shekels, one silver bowl of seventy shekels according to the holy shekel; both full of fine flour kneaded with oil for a meat-offering.

68 One golden censer of ten shekels, full of incense.

69 One calf of the herd, one ram, one he-lamb of a year old for a whole-burnt-offering,

70 and one kid of the goats for a sin-offering.

71 And for a sacrifice of peace-offering, two heifers, five rams, five he-goats, five ewe-lambs of a year old. This was the gift of Achiezer the son of Amisadai.

72 On the eleventh day the prince of the sons of Aser, Phageel the son of Echran.

73 He brought his gift, one silver charger, its weight a hundred and thirty shekels, one silver bowl of seventy shekels according to the holy shekel; both full of fine flour mingled with oil for a meat-offering.

74 One golden censer of ten shekels, full of incense.

75 One calf of the herd, one ram, one he-lamb of a year old for a whole-burnt-offering,

76 and one kid of the goats for a sin-offering.

77 And for a sacrifice of peace-offering, two heifers, five rams, five he-goats, five ewe-lambs of a year old: this was the gift of Phageel the son of Echran.

78 On the twelfth day the prince of the sons of Naphtali, Achire the son of Ænan.

79 He brought his gift, one silver charger, its weight a hundred and thirty shekels; one silver bowl of seventy shekels according to the holy shekel; both full of fine flour mingled with oil for a meat offering.

80 One golden censer of ten shekels, full of incense.

81 One calf of the herd, one ram, one he-lamb of a year old for a whole-burnt-offering,

82 and one kid of the goats for a sin-offering.

83 And for a sacrifice of peace-offering, two heifers, five rams, five he-goats, five ewe-lambs of a year old: this was the gift of Achire the son of Ænan.

84 This was the dedication of the altar in the day in which Moses anointed it, by the princes of the sons of Israel; twelve silver chargers, twelve silver bowls, twelve golden censers:

85 each charger of a hundred and thirty shekels, and each bowl of seventy shekels: all the silver of the vessels was two thousand four hundred shekels, the shekels according to the holy shekel.

86 Twelve golden censers full of incense: all the gold of the shekels, a hundred and twenty shekels.

87 All the cattle for whole-burnt-offerings, twelve calves, twelve rams, twelve he-lambs of a year old, and their meat-offerings, and their drink-offerings: and twelve kids of the goats for sin-offering.

88 All the cattle for a sacrifice of peace-offering, twenty-four heifers, sixty rams, sixty he-goats of a year old, sixty ewe-lambs of a year old without blemish: this is the dedication of the altar, after that Moses consecrated Aaron, and after he anointed him.

89 When Moses went into the tabernacle of witness to speak to God, then he heard the voice of the Lord speaking to him from off the mercy-seat, which is upon the ark of the testimony, between the two cherubs; and he spoke to him.

Chapter 8

1 And the Lord spoke to Moses, saying,

2 Speak to Aaron, and you shall say to him, Whenever you shall set the lamps in order, the seven lamps shall give light opposite the candlestick.

3 And Aaron did so: on one side opposite the candlestick he lighted its lamps, as the Lord appointed Moses.

4 And this is the construction of the candlestick: it is solid, golden— its stem, and its lilies—all solid: according to the pattern which the Lord shewed Moses, so he made the candlestick.

5 And the Lord spoke to Moses, saying,

6 Take the Levites out of the midst of the children of Israel, and you shall purify them.

7 And thus shall you perform their purification: you shall sprinkle them with water of purification, and a razor shall come upon the whole of their body, and they shall wash their garments, and shall be clean.

8 And they shall take one calf of the herd, and its meat-offering, fine flour mingled with oil: and you shall take a calf of a year old of the herd for a sin-offering.

9 And you shall bring the Levites before the tabernacle of witness; and you shall assemble all the congregation of the sons of Israel.

10 And you shall bring the Levites before the Lord; and the sons of Israel shall lay their hands upon the Levites.

11 And Aaron shall separate the Levites for a gift before the Lord from the children of Israel: and they shall be prepared to perform the works of the Lord.

12 And the Levites shall lay their hands on the heads of the calves; and you shall offer one for a sin-offering, and the other for a whole-burnt-offering to the Lord, to make atonement for them.

13 And you shall set the Levites before the Lord, and before Aaron, and before his sons; and you shall give them as a gift before the Lord.

14 And you shall separate the Levites from the midst of the sons of Israel, and they shall be mine.

15 And afterwards the Levites shall go in to perform the works of the tabernacle of witness; and you shall purify them, and present them before the Lord.

16 For these are given to me for a present out of the midst of the children of Israel: I have taken them to myself instead of all the first-born of the sons of Israel that open every womb.

17 For every first-born among the children of Israel is mine, whether of man or beast: in the day in which I smote every first-born in the land of Egypt, I sanctified them to myself.

18 And I took the Levites in the place of every first-born among the children of Israel.

19 And I gave the Levites presented as a gift to Aaron and his sons out of the midst of the children of Israel, to do the service of the children of Israel in the tabernacle of witness, and to make atonement for the children of Israel: thus there shall be none among the sons of Israel to draw nigh to the holy things.

20 And Moses and Aaron, and all the congregation of the children of Israel, did to the Levites as the Lord commanded Moses concerning the Levites, so the sons of Israel did to them.

21 So the Levites purified themselves and washed their garments; and Aaron presented them as a gift before the Lord, and Aaron made atonement for them to purify them.

22 And afterwards the Levites went in to minister in their service in the tabernacle of witness before Aaron, and before his sons; as the Lord appointed Moses concerning the Levites, so they did to them.

23 And the Lord spoke to Moses, saying,

24 This is the ordinance for the Levites; From five and twenty years old and upward, they shall go in to minister in the tabernacle of witness.

25 And from fifty years old the Levite shall cease from the ministry, and shall not work any longer.

26 And his brother shall serve in the tabernacle of witness to keep charges, but he shall not do works: so shall you do to the Levites in their charges.

Chapter 9

1 And the Lord spoke to Moses in the wilderness of Sinai in the second year after they had gone forth from the land of Egypt, in the first month, saying,

2 Speak, and let the children of Israel keep the passover in its season.

3 On the fourteenth day of the first month at even, you shall keep it in its season; you shall keep it according to its law, and according to its ordinance.

4 And Moses ordered the children of Israel to sacrifice the passover,

5 on the fourteenth day of the first month in the wilderness of Sinai, as the Lord appointed Moses, so the children of Israel did.

6 And there came men who were unclean by reason of a dead body, and they were not able to keep the passover on that day; and they came before Moses and Aaron on that day.

7 And those men said to Moses, We are unclean by reason of the dead body of a man: shall we therefore fail to offer the gift to the Lord in its season in the midst of the children of Israel?

8 And Moses said to them, Stand there, and I will hear what charge the Lord will give concerning you.

9 And the Lord spoke to Moses, saying,

10 Speak to the children of Israel, saying, Whatever man shall be unclean by reason of a dead body, or on a journey far off, among you, or among your posterity; he shall then keep the passover to the Lord,

11 in the second month, on the fourteenth day; in the evening they shall offer it, with unleavened bread and bitter herbs shall they eat it.

12 They shall not leave of it until the morrow, and they shall not break a bone of it; they shall sacrifice it according to the ordinance of the passover.

13 And whatsoever man shall be clean, and is not far off on a journey, and shall fail to keep the passover, that soul shall be cut off from his people, because he has not offered the gift to the Lord in its season: that man shall bear his iniquity.

14 And if there should come to you a stranger in your land, and should keep the passover to the Lord, he shall keep it according to the law of the passover and according to its ordinance: there shall be one law for you, both for the stranger, and for the native of the land.

15 And in the day in which the tabernacle was pitched the cloud covered the tabernacle, the place of the testimony; and in the evening there was upon the tabernacle as the appearance of fire till the morning.

16 So it was continually: the cloud covered it by day, and the appearance of fire by night.

17 And when the cloud went up from the tabernacle, then after that the children of Israel departed; and in whatever place the cloud rested, there the children of Israel encamped.

18 The children of Israel shall encamp by the command of the Lord, and by the command of the Lord they shall remove: all the days in which the cloud overshadows the tabernacle, the children of Israel shall encamp.

19 And whenever the cloud shall be drawn over the tabernacle for many days, then the children of Israel shall keep the charge of God, and they shall not remove.

20 And it shall be, whenever the cloud overshadows the tabernacle a number of days, they shall encamp by the word of the Lord, and shall remove by the command of the Lord.

21 And it shall come to pass, whenever the cloud shall remain from the evening till the morning, and in the morning the cloud shall go up, then shall they remove by day or by night.

22 When the cloud continues a full month overshadowing the tabernacle, the children of Israel shall encamp, and shall not depart.

23 For they shall depart by the command of the Lord:—they kept the charge of the Lord by the command of the Lord by the hand of Moses.

Chapter 10

1 And the Lord spoke to Moses, saying,

2 Make to yourself two silver trumpets: you shall make them of beaten work; and they shall be to you for the purpose of calling the assembly, and of removing the camps.

3 And you shall sound with them, and all the congregation shall be gathered to the door of the tabernacle of witness.

4 And if they shall sound with one, all the rulers even the princes of Israel shall come to you.

5 And you shall sound an alarm, and the camps pitched eastward shall begin to move.

6 And you shall sound a second alarm, and the camps pitched southward shall move; and you shall sound a third alarm, and the camps pitched westward shall move forward; and you shall sound a fourth alarm, and they that encamp toward the north shall move forward: they shall sound an alarm at their departure.

7 And whenever you shall gather the assembly, you shall sound, but not an alarm.

8 And the priests the sons of Aaron shall sound with the trumpets; and it shall be a perpetual ordinance for you throughout your generations.

9 And if you shall go forth to war in your land against your enemies that are opposed to you, then shall you sound with the trumpets; and you shall be had in remembrance before the Lord, and you shall be saved from your enemies.

10 And in the days of your gladness, and in your feasts, and in your new moons, you shall sound with the trumpets at your whole-burnt-offerings, and at the sacrifices of your peace-offerings; and there shall be a memorial for you before your God: I am the Lord your God.

11 And it came to pass in the second year, in the second month, on the twentieth day of the month, the cloud went up from the tabernacle of witness.

12 And the children of Israel set forward with their baggage in the wilderness of Sinai; and the cloud rested in the wilderness of Paran.

13 And the first rank departed by the word of the Lord by the hand of Moses.

14 And they first set in motion the order of the camp of the children of Judah with their host; and over their host was Naasson, son of Aminadab.

15 And over the host of the tribe of the sons of Issachar, was Nathanael son of Sogar.

16 And over the host of the tribe of the sons of Zebulun, was Eliab the son of Chælon.

17 And they shall take down the tabernacle, and the sons of Gedson shall set forward, and the sons of Merari, who bear the tabernacle.

18 And the order of the camp of Reuben set forward with their host; and over their host was Elisur the son of Sediur.

19 And over the host of the tribe of the sons of Simeon, was Salamiel son of Surisadai.

20 And over the host of the tribe of the children of Gad, was Elisaph the son of Raguel.

21 And the sons of Caath shall set forward bearing the holy things, and the others shall set up the tabernacle until they arrive.

22 And the order of the camp of Ephraim shall set forward with their forces; and over their forces was Elisama the son of Semiud.

23 And over the forces of the tribe of the sons of Manasseh, was Gamaliel the son of Phadassur.

24 And over the forces of the tribe of the children of Benjamin, was Abidan the son of Gadeoni.

25 And the order of the camp of the sons of Dan shall set forward the last of all the camps, with their forces: and over their forces was Achiezer the son of Amisadai.

26 And over the forces of the tribe of the sons of Aser, was Phageel the son of Echran.

27 And over the forces of the tribe of the sons of Naphtali, was Achire the son of Ænan.

28 These are the armies of the children of Israel; and they set forward with their forces.

29 And Moses said to Obab the son of Raguel the Madianite, the father-in-law of Moses, We are going forward to the place concerning which the Lord said, This will I give to you: Come with us, and we will do you good, for the Lord has spoken good concerning Israel.

30 And he said to him, I will not go, but I will go to my land and to my kindred.

31 And he said, Leave us not, because you have been with us in the wilderness, and you shall be an elder among us.

32 And it shall come to pass if you will go with us, it shall even come to pass that in whatsoever things the Lord shall do us good, we will also do you good.

33 And they departed from the mount of the Lord a three days' journey; and the ark of the covenant of the Lord went before them a three days' journey to provide rest for them.

34 And it came to pass when the ark set forward, that Moses said, Arise, O Lord, and let your enemies be scattered: let all that hate you flee.

35 And in the resting he said, Turn again, O Lord, the thousands and tens of thousands in Israel.

36 And the cloud overshadowed them by day, when they departed from the camp.

Chapter 11

1 And the people murmured sinfully before the Lord; and the Lord heard them and was very angry; and fire was kindled among them from the Lord, and devoured a part of the camp.

2 And the people cried to Moses: and Moses prayed to the Lord, and the fire was quenched.

3 And the name of that place was called Burning; for a fire was kindled among them from the Lord.

4 And the mixed multitude among them lusted exceedingly; and they and the children of Israel sat down and wept and said, Who shall give us flesh to eat?

5 We remember the fish, which we ate in Egypt freely; and the cucumbers, and the melons, and the leeks, and the garlic, and the onions.

6 But now our soul is dried up; our eyes turn to nothing but to the manna.

7 And the manna is as coriander seed, and the appearance of it the appearance of hoarfrost.

8 And the people went through the field, and gathered, and ground it in the mill, or pounded it in a mortar, and baked it in a pan, and made cakes of it; and the sweetness of it was as the taste of wafer made with oil.

9 And when the dew came upon the camp by night, the manna came down upon it.

10 And Moses heard them weeping by their families, every one in his door: and the Lord was very angry; and the thing was evil in the sight of Moses.

11 And Moses said to the Lord, Why have you afflicted your servant, and why have I not found grace in your sight, that you should lay the weight of this people upon me?

12 Have I conceived all this people, or have I born them? that you say to me, Take them into your bosom, as a nurse would take her suckling, into the land which you swore to their fathers?

13 Whence have I flesh to give to all this people? for they weep to me, saying, Give us flesh, that we may eat.

14 I shall not be able to bear this people alone, for this thing is too heavy for me.

15 And if you do thus to me, slay me utterly, if I have found favour with you, that I may not see my affliction.

16 And the Lord said to Moses, Gather me seventy men from the elders of Israel, whom you yourself know that they are the elders of the people, and their scribes; and you shall bring them to the tabernacle of witness, and they shall stand there with you.

17 And I will go down, and speak there with you; and I will take of the spirit that is upon you, and will put it upon them; and they shall bear together with you the burden of the people, and you shall not bear them alone.

18 And to the people you shall say, Purify yourselves for the morrow, and you shall eat flesh; for you wept before the Lord, saying, Who shall give us flesh to eat? for it was well with us in Egypt: and the Lord shall allow you to eat flesh, and you shall eat flesh.

19 You shall not eat one day, nor two, nor five days, nor ten days, nor twenty days;

20 you shall eat for a full month, until the flesh come out at your nostrils; and it shall be nausea to you, because you disobeyed the Lord, who is among you, and wept before him, saying, What had we to do to come out of Egypt?

21 And Moses said, The people among whom I am are six hundred thousand footmen; and you saidst, I will give them flesh to eat, and they shall eat a whole month.

22 Shall sheep and oxen be slain for them, and shall it suffice them? or shall all the fish of the sea be gathered together for them, and shall it suffice them?

23 And the Lord said to Moses, Shall not the hand of the Lord be fully sufficient? now shall you know whether my word shall come to pass to you or not.

24 And Moses went out, and spoke the words of the Lord to the people; and he gathered seventy men of the elders of the people, and he set them round about the tabernacle.

25 And the Lord came down in a cloud, and spoke to him, and took of the spirit that was upon him, and put it upon the seventy men that were elders; and when the spirit rested upon them, they prophesied and ceased.

26 And there were two men left in the camp, the name of the one was Eldad, and the name of the other Modad; and the spirit rested upon them, and these were of the number of them that were enrolled, but they did not come to the tabernacle; and they prophesied in the camp.

27 And a young man ran and told Moses, and spoke, saying, Eldad and Modad prophesy in the camp.

28 And Joshua the son of Naue, who attended on Moses, the chosen one, said, My lord Moses, forbid them.

29 And Moses said to him, Are you jealous on my account? and would that all the Lord's people were prophets; whenever the Lord shall put his spirit upon them.

30 And Moses departed into the camp, himself and the elders of Israel.

31 And there went forth a wind from the Lord, and brought quails over from the sea; and it brought them down upon the camp a day's journey on this side, and a day's journey on that side, round about the camp, as it were two cubits from the earth.

32 And the people rose up all the day, and all the night, and all the next day, and gathered quails; he that gathered least, gathered ten measures; and they refreshed themselves round about the camp.

33 The flesh was yet between their teeth, before it failed, when the Lord was wroth with the people, and the Lord smote the people with a very great plague.

34 And the name of that place was called the Graves of Lust; for there they buried the people that lusted.

35 The people departed from the Graves of Lust to Aseroth; and the people halted at Aseroth.

Chapter 12

1 And Mariam and Aaron spoke against Moses, because of the Ethiopian woman whom Moses took; for he had taken an Ethiopian woman.

2 And they said, Has the Lord spoken to Moses only? has he not also spoken to us? and the Lord heard it.

3 And the man Moses was very meek beyond all the men that were upon the earth.

4 And the Lord said immediately to Moses and Aaron and Mariam, Come forth all three of you to the tabernacle of witness.

5 And the three came forth to the tabernacle of witness; and the Lord descended in a pillar of a cloud, and stood at the door of the tabernacle of witness; and Aaron and Mariam were called; and both came forth.

6 And he said to them, Hear my words: If there should be of you a prophet to the Lord, I will be made known to him in a vision, and in sleep will I speak to him.

7 My servant Moses is not so; he is faithful in all my house.

8 I will speak to him mouth to mouth apparently, and not in dark speeches; and he has seen the glory of the Lord; and why were you not afraid to speak against my servant Moses?

9 And the great anger of the Lord was upon them, and he departed.

10 And the cloud departed from the tabernacle; and, behold, Mariam was leprous, white as snow; and Aaron looked upon Mariam, and, behold, she was leprous.

11 And Aaron said to Moses, I beseech you, my lord, do not lay sin upon us, for we were ignorant wherein we sinned.

12 Let her not be as it were like death, as an abortion coming out of his mother's womb, when the disease devours the half of the flesh.

13 And Moses cried to the Lord, saying, O God, I beseech you, heal her.

14 And the Lord said to Moses, If her father had only spit in her face, would she not be ashamed seven days? let her be set apart seven days without the camp, and afterwards she shall come in.

15 And Mariam was separated without the camp seven days; and the people moved not forward till Mariam was cleansed.

16 And afterwards the people set forth from Aseroth, and encamped in the wilderness of Paran.

Chapter 13

1 And the Lord spoke to Moses, saying,

2 Send for you men, and let them spy the land of the Chananites, which I give to the sons of Israel for a possession; one man for a tribe, you shall send them away according to their families, every one of them a prince.

3 And Moses sent them out of the wilderness of Paran by the word of the Lord; all these were the princes of the sons of Israel.

4 And these are their names: of the tribe of Reuben, Samuel the son of Zachur.

5 Of the tribe of Simeon, Saphat the son of Suri.

6 Of the tribe of Judah, Chaleb the son of Jephonne.

7 Of the tribe of Issachar, Ilaal the son of Joseph.

8 Of the tribe of Ephraim, Ause the son of Naue.

9 Of the tribe of Benjamin, Phalti the son of Raphu.

10 Of the tribe of Zebulun, Gudiel the son of Sudi.

11 Of the tribe of Joseph of the sons of Manasseh, Gaddi the son of Susi.

12 Of the tribe of Dan, Amiel the son of Gamali.

13 Of the tribe of Aser, Sathur the son of Michael.

14 Of the tribe of Naphtali, Nabi the son of Sabi.

15 Of the tribe of Gad, Gudiel the son of Macchi.

16 These are the names of the men whom Moses sent to spy out the land; and Moses called Ause the son of Naue, Joshua.

17 And Moses sent them to spy out the land of Canaan, and said to them, Go up by this wilderness; and you shall go up to the mountain,

18 and you shall see the land, what it is, and the people that dwells on it, whether it is strong or weak, or whether they are few or many.

19 And what the land is on which they dwell, whether it is good or bad; and what the cities are wherein these dwell, whether they dwell in walled cities or unwalled.

20 And what the land is, whether rich or poor; whether there are trees in it or no: and you shall persevere and take of the fruits of the land: and the days were the days of spring, the forerunners of the grape.

21 And they went up and surveyed the land from the wilderness of Sin to Rhoob, as men go in to Æmath.

22 And they went up by the wilderness, and departed as far as Hebron; and there was Achiman, and Sessi, and Thelami, the progeny of Enach. Now Hebron was built seven years before Tanin of Egypt.

23 And they came to the valley of the cluster and surveyed it; and they cut down thence a bough and one cluster of grapes upon it, and bore it on staves, and they took of the pomegranates and the figs.

24 And they called that place, The valley of the cluster, because of the cluster which the children of Israel cut down from thence.

25 And they returned from thence, having surveyed the land, after forty days.

26 And they proceeded and came to Moses and Aaron and all the congregation of the children of Israel, to the wilderness of Paran Kadesh; and they brought word to them and to all the congregation, and they shewed the fruit of the land:

27 and they reported to him, and said, We came into the land into which you sent us, a land flowing with milk and honey; and this is the fruit of it.

28 Only the nation that dwells upon it is bold, and they have very great and strong walled towns, and we saw there the children of Enach.

29 And Amalec dwells in the land toward the south: and the Chettite and the Evite, and the Jebusite, and the Amorite dwells in the hill country: and the Chananite dwells by the sea, and by the river Jordan.

30 And Chaleb stayed the people from speaking before Moses, and said to him, Nay, but we will go up by all means, and will inherit it, for we shall surely prevail against them.

31 But the men that went up together with him said, We will not go up, for we shall not by any means be able to go up against the nation, for it is much stronger than we.

32 And they brought a horror of that land which they surveyed upon the children of Israel, saying, The land which we passed by to survey it, is a land that eats up its inhabitants; and all the people whom we saw in it are men of extraordinary stature.

33 And there we saw the giants; and we were before them as locusts, yea even so were we before them.

Chapter 14

1 And all the congregation lifted up their voice and cried; and the people wept all that night.

2 And all the children of Israel murmured against Moses and Aaron; and all the congregation said to them,

3 Would we had died in the land of Egypt! or in this wilderness, would we had died! and why does the Lord bring us into this land to fall in war? our wives and our children shall be for a prey: now then it is better to return into Egypt.

4 And they said one to another, Let us make a ruler, and return into Egypt.

5 And Moses and Aaron fell upon their face before all the congregation of the children of Israel.

6 But Joshua the son of Naue, and Chaleb the son of Jephonne, of the number of them that spied out the land, rent their garments,

7 and spoke to all the congregation of the children of Israel, saying, The land which we surveyed is indeed extremely good.

8 If the Lord choose us, he will bring us into this land, and give it us; a land which flows with milk and honey.

9 Only depart not from the Lord; and fear you not the people of the land, for they are meat for us; for the season of prosperity is departed from them, but the Lord is among us: fear them not.

10 And all the congregation bade stone them with stones; and the glory of the Lord appeared in the cloud on the tabernacle of witness to all the children of Israel.

11 And the Lord said to Moses, How long does this people provoke me? and how long do they refuse to believe me for all the signs which I have wrought among them?

12 I will smite them with death, and destroy them; and I will make of you and of your father's house a great nation, and much greater than this.

13 And Moses said to the Lord, So Egypt shall hear, for you have brought up this people from them by your might.

14 Moreover all the dwellers upon this land have heard that you are Lord in the midst of this people, who, O Lord, art seen by them face to face, and your cloud rests upon them, and you go before them by day in a pillar of a cloud, and by night in a pillar of fire.

15 And if you shall destroy this nation as one man; then all the nations that have heard your name shall speak, saying,

16 Because the Lord could not bring this people into the land which he sware to them, he has overthrown them in the wilderness.

17 And now, O Lord, let your strength be exalted, as you spoke, saying,

18 The Lord is long-suffering and merciful, and true, removing transgressions and iniquities and sins, and he will by no means clear the guilty, visiting the sins of the fathers upon the children to the third and fourth generation.

19 Forgive this people their sin according to your great mercy, as you were favourable to them from Egypt until now.

20 And the Lord said to Moses, I am gracious to them according to your word.

21 But as I live and my name is living, so the glory of the Lord shall fill all the earth.

22 For all the men who see my glory, and the signs which I wrought in Egypt, and in the wilderness, and have tempted me this tenth time, and have not hearkened to my voice,

23 surely they shall not see the land, which I sware to their fathers; but their children which are with me here, as many as know not good or evil, every inexperienced youth, to them will I give the land; but none who have provoked me shall see it.

24 But my servant Chaleb, because there was another spirit in him, and he followed me, I will bring him into the land into which he entered, and his seed shall inherit it.

25 But Amalec and the Chananite dwell in the valley: to-morrow turn and depart for the wilderness by the way of the Red Sea.

26 And the Lord spoke to Moses and Aaron, saying,

27 How long shall I endure this wicked congregation? I have heard their murmurings against me, even the murmuring of the children of Israel, which they have murmured concerning you.

28 Say to them, As I live, says the Lord: surely as you spoke into my ears, so will I do to you.

29 Your carcases shall fall in this wilderness; and all those of you that were reviewed, and those of you that were numbered from twenty years old and upward, all that murmured against me,

30 you shall not enter into the land for which I stretched out my hand to establish you upon it; except only Chaleb the son of Jephonne, and Joshua the son of Naue.

31 And your little ones, who you said should be a prey, them will I bring into the land; and they shall inherit the land, which you rejected.

32 And your carcases shall fall in this wilderness.

33 And your sons shall be fed in the wilderness forty years, and they shall bear your fornication, until your carcases be consumed in the wilderness.

34 According to the number of the days during which you spied the land, forty days, a day for a year, you shall bear your sins forty years, and you shall know my fierce anger.

35 I the Lord have spoken, Surely will I do thus to this evil congregation that has risen up together against me: in this wilderness they shall be utterly consumed, and there they shall die.

36 And the men whom Moses sent to spy out the land, and who came and murmured against it to the assembly so as to bring out evil words concerning the land,—

37 the men that spoke evil reports against the land, even died of the plague before the Lord.

38 And Joshua the son of Naue and Chaleb the son of Jephonne still lived of those men that went to spy out the land.

39 And Moses spoke these words to all the children of Israel; and the people mourned exceedingly.

40 And they rose early in the morning and went up to the top of the mountain, saying, Behold, we that are here will go up to the place of which the Lord has spoken, because we have sinned.

41 And Moses said, Why do you transgress the word of the Lord? you shall not prosper.

42 Go not up, for the Lord is not with you; so shall you fall before the face of your enemies.

43 For Amalec and the Chananite are there before you, and you shall fall by the sword; because you have disobeyed the Lord and turned aside, and the Lord will not be among you.

44 And having forced their passage, they went up to the top of the mountain; but the ark of the covenant of the Lord and Moses stirred not out of the camp.

45 And Amalec and the Chananite that dwelt in that mountain came down, and routed them, and destroyed them unto Herman; and they returned to the camp.

Chapter 15

1 And the Lord spoke to Moses, saying,

2 Speak to the children of Israel, and you shall say to them, When you are come into the land of your habitation, which I give to you,

3 and you will offer whole-burnt-offerings to the Lord, a whole-burnt-offering or a meat-offering to perform a vow, or a free-will offering, or to offer in your feasts a sacrifice of sweet savour to the Lord, whether of the herd or the flock:

4 then he that offers his gift to the Lord shall bring a meat-offering of fine flour, a tenth part of an ephah mingled with oil, even with the fourth part of a hin.

5 And for a drink-offering you shall offer the fourth part of a hin on the whole-burnt-offering, or on the meat-offering: for every lamb you shall offer so much, as a sacrifice, a smell of sweet savour to the Lord.

6 And for a ram, when you offer it as a whole-burnt-offering or as a sacrifice, you shall prepare as a meat-offering two tenths of fine flour mingled with oil, the third part of a hin.

7 And you shall offer for a smell of sweet savour to the Lord wine for a drink-offering, the third part of a hin.

8 And if you sacrifice a bullock from the herd for a whole-burnt-offering or for a sacrifice, to perform a vow or a peace-offering to the Lord,

9 then the worshipper shall offer upon the calf a meat-offering, three tenth deals of fine flour mingled with oil, even the half of a hin.

10 And wine for a drink-offering the half of a hin, a sacrifice for a smell of sweet savour to the Lord.

11 Thus shall you do to one calf or to one ram, or to one lamb of the sheep or kid of the goats.

12 According to the number of what you shall offer, so shall you do to each one, according to their number.

13 Every native of the country shall do thus to offer such things as sacrifices for a smell of sweet savour to the Lord.

14 And if there should be a stranger among you in your land, or one who should be born to you among your generations, and he will offer a sacrifice, a smell of sweet savour to the Lord—as you do, so the whole congregation shall offer to the Lord.

15 There shall be one law for you and for the strangers abiding among you, a perpetual law for your generations: as you are, so shall the stranger be before the Lord.

16 There shall be one law and one ordinance for you, and for the stranger that abides among you.

17 And the Lord spoke to Moses, saying,

18 Speak to the sons of Israel, and you shall say to them, When you are entering into the land, into which I bring you,

19 then it shall come to pass, when you shall eat of the bread of the land, you shall separate a wave-offering, a special offering to the Lord, the first-fruits of your dough.

20 You shall offer your bread a heave-offering: as a heave-offering from the threshing-floor, so shall you separate it,

21 even the first-fruits of your dough, and you shall give the Lord a heave-offering throughout your generations.

22 But whensoever you shall transgress, and not perform all these commands, which the Lord spoke to Moses;

23 as the Lord appointed you by the hand of Moses, from the day which the Lord appointed you and forward throughout your generations,

24 then it shall come to pass, if a trespass be committed unwillingly, unknown to the congregation, then shall all the congregation offer a calf of the herd without blemish for a whole-burnt-offering of sweet savour to the Lord, and its meat-offering and its drink-offering according to the ordinance, and one kid of the goats for a sin-offering.

25 And the priest shall make atonement for all the congregation of the children of Israel, and the trespass shall be forgiven them, because it is involuntary; and they have brought their gift, a burnt-offering to the Lord for their trespass before the Lord, even for their involuntary sins.

26 And it shall be forgiven as respects all the congregation of the children of Israel, and the stranger that is abiding among you, because it is involuntary to all the people.

27 And if one soul sin unwillingly, he shall bring one she-goat of a year old for a sin-offering.

28 And the priest shall make atonement for the soul that committed the trespass unwillingly, and that sinned unwillingly before the Lord, to make atonement for him.

29 There shall be one law for the native among the children of Israel, and for the stranger that abides among them, whosoever shall commit a trespass unwillingly.

30 And whatever soul either of the natives or of the strangers shall do any thing with a presumptuous hand, he will provoke God; that soul shall be cut off from his people,

31 for he has set at nought the word of the Lord and broken his commands: that soul shall be utterly destroyed, his sin is upon him.

32 And the children of Israel were in the wilderness, and they found a man gathering sticks on the sabbath-day.

33 And they who found him gathering sticks on the sabbath-day brought him to Moses and Aaron, and to all the congregation of the children of Israel.

34 And they placed him in custody, for they did not determine what they should do to him.

35 And the Lord spoke to Moses, saying, Let the man be by all means put to death: do you all the congregation, stone him with stones.

36 And all the congregation brought him forth out of the camp; and all the congregation stoned him with stones outside the camp, as the Lord commanded Moses.

37 And the Lord spoke to Moses, saying,

38 Speak to the children of Israel, and you shall tell them; and let them make for themselves fringes upon the borders of their garments throughout their generations: and you shall put upon the fringes of the borders a lace of blue.

39 And it shall be on your fringes, and you shall look on them, and you shall remember all the commands of the Lord, and do them: and you shall not turn back after your imaginations, and after the sight of your eyes in the things after which you go a whoring;

40 that you may remember and perform all my commands, and you shall be holy unto your God.

41 I am the Lord your God that brought you out of the land of Egypt, to be your God: I am the Lord your God.

Chapter 16

1 And Korah the son of Isaar the son of Caath the son of Levi, and Dathan and Abiron, sons of Eliab, and Aun the son of Phaleth the son of Reuben, spoke;

2 and rose up before Moses, and two hundred and fifty men of the sons of Israel, chiefs of the assembly, chosen councillors, and men of renown.

3 They rose up against Moses and Aaron, and said, Let it be enough for you that all the congregation are holy, and the Lord is among them; and why do you set up yourselves against the congregation of the Lord?

4 And when Moses heard it, he fell on his face.

5 And he spoke to Korah and all his assembly, saying, God has visited and known those that are his and who are holy, and has brought them to himself; and whom he has chosen for himself, he has brought to himself.

6 This do you: take to yourselves censers, Korah and all his company;

7 and put fire on them, and put incense on them before the Lord to-morrow; and it shall come to pass that the man whom the Lord has chosen, he shall be holy: let it be enough for you, you sons of Levi.

8 And Moses said to Korah, Hearken to me, you sons of Levi.

9 Is it a little thing for you, that the God of Israel has separated you from the congregation of Israel, and brought you near to himself to minister in the services of the tabernacle of the Lord, and to stand before the tabernacle to minister for them?

10 and he has brought you near and all your brethren the sons of Levi with you, and do you seek to be priests also?

11 Thus it is with you and all your congregation which is gathered together against God: and who is Aaron, that you murmur against him?

12 And Moses sent to call Dathan and Abiron sons of Eliab; and they said, We will not go up.

13 Is it a little thing that you have brought us up to a land flowing with milk and honey, to kill us in the wilderness, and that you altogether rule over us?

14 You are a prince, and have you brought us into a land flowing with milk and honey, and have you given us an inheritance of land and vineyards? would you have put out the eyes of those men? we will not go up.

15 And Moses was exceedingly indignant, and said to the Lord, Do you take no heed to their sacrifice: I have not taken away the desire of any one of them, neither have I hurt any one of them.

16 And Moses said to Korah, Sanctify your company, and be ready before the Lord, you and Aaron and they, to-morrow.

17 And take each man his censer, and you shall put incense upon them, and shall bring each one his censer before the Lord, two hundred and fifty censers, and you and Aaron shall bring each his censer.

18 And each man took his censer, and they put on them fire, and laid incense on them; and Moses and Aaron stood by the doors of the tabernacle of witness.

19 And Korah raised up against them all his company by the door of the tabernacle of witness; and the glory of the Lord appeared to all the congregation.

20 And the Lord spoke to Moses and Aaron, saying,

21 Separate yourselves from the midst of this congregation, and I will consume them at once.

22 And they fell on their faces, and said, O God, the God of spirits and of all flesh, if one man has sinned, shall the wrath of the Lord be upon the whole congregation?

23 And the Lord spoke to Moses, saying,

24 Speak to the congregation, saying, Depart from the company of Korah round about.

25 And Moses rose up and went to Dathan and Abiron, and all the elders of Israel went with him.

26 And he spoke to the congregation, saying, Separate yourselves from the tents of these stubborn men, and touch nothing that belongs to them, lest you be consumed with them in all their sin.

27 And they stood aloof from the tent of Korah round about; and Dathan and Abiron went forth and stood by the doors of their tents, and their wives and their children and their store.

28 And Moses said, Hereby shall you know that the Lord has sent me to perform all these works, that I have not done them of myself.

29 If these men shall die according to the death of all men, if also their visitation shall be according to the visitation of all men, then the Lord has not sent me.

30 But if the Lord shall shew by a wonder, and the earth shall open her mouth and swallow them up, and their houses, and their tents, and all that belongs to them, and they shall go down alive into Hades, then you shall know that these men have provoked the Lord.

31 And when he ceased speaking all these words, the ground clave asunder beneath them.

32 And the ground opened, and swallowed them up, and their houses, and all the men that were with Korah, and their cattle.

33 And they went down and all that they had, alive into Hades; and the ground covered them, and they perished from the midst of the congregation.

34 And all Israel round about them fled from the sound of them, for they said, Lest the earth swallow us up also.

35 And fire went forth from the Lord, and devoured the two hundred and fifty men that offered incense.

Chapter 17

1 And the Lord said to Moses,

2 and to Eleazar the son of Aaron the priest, Take up the brazen censers out of the midst of the men that have been burnt, and scatter the strange fire yonder, for they have sanctified the censers

3 of these sinners against their own souls, and do you make them beaten plates a covering to the altar, because they were brought before the Lord and hallowed; and they became a sign to the children of Israel.

4 And Eleazar the son of Aaron the priest took the brazen censers, which the men who had been burnt brought near, and they put them as a covering on the altar:

5 a memorial to the children of Israel that no stranger might draw nigh, who is not of the seed of Aaron, to offer incense before the Lord; so he shall not be as Korah and as they that conspired with him, as the Lord spoke to him by the hand of Moses.

6 And the children of Israel murmured the next day against Moses and Aaron, saying, You have killed the people of the Lord.

7 And it came to pass when the congregation combined against Moses and Aaron, that they ran impetuously to the tabernacle of witness; and the cloud covered it, and the glory of the Lord appeared.

8 And Moses and Aaron went in, in front of the tabernacle of witness.

9 And the Lord spoke to Moses and Aaron, saying,

10 Depart out of the midst of this congregation, and I will consume them at once: and they fell upon their faces.

11 And Moses said to Aaron, Take a censer, and put on it fire from the altar, and put incense on it, and carry it away quickly into the camp, and make atonement for them; for wrath is gone forth from the presence of the Lord, it has begun to destroy the people.

12 And Aaron took as Moses spoke to him, and ran among the congregation, for already the plague had begun among the people; and he put on incense, and made an atonement for the people.

13 And he stood between the dead and the living, and the plague ceased.

14 And they that died in the plague were fourteen thousand and seven hundred, besides those that died on account of Korah.

15 And Aaron returned to Moses to the door of the tabernacle of witness, and the plague ceased.

16 And the Lord spoke to Moses, saying,

17 Speak to the children of Israel, and take rods of them, according to the houses of their families, a rod from all their princes, according to the houses of their families, twelve rods, and write the name of each on his rod.

18 And write the name of Aaron on the rod of Levi; for it is one rod for each: they shall give them according to the tribe of the house of their families.

19 And you shall put them in the tabernacle of witness, before the testimony, where I will be made known to you.

20 And it shall be, the man whom I shall choose, his rod shall blossom; and I will remove from me the murmuring of the children of Israel, which they murmur against you.

21 And Moses spoke to the children of Israel, and all their chiefs gave him a rod each, for one chief a rod, according to the house of their families, twelve rods; and the rod of Aaron was in the midst of the rods.

22 And Moses laid up the rods before the Lord in the tabernacle of witness.

23 And it came to pass on the morrow, that Moses and Aaron went into the tabernacle of witness; and, behold, the rod of Aaron for the house of Levi blossomed, and put forth a bud, and bloomed blossoms and produced almonds.

24 And Moses brought forth all the rods from before the Lord to all the sons of Israel; and they looked, and each one took his rod.

25 And the Lord said to Moses, Lay up the rod of Aaron before the testimonies to be kept as a sign for the children of the disobedient; and let their murmuring cease from me, and they shall not die.

26 And Moses and Aaron did as the Lord commanded Moses, so did they.

27 And the children of Israel spoke to Moses, saying, Behold, we are cut off, we are destroyed, we are consumed.

28 Every one that touches the tabernacle of the Lord, dies: shall we die utterly?

Chapter 18

1 And the Lord spoke to Aaron, saying, You and your sons and your father's house shall bear the sins of the holy things, and you and your sons shall bear the iniquity of your priesthood.

2 And take to yourself your brethren the tribe of Levi, the family of your father, and let them be joined to you, and let them minister to you; and you and your sons with you shall minister before the tabernacle of witness.

3 And they shall keep your charges, and the charges of the tabernacle; only they shall not approach the holy vessels and the altar, so both they and you shall not die.

4 And they shall be joined to you, and shall keep the charges of the tabernacle of witness, in all the services of the tabernacle; and a stranger shall not approach to you.

5 And you shall keep the charges of the holy things, and the charges of the altar, and so there shall not be anger among the children of Israel.

6 And I have taken your brethren the Levites out of the midst of the children of Israel, a present given to the Lord, to minister in the services of the tabernacle of witness.

7 And you and your sons after you shall keep up your priestly ministration, according to the whole manner of the altar, and that which is within the veil; and you shall minister in the services as the office of your priesthood; and the stranger that comes near shall die.

8 And the Lord said to Aaron, And, behold, I have given you the charge of the first-fruits of all things consecrated to me by the children of Israel; and I have given them to you as an honour, and to your sons after you for a perpetual ordinance.

9 And let this be to you from all the holy things that are consecrated to me, even the burnt-offerings, from all their gifts, and from all their sacrifices, and from every trespass-offering of theirs, and from all their sin-offerings, whatever things they give to me of all their holy things, they shall be your and your sons'.

10 In the most holy place shall you eat them; every male shall eat them, you and your sons: they shall be holy to you.

11 And this shall be to you of the first-fruits of their gifts, of all the waveofferings of the children of Israel; to you have I given them and to your sons and your daughters with you, a perpetual ordinance; every clean person in your house shall eat them.

12 Every first-offering of oil, and every first-offering of wine, their first-fruits of corn, whatsoever they may give to the Lord, to you have I given them.

13 All the first-fruits that are in their land, whatsoever they shall offer to the Lord, shall be yours: every clean person in your house shall eat them.

14 Every devoted thing among the children of Israel shall be yours.

15 And every thing that opens the womb of all flesh, whatsoever they bring to the Lord, whether man or beast, shall be yours: only the first-born of men shall be surely redeemed, and you shall redeem the first-born of unclean cattle.

16 And the redemption of them shall be from a month old; their valuation of five shekels—it is twenty oboli according to the holy shekel.

17 But you shall not redeem the first-born of calves and the first-born of sheep and the first-born of goats; they are holy: and you shall pour their blood upon the altar, and you shall offer the fat as a burnt-offering for a smell of sweet savour to the Lord.

18 And the flesh shall be yours, as also the breast of the wave-offering and as the right shoulder, it shall be yours.

19 Every special offering of the holy things, whatsoever the children of Israel shall specially offer to the Lord, I have given to you and to your sons and to your daughters with you, a perpetual ordinance: it is a covenant of salt for ever before the Lord, for you and your seed after you.

20 And the Lord said to Aaron, You shall have no inheritance in their land, neither shall you have any portion among them; for I am your portion and your inheritance in the midst of the children of Israel.

21 And, behold, I have given to the sons of Levi every tithe in Israel for an inheritance for their services, whereinsoever they perform ministry in the tabernacle of witness.

22 And the children of Israel shall no more draw nigh to the tabernacle of witness to incur fatal guilt.

23 And the Levite himself shall perform the service of the tabernacle of witness; and they shall bear their iniquities, it is a perpetual statute throughout their generations; and in the midst of the children of Israel they shall not receive an inheritance.

24 Because I have given as a distinct portion to the Levites for an inheritance the tithes of the children of Israel, whatsoever they shall offer to the Lord; therefore I said to them, In the midst of the children of Israel they shall have no inheritance.

25 And the Lord spoke to Moses, saying,

26 You shall also speak to the Levites, and shall say to them, If you take the tithe from the children of Israel, which I have given you from them for an inheritance, then shall you separate from it a heave-offering to the Lord, a tenth of the tenth.

27 And your heave-offerings shall be reckoned to you as corn from the floor, and an offering from the wine-press.

28 So shall you also separate them from all the offerings of the Lord out of all your tithes, whatsoever you shall receive from the children of Israel; and you shall give of them an offering to the Lord to Aaron the priest.

29 Of all your gifts you shall offer an offering to the Lord, and of every first-fruit the consecrated part from it.

30 And you shall say to them, When you shall offer the first-fruits from it, then shall it be reckoned to the Levites as produce from the threshing-floor, and as produce from the wine-press.

31 And you shall eat it in any place, you and your families; for this is your reward for your services in the tabernacle of witness.

32 And you shall not bear sin by reason of it, for you shall have offered an offering of first-fruits from it, and you shall not profane the holy things of the children of Israel, that you die not.

Chapter 19

1 And the Lord spoke to Moses and Aaron, saying,

2 This is the constitution of the law, as the Lord has commanded, saying, Speak to the sons of Israel, and let them take for you a red heifer without spot, which has no spot on her, and on which no yoke has been put.

3 And you shall give her to Eleazar the priest; and they shall bring her out of the camp into a clean place, and shall kill her before his face.

4 And Eleazar shall take of her blood, and sprinkle of her blood seven times in front of the tabernacle of witness.

5 And they shall burn her to ashes before him; and her skin and her flesh and her blood, with her dung, shall be consumed.

6 And the priest shall take cedar wood and hyssop and scarlet wool, and they shall cast them into the midst of the burning of the heifer.

7 And the priest shall wash his garments, and bathe his body in water, and afterwards he shall go into the camp, and the priest shall be unclean till evening.

8 And he that burns her shall wash his garments, and bathe his body, and shall be unclean till evening.

9 And a clean man shall gather up the ashes of the heifer, and lay them up in a clean place outside the camp; and they shall be for the congregation of the children of Israel to keep: it is the water of sprinkling, a purification.

10 And he that gathers up the ashes of the heifer shall wash his garments, and shall be unclean until evening; and it shall be a perpetual statute for the children of Israel and for the strangers joined to them.

11 He that touches the dead body of any man, shall be unclean seven days.

12 He shall be purified on the third day and the seventh day, and shall be clean; but if he be not purged on the third day and the seventh day, he shall not be clean.

13 Every one that touches the carcase of the person of a man, if he should have died, and the other not have been purified, has defiled the tabernacle of the Lord: that soul shall be cut off from Israel, because the water of sprinkling has not been sprinkled upon him; he is unclean; his uncleanness is yet upon him.

14 And this is the law; if a man die in a house, every one that goes into the house, and all things in the house, shall be unclean seven days.

15 And every open vessel which has not a covering bound upon it, shall be unclean.

16 And every one who shall touch a man slain by violence, or a corpse, or human bone, or sepulchre, shall be unclean seven days.

17 And they shall take for the unclean of the burnt ashes of purification, and they shall pour upon them running water into a vessel.

18 And a clean man shall take hyssop, and dip it into the water, and sprinkle it upon the house, and the furniture, and all the souls that are therein, and upon him that touched the human bone, or the slain man, or the corpse, or the tomb.

19 And the clean man shall sprinkle the water on the unclean on the third day and on the seventh day, and on the seventh day he shall purify himself; and the other shall wash his garments, and bathe himself in water, and shall be unclean until evening.

20 And whatever man shall be defiled and shall not purify himself, that soul shall be cut off from the midst of the congregation, because he has defiled the holy things of the Lord, because the water of sprinkling has not been sprinkled upon him; he is unclean.

21 And it shall be to you a perpetual statute; and he that sprinkles the water of sprinkling shall wash his garments; and he that touches the water of sprinkling shall be unclean until evening.

22 And whatsoever the unclean man shall touch shall be unclean, and the soul that touches it shall be unclean till evening.

Chapter 20

1 And the children of Israel, even the whole congregation, came into the wilderness of Sin, in the first month, and the people abode in Kadesh; and Mariam died there, and was buried there.

2 And there was no water for the congregation: and they gathered themselves together against Moses and Aaron.

3 And the people reviled Moses, saying, Would we had died in the destruction of our brethren before the Lord!

4 And wherefore have you brought up the congregation of the Lord into this wilderness, to kill us and our cattle?

5 And wherefore is this? You have brought us up out of Egypt, that we should come into this evil place; a place where there is no sowing, neither figs, nor vines, nor pomegranates, neither is there water to drink.

6 And Moses and Aaron went from before the assembly to the door of the tabernacle of witness, and they fell upon their faces; and the glory of the Lord appeared to them.

7 And the Lord spoke to Moses, saying,

8 Take your rod, and call the assembly, you and Aaron your brother, and speak you to the rock before them, and it shall give forth its waters; and you shall bring forth for them water out of the rock, and give drink to the congregation and their cattle.

9 And Moses took his rod which was before the Lord, as the Lord commanded.

10 And Moses and Aaron assembled the congregation before the rock, and said to them, Hear me, you disobedient ones; must we bring you water out of this rock?

11 And Moses lifted up his hand and struck the rock with his rod twice; and much water came forth, and the congregation drank, and their cattle.

12 And the Lord said to Moses and Aaron, Because you have not believed me to sanctify me before the children of Israel, therefore you shall not bring this congregation into the land which I have given them.

13 This is the water of Strife, because the children of Israel spoke insolently before the Lord, and he was sanctified in them.

14 And Moses sent messengers from Kadesh to the king of Edom, saying, Thus says your brother Israel; You know all the distress that has come upon us.

15 And how our fathers went down into Egypt, and we sojourned in Egypt many days, and the Egyptians afflicted us and our fathers.

16 And we cried to the Lord, and the Lord heard our voice, and sent an angel and brought us out of Egypt; and now we are in the city of Kadesh, at the extremity of your coasts.

17 We will pass through your land: we will not go through the fields, nor through the vineyards, nor will we drink water out of your cistern: we will go by the king's highway; we will not turn aside to the right hand or to the left, until we have passed your borders.

18 And Edom said to him, You shall not pass through me, and if otherwise, I will go forth to meet you in war.

19 And the children of Israel say to him, We will pass by the mountain; and if I and my cattle drink of your water, I will pay you: but it is no matter of importance, we will go by the mountain.

20 And he said, You shall not pass through me; and Edom went forth to meet him with a great host, and a mighty hand.

21 So Edom refused to allow Israel to pass through his borders, and Israel turned away from him.

22 And they departed from Kadesh; and the children of Israel, even the whole congregation, came to Mount Or.

23 And the Lord spoke to Moses and Aaron in mount Or, on the borders of the land of Edom, saying,

24 Let Aaron be added to his people; for you shall certainly not go into the land which I have given the children of Israel, because you provoked me at the water of strife.

25 Take Aaron, and Eleazar his son, and bring them up to the mount Or before all the congregation;

26 and take Aaron's apparel from off him, and put it on Eleazar his son: and let Aaron die there and be added to his people.

27 And Moses did as the Lord commanded him, and took him up to mount Or, before all the congregation.

28 And he took Aaron's garments off him, and put them on Eleazar his son, and Aaron died on the top of the mountain; and Moses and Eleazar came down from the mountain.

29 And all the congregation saw that Aaron was dead: and they wept for Aaron thirty days, even all the house of Israel.

Chapter 21

1 And Arad the Chananitish king who dwelt by the wilderness, heard that Israel came by the way of Atharin; and he made war on Israel, and carried off some of them captives.

2 And Israel vowed a vow to the Lord, and said, If you will deliver this people into my power, I will devote it and its cities to you.

3 And the Lord hearkened to the voice of Israel, and delivered the Chananite into his power; and Israel devoted him and his cities, and they called the name of that place Anathema.

4 And having departed from mount Or by the way leading to the Red Sea, they compassed the land of Edom, and the people lost courage by the way.

5 And the people spoke against God and against Moses, saying, Why is this? Have you brought us ought of Egypt to slay us in the wilderness? for there is not bread nor water; and our soul loathes this light bread.

6 And the Lord sent among the people deadly serpents, and they bit the people, and much people of the children of Israel died.

7 And the people came to Moses and said, We have sinned, for we have spoken against the Lord, and against you: pray therefore to the Lord, and let him take away the serpent from us.

8 And Moses prayed to the Lord for the people; and the Lord said to Moses, Make you a serpent, and put it on a signal-staff; and it shall come to pass that whenever a serpent shall bite a man, every one so bitten that looks upon it shall live.

9 And Moses made a serpent of brass, and put it upon a signal-staff: and it came to pass that whenever a serpent bit a man, and he looked on the brazen serpent, he lived.

10 And the children of Israel departed, and encamped in Oboth.

11 And having departed from Oboth, they encamped in Achalgai, on the farther side in the wilderness, which is opposite Moab, toward the east.

12 And thence they departed, and encamped in the valley of Zared.

13 And they departed thence and encamped on the other side of Arnon in the wilderness, the country which extends from the coasts of the Amorites; for Arnon is the borders of Moab, between Moab and the Amorites.

14 Therefore it is said in a book, A war of the Lord has set on fire Zoob, and the brooks of Arnon.

15 And he has appointed brooks to cause Er to dwell there; and it lies near to the coasts of Moab.

16 And thence they came to the well; this is the well of which the Lord said to Moses, Gather the people, and I will give them water to drink.

17 Then Israel sang this song at the well, Begin to sing of the well;

18 the princes digged it, the kings of the nations in their kingdom, in their lordship sank it in the rock: and they went from the well to Manthanain,

19 and from Manthanain to Naaliel, and from Naaliel to Bamoth, and from Bamoth to Janen, which is in the plain of Moab as seen from the top of the quarried rock that looks toward the wilderness.

20 And Moses sent ambassadors to Seon king of the Amorites, with peaceable words, saying,

21 We will pass through your land, we will go by the road; we will not turn aside to the field or to the vineyard.

22 We will not drink water out of your well; we will go by the king's highway, until we have past your boundaries.

23 And Seon did not allow Israel to pass through his borders, and Seon gathered all his people, and went out to set the battle in array against Israel into the wilderness; and he came to Jassa, and set the battle in array against Israel.

24 And Israel smote him with the slaughter of the sword, and they became possessors of his land, from Arnon to Jaboc, as far as the children of Amman, for Jazer is the borders of the children of Amman.

25 And Israel took all their cities, and Israel dwelt in all the cities of the Amorites, in Heshbon, and in all cities belonging to it.

26 For Heshbon is the city of Seon king of the Amorites; and he before fought against the king of Moab, and they took all his land, from Aroer to Arnon.

27 Therefore say they who deal in dark speeches, Come to Heshbon, that the city of Seon may be built and prepared.

28 For a fire has gone forth from Heshbon, a flame from the city of Seon, and has consumed as far as Moab, and devoured the pillars of Arnon.

29 Woe to you, Moab; you are lost, you people of Chamos: their sons are sold for preservation, and their daughters are captives to Seon king of the Amorites.

30 And their seed shall perish from Heshbon to Dibon; and their women have yet farther kindled a fire against Moab.

31 And Israel dwelt in all the cities of the Amorites.

32 And Moses sent to spy out Jazer; and they took it, and its villages, and cast out the Amorite that dwelt there.

33 And having returned, they went up the road that leads to Basan; and Og the king of Basan went forth to meet them, and all his people to war to Edrain.

34 And the Lord said to Moses, Fear him not; for I have delivered him and all his people, and all his land, into your hands; and you shall do to him as you did to Seon king of the Amorites, who dwelt in Heshbon.

35 And he smote him and his sons, and all his people, until he left none of his to be taken alive; and they inherited his land.

Chapter 22

1 And the children of Israel departed, and encamped on the west of Moab by Jordan toward Jericho.

2 And when Balac son of Sepphor saw all that Israel did to the Amorite,

3 then Moab feared the people exceedingly because they were many; and Moab was grieved before the face of the children of Israel.

4 And Moab said to the elders of Midian, Now shall this assembly lick up all that are round about us, as a calf would lick up the green herbs of the field:—and Balac son of Sepphor was king of Moab at that time.

5 And he sent ambassadors to Balaam the son of Beor, to Phathura, which is on a river of the land of the sons of his people, to call him, saying, Behold, a people is come out of Egypt, and behold it has covered the face of the earth, and it has encamped close to me.

6 And now come, curse me this people, for it is stronger than we; if we may be able to smite some of them, and I will cast them out of the land: for I know that whomsoever you do bless, they are blessed, and whomsoever you do curse, they are cursed.

7 And the elders of Moab went, and the elders of Midian, and their divining instruments were in their hands; and they came to Balaam, and spoke to him the words of Balac.

8 And he said to them, Tarry here the night, and I will answer you the things which the Lord shall say to me; and the princes of Moab stayed with Balaam.

9 And God came to Balaam, and said to him, Who are these men with you?

10 And Balaam said to God, Balac son of Sepphor, king of Moab, sent them to me, saying,

11 Behold, a people has come forth out of Egypt, and has covered the face of the land, and it has encamped near to me; and now come, curse it for me, if indeed I shall be able to smite it, and cast it out of the land.

12 And God said to Balaam, You shall not go with them, neither shall you curse the people; for they are blessed.

13 And Balaam rose up in the morning, and said to the princes of Balac, Depart quickly to your lord; God does not permit me to go with you.

14 And the princes of Moab rose, and came to Balac, and said, Balaam will not come with us.

15 And Balac yet again sent more princes and more honourable than they.

16 And they came to Balaam, and they say to him, Thus says Balac the son of Sepphor: I beseech you, delay not to come to me.

17 For I will greatly honour you, and will do for you whatsoever you shall say; come then, curse me this people.

18 And Balaam answered and said to the princes of Balac, If Balac would give me his house full of silver and gold, I shall not be able to go beyond the word of the Lord God, to make it little or great in my mind.

19 And now do you also tarry here this night, and I shall know what the Lord will yet say to me.

20 And God came to Balaam by night, and said to him, If these men are come to call you, rise and follow them; nevertheless the word which I shall speak to you, it shall you do.

21 And Balaam rose up in the morning, and saddled his ass, and went with the princes of Moab.

22 And God was very angry because he went; and the angel of the Lord rose up to withstand him. Now he had mounted his ass, and his two servants were with him.

23 And when the ass saw the angel of God standing opposite in the way, and his sword drawn in his hand, then the ass turned aside out of the way, and went into the field; and Balaam smote the ass with his staff to direct her in the way.

24 And the angel of the Lord stood in the avenues of the vines, a fence being on this side and a fence on that.

25 And when the ass saw the angel of God, she thrust herself against the wall, and crushed Balaam's foot against the wall, and he smote her again.

26 And the angel of the Lord went farther, and came and stood in a narrow place where it was impossible to turn to the right or the left.

27 And when the ass saw the angel of God, she lay down under Balaam; and Balaam was angry, and struck the ass with his staff.

28 And God opened the mouth of the ass, and she says to Balaam, What have I done to you, that you have smitten me this third time?

29 And Balaam said to the ass, Because you have mocked me; and if I had had a sword in my hand, I would now have killed you.

30 And the ass says to Balaam, Am not I your ass on which you have ridden since your youth till this day? did I ever do thus to you, utterly disregarding you? and he said, No.

31 And God opened the eyes of Balaam, and he sees the angel of the Lord withstanding him in the way, and his sword drawn in his hand, and he stooped down and worshipped on his face.

32 And the angel of God said to him, Why have you smitten your ass this third time? and, behold, I came out to withstand you, for your way was not seemly before me; and when the ass saw me, she turned away from me this third time.

33 And if she had not turned out of the way, surely now, I should have slain you, and should have saved her alive.

34 And Balaam said to the angel of the Lord, I have sinned, for I did not know that you were standing opposite in the way to meet me; and now if it shall not be pleasing to you for me to go on, I will return.

35 And the angel of the Lord said to Balaam, Go with the men: nevertheless the word which I shall speak to you, that you shall take heed to speak. And Balaam went with the princes of Balac.

36 And when Balac heard that Balaam was come, he went out to meet him, to a city of Moab, which is on the borders of Arnon, which is on the extreme part of the borders.

37 And Balac said to Balaam, Did I not send to you to call you? why have you not come to me? shall I not indeed be able to honour you?

38 And Balaam said to Balac, Behold, I am now come to you: shall I be able to say anything? the word which God shall put into my mouth, that I shall speak.

39 And Balaam went with Balac, and they came to the cities of streets.

40 And Balac offered sheep and calves, and sent to Balaam and to his princes who were with him.

41 And it was morning; and Balac took Balaam, and brought him up to the pillar of Baal, and shewed him thence a part of the people.

Chapter 23

1 And Balaam said to Balac, Build me here seven altars, and prepare me here seven calves, and seven rams.

2 And Balac did as Balaam told him; and he offered up a calf and a ram on every altar.

3 And Balaam said to Balac, Stand by your sacrifice, and I will go and see if God will appear to me and meet me, and the word which he shall shew me, I will report to you. And Balac stood by his sacrifice.

4 And Balaam went to enquire of God; and he went straight forward, and God appeared to Balaam; and Balaam said to him, I have prepared the seven altars, and have offered a calf and a ram on every altar.

5 And God put a word into the mouth of Balaam, and said, You shall return to Balac, and thus shall you speak.

6 And he returned to him, and moreover he stood over his whole-burnt-offerings, and all the princes of Moab with him; and the Spirit of God came upon him.

7 And he took up his parable, and said, Balac king of Moab sent for me out of Mesopotamia, out of the mountains of the east, saying, Come, curse me Jacob, and Come, call for a curse for me upon Israel.

8 How can I curse whom the Lord curses not? or how can I devote whom God devotes not?

9 For from the top of the mountains I shall see him, and from the hills I shall observe him: behold, the people shall dwell alone, and shall not be reckoned among the nations.

10 Who has exactly calculated the seed of Jacob, and who shall number the families of Israel? let my soul die with the souls of the righteous, and let my seed be as their seed.

11 And Balac said to Balaam, What have you done to me? I called you to curse my enemies, and behold you have greatly blessed them.

12 And Balaam said to Balac, Whatsoever the Lord shall put into my mouth, shall I not take heed to speak this?

13 And Balac said to him, Come yet with me to another place where you shall not see the people, but only you shall see a part of them, and shall not see them all; and curse me them from thence.

14 And he took him to a high place of the field to the top of the quarried rock, and he built there seven altars, and offered a calf and a ram on every altar.

15 And Balaam said to Balac, Stand by your sacrifice, and I will go to enquire of God.

16 And God met Balaam, and put a word into his mouth, and said, Return to Balac, and thus shall you speak.

17 And he returned to him: and he also was standing by his whole-burnt-sacrifice, and all the princes of Moab with him; and Balac said to him, What has the Lord spoken?

18 And he took up his parable, and said, Rise up, Balac, and hear; hearken as a witness, you son of Sepphor.

19 God is not as man to waver, nor as the son of man to be threatened; shall he say and not perform? shall he speak and not keep to his word?

20 Behold, I have received commandment to bless: I will bless, and not turn back.

21 There shall not be trouble in Jacob, neither shall sorrow be seen in Israel: the Lord his God is with him, the glories of rulers are in him.

22 It was God who brought him out of Egypt; he has as it were the glory of a unicorn.

23 For there is no divination in Jacob, nor enchantment in Israel; in season it shall be told to Jacob and Israel what God shall perform.

24 Behold, the people shall rise up as a lion's whelp, and shall exalt himself as a lion; he shall not lie down till he have eaten the prey, and he shall drink the blood of the slain.

25 And Balac said to Balaam, Neither curse the people at all for me, nor bless them at all.

26 And Balaam answered and said to Balac, Spoke I not to you, saying, Whatsoever thing God shall speak to me, that will I do?

27 And Balac said to Balaam, Come and I will remove you to another place, if it shall please God, and curse me them from thence.

28 And Balac took Balaam to the top of Peor, which extends to the wilderness.

29 And Balaam said to Balac, Build me here seven altars, and prepare me here seven calves, and seven rams.

30 And Balac did as Balaam told him, and offered a calf and a ram on every altar.

Chapter 24

1 And when Balaam saw that it pleased God to bless Israel, he did not go according to his custom to meet the omens, but turned his face toward the wilderness.

2 And Balaam lifted up his eyes, and sees Israel encamped by their tribes; and the Spirit of God came upon him.

3 And he took up his parable and said, Balaam son of Beor says, the man who sees truly says,

4 he says who hears the oracle of the Mighty One, who saw a vision of God in sleep; his eyes were opened:

5 How goodly are your habitations, Jacob, and your tents, Israel!

6 as shady groves, and as gardens by a river, and as tents which God pitched, and as cedars by the waters.

7 There shall come a man out of his seed, and he shall rule over many nations; and the kingdom of Gog shall be exalted, and his kingdom shall be increased.

8 God led him out of Egypt; he has as it were the glory of a unicorn: he shall consume the nations of his enemies, and he shall drain their marrow, and with his darts he shall shoot through the enemy.

9 He lay down, he rested as a lion, and as a young lion; who shall stir him up? they that bless you are blessed, and they that curse you are cursed.

10 And Balac was angry with Balaam, and clapped his hands together; and Balac said to Balaam, I called you to curse my enemy, and behold you have decidedly blessed him this third time.

11 Now therefore flee to your place: I said, I will honour you, but now the Lord has deprived you of glory.

12 And Balaam said to Balac, Did I not speak to your messengers also whom you sent to me, saying,

13 If Balac should give me his house full of silver and gold, I shall not be able to transgress the word of the Lord to make it good or bad by myself; whatsoever things God shall say, them will I speak.

14 And now, behold, I return to my place; come, I will advise you of what this people shall do to your people in the last days.

15 And he took up his parable and said, Balaam the son of Beor says, the man who sees truly says,

16 hearing the oracles of God, receiving knowledge from the Most High, and having seen a vision of God in sleep; his eyes were opened.

17 I will point to him, but not now; I bless him, but he draws not near: a star shall rise out of Jacob, a man shall spring out of Israel; and shall crush the princes of Moab, and shall spoil all the sons of Seth.

18 And Edom shall be an inheritance, and Esau his enemy shall be an inheritance of Israel, and Israel wrought valiantly.

19 And one shall arise out of Jacob, and destroy out of the city him that escapes.

20 And having seen Amalec, he took up his parable and said, Amalec is the first of the nations; yet his seed shall perish.

21 And having seen the Kenite, he took up his parable and said, Your dwelling-place is strong; yet though you should put your nest in a rock,

22 and though Beor should have a skilfully contrived hiding-place, the Assyrians shall carry you away captive.

23 And he looked upon Og, and took up his parable and said, Oh, oh, who shall live, when God shall do these things?

24 And one shall come forth from the hands of the Citians, and shall afflict Assur, and shall afflict the Hebrews, and they shall perish together.

25 And Balaam rose up and departed and returned to his place, and Balac went to his own home.

Chapter 25

1 And Israel sojourned in Sattin, and the people profaned itself by going a-whoring after the daughters of Moab.

2 And they called them to the sacrifices of their idols; and the people ate of their sacrifices, and worshipped their idols.

3 And Israel consecrated themselves to Beel-phegor; and the Lord was very angry with Israel.

4 And the Lord said to Moses, Take all the princes of the people, and make them examples of judgment for the Lord in the face of the sun, and the anger of the Lord shall be turned away from Israel.

5 And Moses said to the tribes of Israel, Slay you every one his friend that is consecrated to Beel-phegor.

6 And, behold, a man of the children of Israel came and brought his brother to a Madianitish woman before Moses, and before all the congregation of the children of Israel; and they were weeping at the door of the tabernacle of witness.

7 And Phinees the son of Eleazar, the son of Aaron the priest, saw it, and rose out of the midst of the congregation, and took a javelin in his hand,

8 and went in after the Israelitish man into the chamber, and pierced them both through, both the Israelitish man, and the woman through her womb; and the plague was stayed from the children of Israel.

9 And those that died in the plague were four and twenty thousand.

10 And the Lord spoke to Moses, saying,

11 Phinees the son of Eleazar the son of Aaron the priest has caused my wrath to cease from the children of Israel, when I was exceedingly jealous among them, and I did not consume the children of Israel in my jealousy.

12 Thus do you say to him, Behold, I give him a covenant of peace:

13 and he and his seed after him shall have a perpetual covenant of priesthood, because he was zealous for his God, and made atonement for the children of Israel.

14 Now the name of the smitten Israelitish man, who was smitten with the Madianitish woman, was Zambri son of Salmon, prince of a house of the tribe of Simeon.

15 And the name of the Madianitish woman who was smitten, was Chasbi, daughter of Sur, a prince of the nation of Ommoth: it is a chief house among the people of Midian.

16 And the Lord spoke to Moses, saying, Speak to the children of Israel, saying,

17 Plague the Madianites as enemies, and smite them,

18 for they are enemies to you by the treachery wherein they ensnare you through Peor, and through Chasbi their sister, daughter of a prince of Midian, who was smitten in the day of the plague because of Peor.

Chapter 26

1 And it came to pass after the plague, that the Lord spoke to Moses and Eleazar the priest, saying,

2 Take the sum of all the congregation of the children of Israel, from twenty years old and upward, according to the houses of their lineage, every one that goes forth to battle in Israel.

3 And Moses and Eleazar the priest spoke in Araboth of Moab at the Jordan by Jericho, saying,

4 This is the numbering from twenty years old and upward as the Lord commanded Moses. And the sons of Israel that came out of Egypt are as follows:

5 Reuben was the first-born of Israel: and the sons of Reuben, Enoch, and the family of Enoch; to Phallu belongs the family of the Phalluites.

6 To Asron, the family of Asroni: to Charmi, the family of Charmi.

7 These are the families of Reuben; and their numbering was forty-three thousand and seven hundred and thirty.

8 And the sons of Phallu were Eliab,—

9 and the sons of Eliab, Namuel, and Dathan, and Abiron: these are renowned men of the congregation; these are they that rose up against Moses and Aaron in the gathering of Korah, in the rebellion against the Lord.

10 And the earth opened her mouth, and swallowed up them and Korah, when their assembly perished, when the fire devoured the two hundred and fifty, and they were made a sign.

11 But the sons of Korah died not.

12 And the sons of Simeon:—the family of the sons of Simeon: to Namuel, belonged the family of the Namuelites; to Jamin the family of the Jaminites; to Jachin the family of the Jachinites.

13 To Zara the family of the Zaraites; to Saul the family of the Saulites.

14 These are the families of Simeon according to their numbering, two and twenty thousand and two hundred.

15 And the sons of Judah, Er and Aunan; and Er and Aunan died in the land of Canaan.

16 And these were the sons of Judah, according to their families: to Selom belonged the family of the Selonites; to Phares, the family of the Pharesites; to Zara, the family of the Zaraites.

17 And the sons of Phares were, to Asron, the family of the Asronites; to Jamun, the family of the Jamunites.

18 These are the families of Judah according to their numbering, seventysix thousand and five hundred.

19 And the sons of Issachar according to their families: to Thola, the family of the Tholaites; to Phua, the family of the Phuaites.

20 To Jasub, the family of the Jasubites; to Samram, the family of the Samramites.

21 These are the families of Issachar according to their numbering, sixty-four thousand and four hundred.

22 The sons of Zebulun according to their families: to Sared, the family of the Saredites; to Allon, the family of the Allonites; to Allel, the family of the Allelites.

23 These are the families of Zebulun according to their numbering, sixty thousand and five hundred.

24 The sons of Gad according to their families: to Saphon, the family of the Saphonites; to Angi, the family of the Angites; to Suni, the family of the Sunites;

25 to Azeni, the family of the Azenites; to Addi, the family of the Addites:

26 to Aroadi, the family of the Aroadites; to Ariel, the family of the Arielites.

27 These are the families of the children of Gad according to their numbering, forty-four thousand and five hundred.

28 The sons of Aser according to their families; to Jamin, the family of the Jaminites; to Jesu, the family of the Jesusites; to Baria, the family of the Bariaites.

29 To Chober, the family of the Choberites; to Melchiel, the family of the Melchielites.

30 And the name of the daughter of Aser, Sara.

31 These are the families of Aser according to their numbering, forty-three thousand and four hundred.

32 The sons of Joseph according to their families, Manasseh and Ephraim.

33 The sons of Manasseh. To Machir the family of the Machirites; and Machir begot Gilead: to Gilead, the family of the Galaadites.

34 And these are the sons of Gilead; to Achiezer, the family of the Achiezerites; to Cheleg, the family of the Chelegites.

35 To Esriel, the family of the Esrielites; to Shechem, the family of the Sychemites.

36 To Symaer, the family of the Symaerites; and to Opher, the family of the Opherites.

37 And to Salpaad the son of Opher there were no sons, but daughters: and these were the names of the daughters of Salpaad; Mala, and Nua, and Egla, and Melcha, and Thersa.

38 These are the families of Manasseh according to their numbering, fifty-two thousand and seven hundred.

39 And these are the children of Ephraim; to Suthala, the family of the Suthalanites; to Tanach, the family of the Tanachites.

40 These are the sons of Suthala; to Eden, the family of the Edenites.

41 These are the families of Ephraim according to their numbering, thirty-two thousand and five hundred: these are the families of the children of Joseph according to their families.

42 The sons of Benjamin according to their families; to Bale, the family of the Balites; to Asyber, the family of the Asyberites; to Jachiran, the family of the Jachiranites.

43 To Sophan, the family of the Sophanites.

44 And the sons of Bale were Adar and Noeman; to Adar, the family of the Adarites; and to Noeman, the family of the Noemanites.

45 These are the sons of Benjamin by their families according to their numbering, thirty-five thousand and five hundred.

46 And the sons of Dan according to their families; to Same, the family of the Sameites; these are the families of Dan according to their families.

47 All the families of Samei according to their numbering, sixty-four thousand and four hundred.

48 The sons of Naphtali according to their families; to Asiel, the family of the Asielites; to Gauni, the family of the Gaunites.

49 To Jeser, the family of the Jeserites; to Sellem, the family of the Sellemites.

50 These are the families of Naphtali, according to their numbering, forty thousand and three hundred.

51 This is the numbering of the children of Israel, six hundred and one thousand and seven hundred and thirty.

52 And the Lord spoke to Moses, saying,

53 To these the land shall be divided, so that they may inherit according to the number of the names.

54 To the greater number you shall give the greater inheritance, and to the less number you shall give the less inheritance: to each one, as they have been numbered, shall their inheritance be given.

55 The land shall be divided to the names by lot, they shall inherit according to the tribes of their families.

56 You shall divide their inheritance by lot between the many and the few.

57 And the sons of Levi according to their families; to Gedson, the family of the Gedsonites; to Caath, the family of the Caathites; to Merari, the family of the Merarites.

58 These are the families of the sons of Levi; the family of the Lobenites, the family of the Chebronites, the family of the Coreites, and the family of the Musites; and Caath begot Amram.

59 And the name of his wife was Jochabed, daughter of Levi, who bore these to Levi in Egypt, and she bore to Amram, Aaron and Moses, and Mariam their sister.

60 And to Aaron were born both Nadab and Abiud, and Eleazar, and Ithamar.

61 And Nadab and Abiud died when they offered strange fire before the Lord in the wilderness of Sinai.

62 And there were according to their numbering, twenty-three thousand, every male from a month old and upward; for they were not numbered among the children of Israel, because they have no inheritance in the midst of the children of Israel.

63 And this is the numbering of Moses and Eleazar the priest, who numbered the children of Israel in Araboth of Moab, at Jordan by Jericho.

64 And among these there was not a man numbered by Moses and Aaron, whom, even the children of Israel, they numbered in the wilderness of Sinai.

65 For the Lord said to them, They shall surely die in the wilderness; and there was not left even one of them, except Chaleb the son of Jephonne, and Joshua the son of Naue.

Chapter 27

1 And the daughters of Salpaad the son of Opher, the son of Gilead, the son of Machir, of the tribe of Manasseh, of the sons of Joseph, came near; and these were their names, Maala, and Nua, and Egla, and Melcha, and Thersa;

2 and they stood before Moses, and before Eleazar the priest, and before the princes, and before all the congregation at the door of the tabernacle of witness, saying,

3 Our father died in the wilderness, and he was not in the midst of the congregation that rebelled against the Lord in the gathering of Korah; for he died for his own sin, and he had no sons. Let not the name of our father be blotted out of the midst of his people, because he has no son: give us an inheritance in the midst of our father's brethren.

4 And Moses brought their case before the Lord.

5 And the Lord spoke to Moses, saying,

6 The daughters of Salpaad have spoken rightly: you shall surely give them a possession of inheritance in the midst of their father's brethren, and you shall assign their father's inheritance to them.

7 And you shall speak to the children of Israel, saying,

8 If a man die, and have no son, you shall assign his inheritance to his daughter.

9 And if he have no daughter, you shall give his inheritance to his brother.

10 And if he have no brethren, you shall give his inheritance to his father's brother.

11 And if there be no brethren of his father, you shall give the inheritance to his nearest relation of his tribe, to inherit his possessions; and this shall be to the children of Israel an ordinance of judgment, as the Lord commanded Moses.

12 And the Lord said to Moses, Go up to the mountain that is in the country beyond Jordan, this mount Nabau, and behold the land Canaan, which I give to the sons of Israel for a possession.

13 And you shall see it, and you also shall be added to your people, as Aaron your brother was added to them in mount Or:

14 because you transgressed my commandment in the wilderness of Sin, when the congregation resisted and refused to sanctify me; you sanctified me not at the water before them. This is the water of Strife in Kadesh in the wilderness of Sin.

15 And Moses said to the Lord,

16 Let the Lord God of spirits and of all flesh look out for a man over this congregation,

17 who shall go out before them, and who shall come in before them, and who shall lead them out, and who shall bring them in; so the congregation of the Lord shall not be as sheep without a shepherd.

18 And the Lord spoke to Moses, saying, Take to yourself Joshua the son of Naue, a man who has the Spirit in him, and you shall lay your hands upon him.

19 And you shall set him before Eleazar the priest, and you shall give him a charge before all the congregation, and you shall give a charge concerning him before them.

20 And you shall put of your glory upon him, that the children of Israel may hearken to him.

21 And he shall stand before Eleazar the priest, and they shall ask of him before the Lord the judgment of the Urim: they shall go forth at his word, and at his word they shall come in, he and the children of Israel with one accord, and all the congregation.

22 And Moses did as the Lord commanded him; and he took Joshua, and set him before Eleazar the priest, and before all the congregation.

23 And he laid his hands on him, and appointed him as the Lord ordered Moses.

Chapter 28

1 And the Lord spoke to Moses, saying,

2 Charge the children of Israel, and you shall speak to them, saying, You shall observe to offer to me in my feasts my gifts, my presents, my burnt-offerings for a sweet-smelling savour.

3 And you shall say to them, These are the burnt-offerings, all that you shall bring to the Lord; two lambs of a year old without blemish daily, for a whole-burnt offering perpetually.

4 You shall offer one lamb in the morning, and you shall offer the second lamb towards evening.

5 And you shall offer the tenth part of an ephah of fine flour for a meat-offering, mingled with oil, with the fourth part of a hin.

6 It is a perpetual whole-burnt-offering, a sacrifice offered in the mount of Sinai for a sweet-smelling savour to the Lord.

7 And its drink-offering, the fourth part of a hin to each lamb; in the holy place shall you pour strong drink as a drink-offering to the Lord.

8 And the second lamb you shall offer toward evening; you shall offer it according to its meat-offering and according to its drink-offering for a smell of sweet savour to the Lord.

9 And on the sabbath-day you shall offer two lambs of a year old without blemish, and two tenth deals of fine flour mingled with oil for a meat-offering, and a drink-offering.

10 It is a whole-burnt-offering of the sabbaths on the sabbath days, besides the continued whole-burnt-offering, and its drink offering.

11 And at the new moons you shall bring a whole-burnt-offering to the Lord, two calves of the herd, and one ram, seven lambs of a year old without blemish.

12 Three tenth deals of fine flour mingled with oil for one calf, and two tenth deals of fine flour mingled with oil for one ram.

13 A tenth deal of fine flour mingled with oil for each lamb, as a meat-offering, a sweet-smelling savour, a burnt-offering to the Lord.

14 Their drink-offering shall be the half of a hin for one calf; and the third of a hin for one ram; and the fourth part of a hin of wine for one lamb: this is the whole-burnt-offering monthly throughout the months of the year.

15 And he shall offer one kid of the goats for a sin-offering to the Lord; it shall be offered beside the continual whole-burnt-offering and its drink-offering.

16 And in the first month, on the fourteenth day of the month, is the passover to the Lord.

17 And on the fifteenth day of this month is a feast; seven days you shall eat unleavened bread.

18 And the first day shall be to you a holy convocation; you shall do no servile work.

19 And you shall bring whole-burnt-offerings, a sacrifice to the Lord, two calves of the herd, one ram, seven lambs of a year old; they shall be to you without blemish.

20 And their meat-offering shall be fine flour mingled with oil; three tenth deals for one calf, and two tenth deals for one ram.

21 You shall offer a tenth for each lamb, for the seven lambs.

22 And you shall offer one kid of the goats for a sin-offering, to make atonement for you.

23 Beside the perpetual whole-burnt-offering in the morning, which is a whole-burnt-sacrifice for a continuance,

24 these shall you thus offer daily for seven days, a gift, a sacrifice for a sweet-smelling savour to the Lord; beside the continual whole-burnt-offering, you shall offer its drink-offering.

25 And the seventh day shall be to you a holy convocation; you shall do no servile work in it.

26 And on the day of the new corn, when you shall offer a new sacrifice at the festival of weeks to the Lord, there shall be to you a holy convocation; you shall do no servile work,

27 and you shall bring whole-burnt-offerings for a sweet-smelling savour to the Lord, two calves of the herd, one ram, seven lambs without blemish.

28 Their meat-offering shall be fine flour mingled with oil; there shall be three tenth deals for one calf, and two tenth deals for one ram.

29 A tenth for each lamb separately, for the seven lambs; and a kid of the goats,

30 for a sin-offering, to make atonement for you; beside the perpetual whole-burnt-offering: and

31 yeshall offer to me their meat-offering. They shall be to you unblemished, and you shall offer their drink-offerings.

Chapter 29

1 And in the seventh month, on the first day of the month, there shall be to you a holy convocation: you shall do no servile work: it shall be to you a day of blowing the trumpets.

2 And you shall offer whole-burnt-offerings for a sweet savour to the Lord, one calf of the herd, one ram, seven lambs of a year old without blemish.

3 Their meat-offering shall be fine flour mingled with oil; three tenth deals for one calf, and two tenth deals for one ram:

4 a tenth deal for each several ram, for the seven lambs.

5 And one kid of the goats for a sin-offering, to make atonement for you.

6 Beside the whole-burnt-offerings for the new moon, and their meat-offerings, and their drink-offerings, and their perpetual whole-burnt-offering; and their meat-offerings and their drink-offerings according to their ordinance for a sweet-smelling savour to the Lord.

7 And on the tenth of this month there shall be to you a holy convocation; and you shall afflict your souls, and you shall do no work.

8 And you shall bring near whole-burnt-offerings for a sweet-smelling savour to the Lord; burnt-sacrifices to the Lord, one calf of the herd, one ram, seven lambs of a year old; they shall be to you without blemish.

9 Their meat-offering shall be fine flour mingled with oil; three tenth deals for one calf, and two tenth deals for one ram.

10 A tenth deal for each several lamb, for the seven lambs.

11 And one kid of the goats for a sin-offering, to make atonement for you; beside the sin-offering for atonement, and the continual whole-burnt-offering, its meat-offering, and its drink-offering according to its ordinance for a smell of sweet savour, a burnt-sacrifice to the Lord.

12 And on the fifteenth day of this seventh month you shall have a holy convocation; you shall do no servile work; and you shall keep it a feast to the Lord seven days.

13 And you shall bring near whole-burnt-offerings, a sacrifice for a smell of sweet savour to the Lord, on the first day thirteen calves of the herd, two rams, fourteen lambs of a year old; they shall be without blemish.

14 Their meat-offerings shall be fine flour mingled with oil; there shall be three tenth deals for one calf, for the thirteen calves; and two tenth deals for one ram, for the two rams.

15 A tenth deal for every lamb, for the fourteen lambs.

16 And one kid of the goats for a sin-offering; beside the continual whole-burnt-offering: there shall be their meat-offerings and their drink-offerings.

17 And on the second day twelve calves, two rams, fourteen lambs of a year old without blemish.

18 Their meat-offering and their drink-offering shall be for the calves and the rams and the lambs according to their number, according to their ordinance.

19 And one kid of the goats for a sin-offering; beside the perpetual whole-burnt-offering; their meat-offerings and their drink-offerings.

20 On the third day eleven calves, two rams, fourteen lambs of a year old without blemish.

21 Their meat-offering and their drink-offering shall be to the calves and to the rams and to the lambs according to their number, according to their ordinance.

22 And one kid of the goats for a sin-offering; beside the continual whole-burnt-offering; there shall be their meat-offerings and their drink-offerings.

23 On the fourth day ten calves, two rams, fourteen lambs of a year old without spot.

24 There shall be their meat-offerings and their drink-offerings to the calves and the rams and the lambs according to their number, according to their ordinance.

25 And one kid of the goats for a sin-offering; beside the continual whole-burnt-offering there shall be their meat-offerings and their drink-offerings.

26 On the fifth day nine calves, two rams, fourteen lambs of a year old without spot.

27 Their meat-offerings and their drink-offerings shall be to the calves and the rams and the lambs according to their number, according to their ordinance.

28 And one kid of the goats for a sin-offering; beside the perpetual whole-burnt-offering; there shall be their meat-offerings and their drink-offerings.

29 On the sixth day eight calves, two rams, fourteen lambs of a year old without blemish.

30 There shall be their meat-offerings and their drink-offerings to the calves and rams and lambs according to their number, according to their ordinance.

31 And one kid of the goats for a sin-offering; beside the perpetual whole-burnt-offering; there shall be their meat-offerings and their drink-offerings.

32 On the seventh day seven calves, two rams, fourteen lambs of a year old without blemish.

33 Their meat-offerings and their drink-offerings shall be to the calves and the rams and the lambs according to their number, according to their ordinance.

34 And one kid of the goats for a sin-offering; beside the continual whole-burnt-offering; there shall be their meat-offerings and their drink-offerings.

35 And on the eighth day there shall be to you a release: you shall do no servile work in it.

36 And you shall offer whole-burnt-offerings as sacrifices to the Lord, one calf, one ram, seven lambs of a year old without spot.

37 There shall be their meat-offerings and their drink-offerings for the calf and the ram and the lambs according to their number, according to their ordinance.

38 And one kid of the goats for a sin-offering; beside the continual whole-burnt-offering; there shall be their meat-offerings and their drink-offerings.

39 These sacrifices shall you offer to the Lord in your feasts, besides your vows; and you shall offer your free-will-offerings and your whole-burnt-offerings, and your meat-offerings and your drink-offerings, and your peace-offerings.

Chapter 30

1 And Moses spoke to the children of Israel according to all that the Lord commanded Moses.

2 And Moses spoke to the heads of the tribes of the children of Israel, saying, This is the thing which the Lord has commanded.

3 Whatsoever man shall vow a vow to the Lord, or swear an oath, or bind himself with an obligation upon his soul, he shall not break his word; all that shall come out of his mouth he shall do.

4 And if a woman shall vow a vow to the Lord, or bind herself with an obligation in her youth in her father's house; and her father should hear her vows and her obligations, wherewith she has bound her soul, and her father should hold his peace at her, then all her vows shall stand,

5 and all the obligations with which she has bound her soul, shall remain to her.

6 But if her father straitly forbid her in the day in which he shall hear all her vows and her obligations, which she has contracted upon her soul, they shall not stand; and the Lord shall hold her guiltless, because her father forbade her.

7 But if she should be indeed married, and her vows be upon her according to the utterance of her lips, in respect of the obligations which she has contracted upon her soul;

8 and her husband should hear, and hold his peace at her in the day in which he should hear, then thus shall all her vows be binding, and her obligations, which she has contracted upon her soul shall stand.

9 But if her husband should straitly forbid her in the day in which he should hear her, none of her vows or obligations which she has contracted upon her soul shall stand, because her husband has disallowed her, and the Lord shall hold her guiltless.

10 And the vow of a widow and of her that is put away, whatsoever she shall bind upon her soul, shall stand to her.

11 And if her vow be made in the house of her husband, or the obligation upon her soul with an oath,

12 and her husband should hear, and hold his peace at her, and not disallow her, then all her vows shall stand, and all the obligations which she contracted against her soul, shall stand against her.

13 But if her husband should utterly cancel the vow in the day in which he shall hear it, none of the things which shall proceed out of her lips in her vows, and in the obligations contracted upon her soul, shall stand to her; her husband has cancelled them, and the Lord shall hold her guiltless.

14 Every vow, and every binding oath to afflict her soul, her husband shall confirm it to her, or her husband shall cancel it.

15 But if he be wholly silent at her from day to day, then shall he bind upon her all her vows; and he shall confirm to her the obligations which she has bound upon herself, because he held his peace at her in the day in which he heard her.

16 And if her husband should in any wise cancel them after the day in which he heard them, then he shall bear his iniquity.

17 These are the ordinances which the Lord commanded Moses, between a man and his wife, and between a father and daughter in her youth in the house of her father.

Chapter 31

1 And the Lord spoke to Moses, saying,

2 Avenge the wrongs of the children of Israel on the Madianites, and afterwards you shall be added to your people.

3 And Moses spoke to the people, saying, Arm some of you, and set yourselves in array before the Lord against Madian, to inflict vengeance on Madian from the Lord.

4 Send a thousand of each tribe from all the tribes of the children of Israel to set themselves in array.

5 And they numbered of the thousands of Israel a thousand of each tribe, twelve thousands; these were armed for war.

6 And Moses sent them away a thousand of every tribe with their forces, and Phinees the son of Eleazar the son of Aaron the priest: and the holy instruments, and the signal trumpets were in their hands.

7 And they set themselves in array against Madian, as the Lord commanded Moses; and they slew every male.

8 And they slew the kings of Madian together with their slain subjects; even Evi and Rocon, and Sur, and Ur, and Roboc, five kings of Madian; and they slew with the sword Balaam the son of Beor with their other slain.

9 And they made a prey of the women of Madian, and their store, and their cattle, and all their possessions: and they spoiled their forces.

10 And they burnt with fire all their cities in the places of their habitation, and they burnt their villages with fire.

11 And they took all their plunder, and all their spoils, both man and beast.

12 And they brought to Moses and to Eleazar the priest, and to all the children of Israel, the captives, and the spoils, and the plunder, to the camp to Araboth Moab, which is at Jordan by Jericho.

13 And Moses and Eleazar the priest and all the rulers of the synagogue went forth out of the camp to meet them.

14 And Moses was angry with the captains of the host, the heads of thousands and the heads of hundreds who came from the battle-array.

15 And Moses said to them, Why have you saved every female alive?

16 For they were the occasion to the children of Israel by the word of Balaam of their revolting and despising the word of the Lord, because of Peor; and there was a plague in the congregation of the Lord.

17 Now then slay every male in all the spoil, slay every woman, who has known the lying with man.

18 And as for all the captivity of women, who have not known the lying with man, save you them alive.

19 And you shall encamp outside the great camp seven days; every one who has slain and who touches a dead body, shall be purified on the third day, and you and your captivity shall purify yourselves on the seventh day.

20 And you shall purify every garment and every leathern utensil, and all furniture of goat skin, and every wooden vessel.

21 And Eleazar the priest said to the men of the host that came from the battle-array, This is the ordinance of the law which the Lord has commanded Moses.

22 Beside the gold, and the silver, and the brass, and the iron, and lead, and tin,

23 every thing that shall pass through the fire shall so be clean, nevertheless it shall be purified with the water of sanctification; and whatsoever will not pass through the fire shall pass through water.

24 And on the seventh day you shall wash your garments, and be clean; and afterwards you shall come into the camp.

25 And the Lord spoke to Moses, saying,

26 Take the sum of the spoils of the captivity both of man and beast, you and Eleazar the priest, and the heads of the families of the congregation.

27 And you shall divide the spoils between the warriors that went out to battle, and the whole congregation.

28 And you shall take a tribute for the Lord from the warriors that went out to battle; one soul out of five hundred, from the men, and from the cattle, even from the oxen, and from the sheep, and from the asses; and you shall take from their half.

29 And you shall give them to Eleazar the priest as the first-fruits of the Lord.

30 And from the half belonging to the children of Israel you shall take one in fifty from the men, and from the oxen, and from the sheep, and from the asses, and from all the cattle; and you shall give them to the Levites that keep the charges in the tabernacle of the Lord.

31 And Moses and Eleazar the priest did as the Lord commanded Moses.

32 And that which remained of the spoil which the warriors took, was—of the sheep, six hundred and seventy-five thousand:

33 and oxen, seventy-two thousand:

34 and asses, sixty-one thousand.

35 And persons of women who had not known lying with man, all the souls, thirty-two thousand.

36 And the half, even the portion of them that went out to war, from the number of the sheep, was three hundred and thirty-seven thousand and five hundred.

37 And the tribute to the Lord from the sheep was six hundred and seventy-five.

38 And the oxen, six and thirty thousand, and the tribute to the Lord, seventy-two.

39 And asses, thirty thousand and five hundred, and the tribute to the Lord, sixty-one:

40 and the persons, sixteen thousand, and the tribute of them to the Lord, thirty-two souls.

41 And Moses gave the tribute to the Lord, the heave-offering of God, to Eleazar the priest, as the Lord commanded Moses;

42 from the half belonging to the children of Israel, whom Moses separated from the men of war.

43 And the half taken from the sheep, belonging to the congregation, was three hundred and thirty-seven thousand and five hundred.

44 And the oxen, thirty-six thousand;

45 asses, thirty thousand and five hundred;

46 and persons, sixteen thousand.

47 And Moses took of the half belonging to the children of Israel the fiftieth part, of men and of cattle, and he gave them to the Levites who keep the charges of the tabernacle of the Lord, as the Lord commanded Moses.

48 And all those who were appointed to be officers of thousands of the host, captains of thousands and captains of hundreds, approached Moses, and said to Moses,

49 Your servants have taken the sum of the men of war with us, and not one is missing.

50 And we have brought our gift to the Lord, every man who has found an article of gold, whether an armlet, or a chain, or a ring, or a bracelet, or a clasp for hair, to make atonement for us before the Lord.

51 And Moses and Eleazar the priest took the gold from them, even every wrought article.

52 And all the wrought gold, even the offering that they offered to the Lord, was sixteen thousand and seven hundred and fifty shekels from the captains of thousands and the captains of hundreds.

53 For the men of war took plunder every one for himself.

54 And Moses and Eleazar the priest took the gold from the captains of thousands and captains of hundreds, and brought the vessels into the tabernacle of witness, a memorial of the children of Israel before the Lord.

Chapter 32

1 And the children of Reuben and the children of Gad had a multitude of cattle, very great; and they saw the land of Jazer, and the land of Gilead; and the place was a place for cattle:

2 and the children of Reuben and the children of Gad came, and spoke to Moses, and to Eleazar the priest, and to the princes of the congregation, saying,

3 Ataroth, and Dibon, and Jazer, and Namra, and Heshbon, and Eleale, and Sebama, and Nabau, and Bæan,

4 the land which the Lord has delivered up before the children of Israel, is pasture land, and your servants have cattle.

5 And they said, If we have found grace in your sight, let this land be given to your servants for a possession, and do not cause us to pass over Jordan.

6 And Moses said to the sons of Gad and the sons of Reuben, Shall your brethren go to war, and shall you sit here?

7 And why do you pervert the minds of the children of Israel, that they should not cross over into the land, which the Lord gives them?

8 Did not your fathers thus, when I sent them from Kadesh Barne to spy out the land?

9 and they went up to the valley of the cluster, and spied the land, and turned aside the heart of the children of Israel, that they should not go into the land, which the Lord gave them.

10 And the Lord was very angry in that day, and sware, saying,

11 Surely these men who came up out of Egypt from twenty years old and upward, who know good and evil, shall not see the land which I sware to give to Abraam and Isaac and Jacob, for they have not closely followed after me:

12 save Caleb the son of Jephonne, who was set apart, and Joshua the son of Naue, for they closely followed after the Lord.

13 And the Lord was very angry with Israel; and for forty years he caused them to wander in the wilderness, until all the generation which did evil in the sight of the Lord was extinct.

14 Behold, you are risen up in the room of your fathers, a combination of sinful men, to increase yet farther the fierce wrath of the Lord against Israel.

15 For you will turn away from him to desert him yet once more in the wilderness, and you will sin against this whole congregation.

16 And they came to him, and said, We will build here folds for our cattle, and cities for our possessions;

17 and we will arm ourselves and go as an advanced guard before the children of Israel, until we shall have brought them into their place; and our possessions shall remain in walled cities because of the inhabitants of the land.

18 We will not return to our houses till the children of Israel shall have been distributed, each to his own inheritance.

19 And we will not any longer inherit with them from the other side of Jordan and onwards, because we have our full inheritance on the side beyond Jordan eastward.

20 And Moses said to them, If you will do according to these words, if you will arm yourselves before the Lord for battle,

21 and every one of you will pass over Jordan fully armed before the Lord, until his enemy be destroyed from before his face,

22 and the land shall be subdued before the Lord, then afterwards you shall return, and be guiltless before the Lord, and as regards Israel; and this land shall be to you for a possession before the Lord.

23 But if you will not do so, you will sin against the Lord; and you shall know your sin, when afflictions shall come upon you.

24 And you shall build for yourselves cities for your store, and folds for your cattle; and you shall do that which proceeds out of your mouth.

25 And the sons of Reuben and the sons of Gad spoke to Moses, saying, Your servants will do as our lord commands.

26 Our store, and our wives, and all our cattle shall be in the cities of Gilead.

27 But your servants will go over all armed and set in order before the Lord to battle, as our lord says.

28 And Moses appointed to them for judges Eleazar the priest, and Joshua the son of Naue, and the chiefs of the families of the tribes of Israel.

29 And Moses said to them, If the sons of Reuben and the sons of Gad will pass over Jordan with you, every one armed for war before the Lord, and you shall subdue the land before you, then you shall give to them the land of Gilead for a possession.

30 But if they will not pass over armed with you to war before the Lord, then shall you cause to pass over their possessions and their wives and their cattle before you into the land of Canaan, and they shall inherit with you in the land of Canaan.

31 And the sons of Reuben and the sons of Gad answered, saying, Whatsoever the Lord says to his servants, that will we do.

32 We will go over armed before the Lord into the land of Canaan, and you shall give us our inheritance beyond Jordan.

33 And Moses gave to them, even to the sons of Gad and the sons of Reuben, and to the half tribe of Manasseh of the sons of Joseph, the kingdom of Seon king of the Amorites, and the kingdom of Og king of Basan, the land and its cities with its coasts, the cities of the land round about.

34 And the sons of Gad built Dibon, and Ataroth, and Aroer,

35 and Sophar, and Jazer, and they set them up,

36 and Namram, and Bætharan, strong cities, and folds for sheep.

37 And the sons of Reuben built Heshbon, and Eleale, and Kariatham,

38 and Beelmeon, surrounded with walls, and Sebama; and they called the names of the cities which they built, after their own names.

39 And a son of Machir the son of Manasseh went to Gilead, and took it, and destroyed the Amorite who dwelt in it.

40 And Moses gave Gilead to Machir the son of Manasseh, and he dwelt there.

41 And Jair the son of Manasseh went and took their villages, and called them the villages of Jair.

42 And Nabau went and took Caath and her villages, and called them Naboth after his name.

Chapter 33

1 And these are the stages of the children of Israel, as they went out from the land of Egypt with their host by the hand of Moses and Aaron.

2 And Moses wrote their removals and their stages, by the word of the Lord: and these are the stages of their journeying.

3 They departed from Rameses in the first month, on the fifteenth day of the first month; on the day after the passover the children of Israel went forth with a high hand before all the Egyptians.

4 And the Egyptians buried those that died of them, even all that the Lord smote, every first-born in the land of Egypt; also the Lord executed vengeance on their gods.

5 And the children of Israel departed from Rameses, and encamped in Succoth:

6 and they departed from Succoth and encamped in Buthan, which is a part of the wilderness.

7 And they departed from Buthan and encamped at the mouth of Iroth, which is opposite Beel-sepphon, and encamped opposite Magdol.

8 And they departed from before Iroth, and crossed the middle of the sea into the wilderness; and they went a journey of three days through the wilderness, and encamped in Picriæ.

9 And they departed from Picriæ, and came to Ælim; and in Ælim were twelve fountains of water, and seventy palm-trees, and they encamped there by the water.

10 And they departed from Ælim, and encamped by the Red Sea.

11 And they departed from the Red Sea, and encamped in the wilderness of Sin.

12 And they departed from the wilderness of Sin, and encamped in Raphaca.

13 And they departed from Raphaca, and encamped in Ælus.

14 And they departed from Ælus, and encamped in Rephidim; and there was no water there for the people to drink.

15 And they departed from Rephidim, and encamped in the wilderness of Sinai.

16 And they departed from the wilderness of Sinai, and encamped at the Graves of Lust.

17 And they departed from the Graves of Lust, and encamped in Aseroth.

18 And they departed from Aseroth, and encamped in Rathama.

19 And they departed from Rathama, and encamped in Remmon Phares.

20 And they departed from Remmon Phares, and encamped in Lebona.

21 And they departed from Lebona, and encamped in Ressan.

22 And they departed from Ressan, and encamped in Makellath.

23 And they departed from Makellath, and encamped in Saphar.

24 And they departed from Saphar, and encamped in Charadath.

25 And they departed from Charadath, and encamped in Makeloth.

26 And they departed from Makeloth, and encamped in Kataath.

27 And they departed from Kataath, and encamped in Tarath.

28 And they departed from Tarath, and encamped in Mathecca.

29 And they departed from Mathecca, and encamped in Selmona.

30 And they departed from Selmona, and encamped in Masuruth.

31 And they departed from Masuruth, and encamped in Banæa.

32 And they departed from Banæa, and encamped in the mountain Gadgad.

33 And they departed from the mountain Gadgad, and encamped in Etebatha.

34 And they departed from Etebatha, and encamped in Ebrona.

35 And they departed from Ebrona, and encamped in Gesion Gaber.

36 And they departed from Gesion Gaber, and encamped in the wilderness of Sin; and they departed from the wilderness of Sin, and encamped in the wilderness of Paran; this is Kadesh.

37 And they departed from Kadesh, and encamped in mount Or near the land of Edom.

38 And Aaron the priest went up by the command of the Lord, and died there in the fortieth year of the departure of the children of Israel from the land of Egypt, in the fifth month, on the first day of the month.

39 And Aaron was a hundred and twenty-three years old, when he died in mount Or.

40 And Arad the Chananitish king (he too dwelt in the land of Canaan) having heard when the children of Israel were entering the land—

41 then they departed from mount Or, and encamped in Selmona.

42 And they departed from Selmona, and encamped in Phino.

43 And they departed from Phino, and encamped in Oboth.

44 And they departed from Oboth, and encamped in Gai, on the other side Jordan on the borders of Moab.

45 And they departed from Gai, and encamped in Dibon Gad.

46 And they departed from Dibon Gad, and encamped in Gelmon Deblathaim.

47 And they departed from Gelmon Deblathaim, and encamped on the mountains of Abarim, over against Nabau.

48 And they departed from the mountains of Abarim, and encamped on the west of Moab, at Jordan by Jericho.

49 And they encamped by Jordan between Æsimoth, as far as Belsa to the west of Moab.

50 And the Lord spoke to Moses at the west of Moab by Jordan at Jericho, saying,

51 Speak to the children of Israel, and you shall say to them, You are to pass over Jordan into the land of Canaan.

52 And you shall destroy all that dwell in the land before your face, and you shall abolish their high places, and all their molten images you shall destroy, and you shall demolish all their pillars.

53 And you shall destroy all the inhabitants of the land, and you shall dwell in it, for I have given their land to you for an inheritance.

54 And you shall inherit their land according to your tribes; to the greater number you shall give the larger possession, and to the smaller you shall give the less possession; to whatsoever part a man's name shall go forth by lot, there shall be his property: you shall inherit according to the tribes of your families.

55 But if you will not destroy the dwellers in the land from before you, then it shall come to pass that whomsoever of them you shall leave shall be thorns in your eyes, and darts in your sides, and they shall be enemies to you on the land on which you shall dwell;

56 and it shall come to pass that as I had determined to do to them, so I will do to you.

Chapter 34

1 And the Lord spoke to Moses, saying,

2 Charge the children of Israel, and you shall say to them, You are entering into the land of Canaan: it shall be to you for an inheritance, the land of Canaan with its boundaries.

3 And your southern side shall be from the wilderness of Sin to the border of Edom, and your border southward shall extend on the side of the salt sea eastward.

4 And your border shall go round you from the south to the ascent of Acrabin, and shall proceed by Ennac, and the going forth of it shall be southward to Kadesh Barne, and it shall go forth to the village of Arad, and shall proceed by Asemona.

5 And the border shall compass from Asemona to the river of Egypt, and the sea shall be the termination.

6 And you shall have your border on the west, the great sea shall be the boundary: this shall be to you the border on the west.

7 And this shall be your northern border; from the great sea you shall measure to yourselves, by the side of the mountain.

8 And you shall measure to yourselves the mountain from mount Hor at the entering in to Emath, and the termination of it shall be the coasts of Saradac.

9 And the border shall go out to Dephrona, and its termination shall be at Arsenain; this shall be your border from the north.

10 And you shall measure to yourselves the eastern border from Arsenain to Sepphamar.

11 And the border shall go down from Sepphamar to Bela eastward to the fountains, and the border shall go down from Bela behind the sea Chenereth eastward.

12 And the border shall go down to Jordan, and the termination shall be the salt sea; this shall be your land and its borders round about.

13 And Moses charged the children of Israel, saying, This is the land which you shall inherit by lot, even as the Lord commanded us to give it to the nine tribes and the half-tribe of Manasseh.

14 For the tribe of the children of Reuben, and the tribe of the children of Gad have received their inheritance according to their families; and the half-tribe of Manasseh have received their inheritances.

15 Two tribes and half a tribe have received their inheritance beyond Jordan by Jericho from the south eastwards.

16 And the Lord spoke to Moses, saying,

17 These are the names of the men who shall divide the land to you for an inheritance; Eleazar the priest and Joshua the son of Naue.

18 And you shall take one ruler from each tribe to divide the land to you by lot.

19 And these are the names of the men; of the tribe of Judah, Chaleb the son of Jephonne.

20 Of the tribe of Simeon, Salamiel the son of Semiud.

21 Of the tribe of Benjamin, Eldad the son of Chaslon.

22 Of the tribe of Dan the prince was Bacchir the son of Egli.

23 Of the sons of Joseph of the tribe of the sons of Manasseh, the prince was Aniel the son of Suphi.

24 Of the tribe of the sons of Ephraim, the prince was Camuel the son of Sabathan.

25 Of the tribe of Zebulun, the prince was Elisaphan the son of Pharnac.

26 Of the tribe of the sons of Issachar, the prince was Phaltiel the son of Oza.

27 Of the tribe of the children of Aser, the prince was Achior the son of Selemi.

28 Of the tribe of Naphtali, the prince was Phadael the son of Jamiud.

29 These did the Lord command to distribute the inheritances to the children of Israel in the land of Canaan.

Chapter 35

1 And the Lord spoke to Moses to the west of Moab by Jordan near Jericho, saying,

2 Give orders to the children of Israel, and they shall give to the Levites cities to dwell in from the lot of their possession, and they shall give to the Levites the suburbs of the cities round about them.

3 And the cities shall be for them to dwell in, and their enclosures shall be for their cattle and all their beasts.

4 And the suburbs of the cities which you shall give to the Levites, shall be from the wall of the city and outwards two thousand cubits round about.

5 And you shall measure outside the city on the east side two thousand cubits, and on the south side two thousand cubits, and on the west side two thousand cubits, and on the north side two thousand cubits; and your city shall be in the midst of this, and the suburbs of the cities as described.

6 And you shall give the cities to the Levites, the six cities of refuge which you shall give for the slayer to flee thither, and in addition to these, forty-two cities.

7 You shall give to the Levites in all forty-eight cities, them and their suburbs.

8 And as for the cities which you shall give out of the possession of the children of Israel, from those that have much you shall give much, and from those that have less you shall give less: they shall give of their cities to the Levites each one according to his inheritance which they shall inherit.

9 And the Lord spoke to Moses, saying,

10 Speak to the children of Israel, and you shall say to them, You are to cross over Jordan into the land of Canaan.

11 And you shall appoint to yourselves cities: they shall be to you cities of refuge for the slayer to flee to, every one who has killed another unintentionally.

12 And the cities shall be to you places of refuge from the avenger of blood, and the slayer shall not die until he stands before the congregation for judgment.

13 And the cities which you shall assign, even the six cities, shall be places of refuge for you.

14 You shall assign three cities on the other side of Jordan, and you shall assign three cities in the land of Canaan.

15 It shall be a place of refuge for the children of Israel, and for the stranger, and for him that sojourns among you; these cities shall be for a place of refuge, for every one to flee thither who has killed a man unintentionally.

16 And if he should smite him with an iron instrument, and the man should die, he is a murderer; let the murderer by all means be put to death.

17 And if he should smite him with a stone thrown from his hand, whereby a man may die, and he thus die, he is a murderer; let the murderer by all means be put to death.

18 And if he should smite him with an instrument of wood from his hand, whereby he may die, and he thus die, he is a murderer; let the murderer by all means be put to death.

19 The avenger of blood himself shall slay the murderer: whensoever he shall meet him he shall slay him.

20 And if he should thrust him through enmity, or cast any thing upon him from an ambuscade, and the man should die,

21 or if he have smitten him with his hand through anger, and the man should die, let the man that smote him be put to death by all means, he is a murderer: let the murderer by all means be put to death: the avenger of blood shall slay the murderer when he meets him.

22 But if he should thrust him suddenly, not through enmity, or cast any thing upon him, not from an ambuscade,

23 or smite him with any stone, whereby a man may die, unawares, and it should fall upon him, and he should die, but he was not his enemy, nor sought to hurt him;

24 then the assembly shall judge between the smiter and the avenger of blood, according to these judgments.

25 And the congregation shall rescue the slayer from the avenger of blood, and the congregation shall restore him to his city of refuge, whither he fled for refuge; and he shall dwell there till the death of the high-priest, whom they anointed with the holy oil.

26 But if the slayer should in any wise go out beyond the bounds of the city whither he fled for refuge,

27 and the avenger of blood should find him without the bounds of the city of his refuge, and the avenger of blood should kill the slayer, he is not guilty.

28 For he ought to have remained in the city of refuge till the high-priest died; and after the death of the high-priest the slayer shall return to the land of his possession.

29 And these things shall be to you for an ordinance of judgment throughout your generations in all your dwellings.

30 Whoever kills a man, you shall slay the murderer on the testimony of witnesses; and one witness shall not testify against a soul that he should die.

31 And you shall not accept ransoms for life from a murderer who is worthy of death, for he shall be surely put to death.

32 You shall not accept a ransom to excuse his fleeing to the city of refuge, so that he should again dwell in the land, until the death of the high-priest.

33 So shall you not pollute with murder the land in which you dwell; for this blood pollutes the land, and the land shall not be purged from the blood shed upon it, but by the blood of him that shed it.

34 And you shall not defile the land whereon you dwell, on which I dwell in the midst of you; for I am the Lord dwelling in the midst of the children of Israel.

Chapter 36

1 And the heads of the tribe of the sons of Gilead the son of Machir the son of Manasseh, of the tribe of the sons of Joseph, drew near, and spoke before Moses, and before Eleazar the priest, and before the heads of the houses of the families of the children of Israel:

2 and they said, The Lord commanded our lord to render the land of inheritance by lot to the children of Israel; and the Lord appointed our lord to give the inheritance of Salpaad our brother to his daughters.

3 And they will become wives in one of the tribes of the children of Israel; so their inheritance shall be taken away from the possession of our fathers, and shall be added to the inheritance of the tribe into which the women shall marry, and shall be taken away from the portion of our inheritance.

4 And if there shall be a release of the children of Israel, then shall their inheritance be added to the inheritance of the tribe into which the women marry, and their inheritance shall be taken away from the inheritance of our family's tribe.

5 And Moses charged the children of Israel by the commandment of the Lord, saying, Thus says the tribe of the children of Joseph.

6 This is the thing which the Lord has appointed the daughters of Salpaad, saying, Let them marry where they please, only let them marry men of their father's tribe.

7 So shall not the inheritance of the children of Israel go about from tribe to tribe, for the children of Israel shall steadfastly continue each in the inheritance of his family's tribe.

8 And whatever daughter is heiress to a property of the tribes of the children of Israel, such women shall be married each to one of her father's tribe, that the sons of Israel may each inherit the property of his father's tribe.

9 And the inheritance shall not go about from one tribe to another, but the children of Israel shall steadfastly continue each in his own inheritance.

10 As the Lord commanded Moses, so did they to the daughters of Salpaad.

11 So Thersa, and Egla, and Melcha, and Nua, and Malaa, the daughters of Salpaad, married their cousins;

12 they were married to men of the tribe of Manasseh of the sons of Joseph; and their inheritance was attached to the tribe of their father's family.

13 These are the commandments, and the ordinances, and the judgments, which the Lord commanded by the hand of Moses, at the west of Moab, at Jordan by Jericho.

Deuteronomy

Chapter 1

1 THESE are the words which Moses spoke to all Israel on this side Jordan in the desert towards the west near the Red Sea, between Paran Tophol, and Lobon, and Aulon, and the gold works.

2 It is a journey of eleven days from Horeb to mount Seir as far as Kadesh Barne.

3 And it came to pass in the fortieth year, in the eleventh month, on the first day of the month, Moses spoke to all the children of Israel, according to all things which the Lord commanded him for them:

4 after he had smitten Seon king of the Amorites who dwelt in Heshbon, and Og the king of Basan who dwelt in Astaroth and in Edrain;

5 beyond Jordan in the land of Moab, Moses began to declare this law, saying,

6 The Lord your God spoke to us in Horeb, saying, Let it suffice you to have dwelt so long in this mountain.

7 Turn you and depart and enter into the mountain of the Amorites, and go to all that dwell near about Araba, to the mountain and the plain and to the south, and the land of the Chananites near the sea, and Antilibanus, as far as the great river, the river Euphrates.

8 Behold, God has delivered the land before you; go in and inherit the land, which I sware to your fathers, Abraam, and Isaac, and Jacob, to give it to them and to their seed after them.

9 And I spoke to you at that time, saying, I shall not be able by myself to bear you.

10 The Lord your God has multiplied you, and, behold, you are to-day as the stars of heaven for multitude.

11 The Lord God of your fathers add to you a thousand-fold more than you are, and bless you as he has spoken to you.

12 How shall I alone be able to bear your labour, and your burden, and your gainsayings?

13 Take to yourselves wise and understanding and prudent men for your tribes, and I will set your leaders over you.

14 And you answered me and said, The thing which you have told us is good to do.

15 So I took of you wise and understanding and prudent men, and I set them to rule over you as rulers of thousands, and rulers of hundreds, and rulers of fifties, and rulers of tens, and officers to your judges.

16 And I charged your judges at that time, saying, Hear causes between your brethren, and judge rightly between a man and his brother, and the stranger that is with him.

17 You shall not have respect to persons in judgment, you shall judge small and great equally; you shall not shrink from before the person of a man, for the judgment is God's; and whatsoever matter shall be too hard for you, you shall bring it to me, and I will hear it.

18 And I charged upon you at that time all the commands which you shall perform.

19 And we departed from Horeb, and went through all that great wilderness and terrible, which you saw, by the way of the mountain of the Amorite, as the Lord our God charged us, and we came as far as Kadesh Barne.

20 And I said to you, You have come as far as the mountain of the Amorite, which the Lord our God gives to you:

21 behold, the Lord your God has delivered to us the land before you: go up and inherit it as the Lord God of your fathers said to you; fear not, neither be afraid.

22 And you all came to me, and said, Let us send men before us, and let them go up to the land for us; and let them bring back to us a report of the way by which we shall go up, and of the cities into which we shall enter.

23 And the saying pleased me: and I took of you twelve men, one man of a tribe.

24 And they turned and went up to the mountain, and they came as far as the valley of the cluster, and surveyed it.

25 And they took in their hands of the fruit of the land, and brought it to you, and said, The land is good which the Lord our God gives us.

26 Yet you would not go up, but rebelled against the words of the Lord our God.

27 And you murmured in your tents, and said, Because the Lord hated us, he has brought us out of the land of Egypt to deliver us into the hands of the Amorites, to destroy us.

28 Whither do we go up? and your brethren drew away your heart, saying, It is a great nation and populous, and mightier than we; and there are cities great and walled up to heaven: moreover we saw there the sons of the giants.

29 And I said to you, Fear not, neither be you afraid of them;

30 the Lord your God who goes before your face, he shall fight against them together with you effectually, according to all that he wrought for you in the land of Egypt;

31 and in this wilderness which you saw, by the way of the mountain of the Amorite; how the Lord your God will bear you as a nursling, as if any man should nurse his child, through all the way which you have gone until you came to this place.

32 And in this matter you believed not the Lord our God,

33 who goes before you in the way to choose you a place, guiding you in fire by night, shewing you the way by which you go, and a cloud by day.

34 And the Lord heard the voice of your words, and being greatly provoked he sware, saying,

35 Not one of these men shall see this good land, which I sware to their fathers,

36 except Chaleb the son of Jephonne, he shall see it; and to him I will give the land on which he went up, and to his sons, because he attended to the things of the Lord.

37 And the Lord was angry with me for your sake, saying, Neither shall you by any means enter therein.

38 Joshua the son of Naue, who stands by you, he shall enter in there; do you strengthen him, for he shall cause Israel to inherit it.

39 And every young child who this day knows not good or evil,—they shall enter therein, and to them I will give it, and they shall inherit it.

40 And you turned and marched into the wilderness, in the way by the Red Sea.

41 And you answered and said, We have sinned before the Lord our God; we will go up and fight according to all that the Lord our God has commanded us: and having taken every one his weapons of war, and being gathered together, you went up to the mountain.

42 And the Lord said to me, Tell them, You shall not go up, neither shall you fight, for I am not with you; thus shall you not be destroyed before your enemies.

43 And I spoke to you, and you did not hearken to me; and you transgressed the commandment of the Lord; and you forced your way and went up into the mountain.

44 And the Amorite who dwelt in that mountain came out to meet you, and pursued you as bees do, and wounded you from Seir to Herma.

45 And you sat down and wept before the Lord our God, and the Lord hearkened not to your voice, neither did he take heed to you.

46 And you dwelt in Kadesh many days, as many days as you dwelt there.

Chapter 2

1 And we turned and departed into the wilderness, by the way of the Red Sea, as the Lord spoke to me, and we compassed mount Seir many days.

2 And the Lord said to me,

3 You have compassed this mount long enough; turn therefore toward the north.

4 And charge the people, saying, You are going through the borders of your brethren the children of Esau, who dwell in Seir; and they shall fear you, and dread you greatly.

5 Do not engage in war against them, for I will not give you of their land even enough to set your foot upon, for I have given mount Seir to the children of Esau as an inheritance.

6 Buy food of them for money and eat, and you shall receive water of them by measure for money, and drink.

7 For the Lord our God has blessed you in every work of your hands. Consider how you went through that great and terrible wilderness: behold, the Lord your God has been with you forty years; you did not lack any thing.

8 And we passed by our brethren the children of Esau, who dwelt in Seir, by the way of Araba from Ælon and from Gesion Gaber; and we turned and passed by the way of the desert of Moab.

9 And the Lord said to me, Do not you quarrel with the Moabites, and do not engage in war with them; for I will not give you of their land for an inheritance, for I have given Aroer to the children of Lot to inherit.

10 Formerly the Ommin dwelt in it, a great and numerous nation and powerful, like the Enakim.

11 These also shall be accounted Raphain like the Enakim; and the Moabites call them Ommin.

12 And the Chorrhite dwelt in Seir before, and the sons of Esau destroyed them, and utterly consumed them from before them; and they dwelt in their place, as Israel did to the land of his inheritance, which the Lord gave to them.

13 Now then, arise you, said I, and depart, and cross the valley of Zaret.

14 And the days in which we travelled from Kadesh Barne till we crossed the valley of Zaret, were thirty and eight years, until the whole generation of the men of war failed, dying out of the camp, as the Lord God sware to them.

15 And the hand of the Lord was upon them to destroy them out of the midst of the camp, until they were consumed.

16 And it came to pass when all the men of war dying out of the midst of the people had fallen,

17 that the Lord spoke to me, saying,

18 You shall pass over this day the borders of Moab to Aroer;

19 and you shall draw nigh to the children of Amman: do not quarrel with them, nor wage war with them; for I will not give you of the land of the children of Amman for an inheritance, because I have given it to the children of Lot for an inheritance.

20 It shall be accounted a land of Raphain, for the Raphain dwelt there before, and the Ammanites call them Zochommin.

21 A great nation and populous, and mightier than you, as also the Enakim: yet the Lord destroyed them from before them, and they inherited their land, and they dwelt there instead of them until this day.

22 As they did to the children of Esau that dwell in Seir, even as they destroyed the Chorrhite from before them, and inherited their country, and dwelt therein instead of them until this day.

23 And the Evites who dwell in Asedoth to Gaza, and the Cappadocians who came out of Cappadocia, destroyed them, and dwelt in their room.

24 Now then arise and depart, and pass over the valley of Arnon: behold, I have delivered into your hands Seon the king of Heshbon the Amorite, and his land: begin to inherit it: engage in war with him this day.

25 Begin to put your terror and your fear on the face of all the nations under heaven, who shall be troubled when they have heard your name, and shall be in anguish before you.

26 And I sent ambassadors from the wilderness of Kedamoth to Seon king of Heshbon with peaceable words, saying,

27 I will pass through your land: I will go by the road, I will not turn aside to the right hand or to the left.

28 You shall give me food for money, and I will eat; and you shall give me water for money, and I will drink; I will only go through on my feet:

29 as the sons of Esau did to me, who dwelt in Seir, and the Moabites who dwelt in Aroer, until I shall have passed Jordan into the land which the Lord our God gives us.

30 And Seon king of Heshbon would not that we should pass by him, because the Lord our God hardened his spirit, and made his heart stubborn, that he might be delivered into your hands, as on this day.

31 And the Lord said to me, Behold, I have begun to deliver before you Seon the king of Heshbon the Amorite, and his land, and do you begin to inherit his land.

32 And Seon the king of Heshbon came forth to meet us, he and all his people to war at Jassa.

33 And the Lord our God delivered him before our face, and we smote him, and his sons, and all his people.

34 And we took possession of all his cities at that time, and we utterly destroyed every city in succession, and their wives, and their children; we left no living prey.

35 Only we took the cattle captive, and took the spoil of the cities.

36 From Aroer, which is by the brink of the brook of Arnon, and the city which is in the valley, and as far as the mount of Gilead; there was not a city which escaped us: the Lord our God delivered all of them into our hands.

37 Only we did not draw near to the children of Amman, even all the parts bordering on the brook Jaboc, and the cities in the mountain country, as the Lord our God charged us.

Chapter 3

1 And we turned and went by the way leading to Basan; and Og the king of Basan came out to meet us, he and all his people, to battle at Edraim.

2 And the Lord said to me, Fear him not, for I have delivered him, and all his people, and all his land, into your hands; and you shall do to him as you did to Seon king of the Amorites who dwelt in Heshbon.

3 And the Lord our God delivered him into our hands, even Og the king of Basan, and all his people; and we smote him until we left none of his seed.

4 And we mastered all his cities at that time; there was not a city which we took not from them; sixty cities, all the country round about Argob, belonging to king Og in Basan:

5 all strong cities, lofty walls, gates and bars; besides the very many cities of the Pherezites.

6 We utterly destroyed them as we dealt with Seon the king of Heshbon, so we utterly destroyed every city in order, and the women and the children,

7 and all the cattle; and we took for a prey to ourselves the spoil of the cities.

8 And we took at that time the land out of the hands of the two kings of the Amorites, who were beyond Jordan, extending from the brook of Arnon even unto Aermon.

9 The Phœnicians call Aermon Sanior, but the Amorite has called it Sanir.

10 All the cities of Misor, and all Gilead, and all Basan as far as Elcha and Edraim, cities of the kingdom of Og in Basan.

11 For only Og the king of Basan was left of the Raphain: behold, his bed was a bed of iron; behold, it is in the chief city of the children of Ammon; the length of it is nine cubits, and the breadth of it four cubits, according to the cubit of a man.

12 And we inherited that land at that time from Aroer, which is by the border of the torrent Arnon, and half the mount of Gilead; and I gave his cities to Reuben and to Gad.

13 And the rest of Gilead, and all Basan the kingdom of Og I gave to the half-tribe of Manasseh, and all the country round about Argob, all that Basan; it shall be accounted the land of Raphain.

14 And Jair the son of Manasseh took all the country round about Argob as far as the borders of Gargasi and Machathi:

he called them by his name Basan Thavoth Jair until this day.

15 And to Machir I gave Gilead.

16 And to Reuben and to Gad I gave the land under Gilead as far as the brook of Arnon, the border between the brook and as far as Jaboc; the brook is the border to the children of Amman.

17 And Araba and Jordan are the boundary of Machanareth, even to the sea of Araba, the salt sea under Asedoth Phasga eastward.

18 And I charged you at that time, saying, The Lord your God has given you this land by lot; arm yourselves, every one that is powerful, and go before your brethren the children of Israel.

19 Only your wives and your children and your cattle (I know that you have much cattle), let them dwell in your cities which I have given you;

20 until the Lord your God give your brethren rest, as also he has given to you, and they also shall inherit the land, which the Lord our God gives them on the other side of Jordan; then you shall return, each one to his inheritance which I have given you.

21 And I commanded Joshua at that time, saying, Your eyes have seen all things, which the Lord our God did to these two kings: so shall the Lord our God do to all the kingdoms against which you cross over thither.

22 You shall not be afraid of them, because the Lord our God himself shall fight for you.

23 And I besought the Lord at that time, saying,

24 Lord God, you have begun to shew to your servant your strength, and your power, and your mighty hand, and your high arm: for what God is there in heaven or on the earth, who will do as you have done, and according to your might?

25 I will therefore go over and see this good land that is beyond Jordan, this good mountain and Antilibanus.

26 And the Lord because of you did not regard me, and hearkened not to me; and the Lord said to me, Let it suffice you, speak not of this matter to me any more.

27 Go up to the top of the quarried rock, and look with your eyes westward, and northward, and southward, and eastward, and behold it with your eyes, for you shall not go over this Jordan.

28 And charge Joshua, and strengthen him, and encourage him; for he shall go before the face of this people, and he shall give them the inheritance of all the land which you have seen.

29 And we abode in the valley near the house of Peor.

Chapter 4

1 And now, Israel, hear the ordinances and judgments, all that I teach you this day to do: that you may live, and be multiplied, and that you may go in and inherit the land, which the Lord God of your fathers gives you.

2 You shall not add to the word which I command you, and you shall not take from it: keep the commandments of the Lord our God, all that I command you this day.

3 Your eyes have seen all that the Lord our God did in the case of Beelphegor; for every man that went after Beel-phegor, the Lord your God has utterly destroyed him from among you.

4 But you that kept close to the Lord your God are all alive to-day.

5 Behold, I have shewn you ordinances and judgments as the Lord commanded me, that you should do so in the land into which you go to inherit it.

6 And you shall keep and do them: for this is your wisdom and understanding before all nations, as many as shall hear all these ordinances; and they shall say, Behold, this great nation is a wise and understanding people.

7 For what manner of nation is so great, which has God so near to them as the Lord our God is in all things in whatsoever we may call upon him?

8 And what manner of nation is so great, which has righteous ordinances and judgments according to all this law, which I set before you this day?

9 Take heed to yourself, and keep your heart diligently: forget not any of the things, which your eyes have seen, and let them not depart from yours heart all the days of your life; and you shall teach your sons and your sons' sons,

10 even the things that happened in the day in which you stood before the Lord our God in Horeb in the day of the assembly; for the Lord said to me, Gather the people to me, and let them hear my words, that they may learn to fear me all the days which they live upon the earth, and they shall teach their sons.

11 And you drew nigh and stood under the mountain; and the mountain burned with fire up to heaven: there was darkness, blackness, and tempest.

12 And the Lord spoke to you out of the midst of the fire a voice of words, which you heard: and you saw no likeness, only you heard a voice.

13 And he announced to you his covenant, which he commanded you to keep, even the ten commandments; and he wrote them on two tables of stone.

14 And the Lord commanded me at that time, to teach you ordinances and judgments, that you should do them on the land, into which you go to inherit it.

15 And take good heed to your hearts, for you saw no similitude in the day in which the Lord spoke to you in Horeb in the mountain out of the midst of the fire:

16 lest you transgress, and make to yourselves a carved image, any kind of figure, the likeness of male or female,

17 the likeness of any beast of those that are on the earth, the likeness of any winged bird which flies under heaven,

18 the likeness of any reptile which creeps on the earth, the likeness of any fish of those which are in the waters under the earth;

19 and lest having looked up to the sky, and having seen the sun and the moon and the stars, and all the heavenly bodies, you should go astray and worship them, and serve them, which the Lord your God has distributed to all the nations under heaven.

20 But God took you, and led you forth out of the land of Egypt, out of the iron furnace, out of Egypt, to be to him a people of inheritance, as at this day.

21 And the Lord God was angry with me for the things said by you, and sware that I should not go over this Jordan, and that I should not enter into the land, which the Lord your God gives you for an inheritance.

22 For I am to die in this land, and shall not pass over this Jordan; but you are to pass over, and shall inherit this good land.

23 Take heed to yourselves, lest you forget the covenant of the Lord our God, which he made with you, and you transgress, and make to yourselves a graven image of any of the things concerning which the Lord your God commanded you.

24 For the Lord your God is a consuming fire, a jealous God.

25 And when you shall have begotten sons, and shall have sons' sons, and you shall have dwelt a long time on the land, and shall have transgressed, and made a graven image of any thing, and shall have done wickedly before the Lord your God to provoke him;

26 I call heaven and earth this day to witness against you, that you shall surely perish from off the land, into which you go across Jordan to inherit it there; you shall not prolong your days upon it, but shall be utterly cut off.

27 And the Lord shall scatter you among all nations, and you shall be left few in number among all the nations, among which the Lord shall bring you.

28 And you shall there serve other gods, the works of the hands of men, wood and stones, which cannot see, nor can they hear, nor eat, nor smell.

29 And there you shall seek the Lord your God, and you shall find him whenever you shall seek him with all your heart, and with all your soul in your affliction.

30 And all these things shall come upon you in the last days, and you shall turn to the Lord your God, and shall hearken to his voice.

31 Because the Lord your God is a God of pity: he will not forsake you, nor destroy you; he will not forget the covenant of your fathers, which the Lord sware to them.

32 Ask of the former days which were before you, from the day when God created man upon the earth, and beginning at the one end of heaven to the other end of heaven, if there has happened any thing like to this great event, if such a thing has been heard:

33 if a nation have heard the voice of the living God speaking out of the midst of the fire, as you have heard and have lived;

34 if God has assayed to go and take to himself a nation out of the midst of another nation with trial, and with signs, and with wonders, and with war, and with a mighty hand, and with a high arm, and with great sights, according to all the things which the Lord our God did in Egypt in your sight.

35 So that you should know that the Lord your God he is God, and there is none beside him.

36 His voice was made audible from heaven to instruct you, and he shewed you upon the earth his great fire, and you heard his words out of the midst of the fire.

37 Because he loved your fathers, he also chose you their seed after them, and he brought you himself with his great strength out of Egypt,

38 to destroy nations great and stronger than you before your face, to bring you in, to give you their land to inherit, as you have it this day.

39 And you shall know this day, and shall consider in yours heart, that the Lord your God he is God in heaven above, and on the earth beneath, and there is none else but he.

40 And keep you his commandments, and his ordinances, all that I command you this day; that it may be well with you, and with your sons after you, that you may be long-lived upon the earth, which the Lord your God gives you for ever.

41 Then Moses separated three cities beyond Jordan on the east,

42 that the slayer might flee thither, who should have slain his neighbour unintentionally, and should not have hated him in times past, and he shall flee to one of these cities and live:

43 Bosor in the wilderness, in the plain country of Reuben, and Ramoth in Gilead belonging to Gad, and Gaulon in Basan belonging to Manasseh.

44 This is the law which Moses set before the children of Israel.

45 These are the testimonies, and the ordinances, and the judgments, which Moses spoke to the sons of Israel, when they came out of the land of Egypt:

46 on the other side of Jordan, in the valley near the house of Peor, in the land of Seon king of the Amorites, who dwelt in Heshbon, whom Moses and the sons of Israel smote when they came out of the land of Egypt.

47 And they inherited his land, and the land of Og king of Basan, two kings of the Amorites, who were beyond Jordan eastward.

48 From Aroer, which is on the border of the brook Arnon, even to the mount of Seon, which is Aermon.

49 All Araba beyond Jordan eastward under Asedoth hewn in the rock.

Chapter 5

1 And Moses called all Israel, and said to them, Hear, Israel, the ordinances and judgments, all that I speak in your ears this day, and you shall learn them, and observe to do them.

2 The Lord your God made a covenant with you in Horeb.

3 The Lord did not make this covenant with your fathers, but with you: you are all here alive this day.

4 The Lord spoke to you face to face in the mountain out of the midst of the fire.

5 And I stood between the Lord and you at that time to report to you the words of the Lord, (because you were afraid before the fire, and you went not up to the mountain,) saying,

6 I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage.

7 You shall have no other gods before my face.

8 You shall not make to yourself an image, nor likeness of any thing, whatever things are in the heaven above, and whatever are in the earth beneath, and whatever are in the waters under the earth.

9 You shall not bow down to them, nor shall you serve them; for I am the Lord your God, a jealous God, visiting the sins of the fathers upon the children to the third and fourth generation to them that hate me,

10 and doing mercifully to thousands of them that love me, and that keep my commandments.

11 You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain, for the Lord your God will certainly not acquit him that takes his name in vain.

12 Keep the sabbath day to sanctify it, as the Lord your God commanded you.

13 Six days you shall work, and you shall do all your works;

14 but on the seventh day is the sabbath of the Lord your God: you shall do in it no work, you, and your son, and your daughter, your man-servant, and your maid-servant, your ox, and your ass, and all your cattle, and the stranger that sojourns in the midst of you; that your man-servant may rest, and your maid, and your ox, as well as you.

15 And you shall remember that you were a slave in the land of Egypt, and the Lord your God brought you out thence with a mighty hand, and a high arm: therefore the Lord appointed you to keep the sabbath day and to sanctify it.

16 Honour your father and your mother, as the Lord your God commanded you; that it may be well with you, and that you may live long upon the land, which the Lord your God gives you.

17 You shall not commit murder.

18 You shall not commit adultery.

19 You shall not steal.

20 You shall not bear false witness against your neighbour.

21 You shall not covet your neighbour's wife; you shall not covet your neighbour's house, nor his field, nor his man-servant, nor his maid, nor his ox, nor his ass, nor any beast of his, nor any thing that is your neighbour's.

22 These words the Lord spoke to all the assembly of you in the mountain out of the midst of the fire—there was darkness, blackness, storm, a loud voice—and he added no more, and he wrote them on two tables of stone, and he gave them to me.

23 And it came to pass when you heard the voice out of the midst of the fire, for the mountain burned with fire, that you came to me, even all the heads of your tribes, and your elders:

24 and you said, Behold, the Lord our God has shewn us his glory, and we have heard his voice out of the midst of the fire: this day we have seen that God shall speak to man, and he shall live.

25 And now let us not die, for this great fire will consume us, if we shall hear the voice of the Lord our God any more, and we shall die.

26 For what flesh is there which has heard the voice of the living God, speaking out of the midst of the fire, as we have heard, and shall live?

27 Do you draw near, and hear all that the Lord our God shall say, and you shall speak to us all things whatsoever the Lord our God shall speak to you, and we will hear, and do.

28 And the Lord heard the voice of your words as you spoke to me; and the Lord said to me, I have heard the voice of the words of this people, even all things that they have said to you. They have well said all that they have spoken.

29 O that there were such a heart in them, that they should fear me and keep my commands always, that it might be well with them and with their sons for ever.

30 Go, say to them, Return you to your houses;

31 but stand you here with me, and I will tell you all the commands, and the ordinances, and the judgments, which you shall teach them, and let them do so in the land which I give them for an inheritance.

32 And you shall take heed to do as the Lord your God commanded you; you shall not turn aside to the right hand or to the left,

33 according to all the way which the Lord your God commanded you to walk in it, that he may give you rest; and that it may be well with you, and you may prolong your days on the land which you shall inherit.

Chapter 6

1 And these are the commands, and the ordinances, and the judgments, as many as the Lord our God gave commandment to teach you to do so in the land on which you enter to inherit it.

2 That you may fear the Lord your God, keep you all his ordinances, and his commandments, which I command you to-day, you, and your sons, and your sons' sons, all the days of your life, that you may live many days.

3 Hear, therefore, O Israel, and observe to do them, that it may be well with you, and that you may be greatly multiplied, as the Lord God of your fathers said that he would give you a land flowing with milk and honey: and these are the ordinances, and the judgments, which the Lord commanded the children of Israel in the wilderness, when they had gone forth from the land of Egypt.

4 Hear, O Israel, The Lord our God is one Lord.

5 And you shall love the Lord your God with all your mind, and with all your soul, and all your strength.

6 And these words, all that I command you this day, shall be in your heart and in your soul.

7 And you shall teach them to your children, and you shall speak of them sitting in the house, and walking by the way, and lying down, and rising up.

8 And you shall fasten them for a sign upon your hand, and it shall be immoveable before your eyes.

9 And you shall write them on the lintels of your houses and of your gates.

10 And it shall come to pass when the Lord your God shall have brought you into the land which he sware to your fathers, to Abraam, and to Isaac, and to Jacob, to give you great and beautiful cities which you did not build,

11 houses full of all good things which you did not fill, wells dug in the rock which you did not dig, vineyards and oliveyards which you did not plant, then having eaten and been filled,

12 beware lest you forget the Lord your God that brought you forth out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage.

13 You shall fear the Lord your God, and him only shall you serve; and you shall cleave to him, and by his name you shall swear.

14 Go you not after other gods of the gods of the nations round about you;

15 for the Lord your God in the midst of you is a jealous God, lest the Lord your God be very angry with you, and destroy you from off the face of the earth.

16 You shall not tempt the Lord your God, as you tempted him in the temptation.

17 You shall by all means keep the commands of the Lord your God, the testimonies, and the ordinances, which he commanded you.

18 And you shall do that which is pleasing and good before the Lord your God, that it may be well with you, and that you may go in and inherit the good land, which the Lord sware to your fathers,

19 to chase all your enemies from before your face, as the Lord said.

20 And it shall come to pass when your son shall ask you at a future time, saying, What are the testimonies, and the ordinances, and the judgments, which the Lord our God has commanded us?

21 Then shall you say to your son, We were slaves to Pharaoh in the land of Egypt, and the Lord brought us forth thence with a mighty hand, and with a high arm.

22 And the Lord wrought signs and great and grievous wonders in Egypt, on Pharaoh and on his house before us.

23 And he brought us out thence to give us this land, which he sware to give to our fathers.

24 And the Lord charged us to observe all these ordinances; to fear the Lord our God, that it may be well with us for ever, that we may live, as even to-day.

25 And there shall be mercy to us, if we take heed to keep all these commands before the Lord our God, as he has commanded us.

Chapter 7

1 And when the Lord your God shall bring you into the land, into which you go to possess it, and shall remove great nations from before you, the Chettite, and Gergesite, and Amorite, and Chananite, and Pherezite, and Evite, and Jebusite, seven nations more numerous and stronger than you,

2 and the Lord your God shall deliver them into your hands, then you shall smite them: you shall utterly destroy

them: you shall not make a covenant with them, neither shall you pity them:

3 neither shall you contract marriages with them: you shall not give your daughter to his son, and you shall not take his daughter to your son.

4 For he will draw away your son from me, and he will serve other gods; and the Lord will be very angry with you, and will soon utterly destroy you.

5 But thus shall you do to them; you shall destroy their altars, and shall break down their pillars, and shall cut down their groves, and shall burn with fire the graven images of their gods.

6 For you are a holy people to the Lord your God; and the Lord your God chose you to be to him a peculiar people beyond all nations that are upon the face of the earth.

7 It was not because you are more numerous than all other nations that the Lord preferred you, and the Lord made choice of you: for you are fewer in number than all other nations.

8 But because the Lord loved you, and as keeping the oath which he sware to your fathers, the Lord brought you out with a strong hand, and the Lord redeemed you from the house of bondage, out of the hand of Pharaoh king of Egypt.

9 You shall know therefore, that the Lord your God, he is God, a faithful God, who keeps covenant and mercy for them that love him, and for those that keep his commandments to a thousand generations,

10 and who recompenses them that hate him to their face, to destroy them utterly; and will not be slack with them that hate him: he will recompense them to their face.

11 You shall keep therefore the commands, and the ordinances, and these judgments, which I command you this day to do.

12 And it shall come to pass when you shall have heard these ordinances, and shall have kept and done them, that the Lord your God shall keep for you the covenant and the mercy, which he sware to your fathers.

13 And he will love you, and bless you, and multiply you; and he will bless the offspring of your body, and the fruit of your land, your corn, and your wine, and your oil, the herds of your oxen, and the flocks of your sheep, on the land which the Lord sware to your fathers to give to you.

14 You shall be blessed beyond all nations; there shall not be among you an impotent or barren one, or among your cattle.

15 And the Lord your God shall remove from you all sickness; and none of the evil diseases of Egypt, which you have seen, and all that you have known, will he lay upon you; but he will lay them upon all that hate you.

16 And you shall eat all the spoils of the nations which the Lord your God gives you; your eye shall not spare them, and you shall not serve their gods; for this is an offence to you.

17 But if you should say in yours heart, This nation is greater than I, how shall I be able to destroy them utterly?

18 you shall not fear them; you shall surely remember all that the Lord your God did to Pharaoh and to all the Egyptians:

19 the great temptations which your eyes have seen, those signs and great wonders, the strong hand, and the high arm; how the Lord your God brought you forth: so the Lord your God will do to all the nations, whom you fear in their presence.

20 And the Lord your God shall send against them the hornets, until they that are left and they that are hidden from you be utterly destroyed.

21 You shall not be wounded before them, because the Lord your God in the midst of you is a great and powerful God.

22 And the Lord your God shall consume these nations before you by little and little: you shall not be able to consume them speedily, lest the land become desert, and the wild beasts of the field be multiplied against you.

23 And the Lord your God shall deliver them into your hands, and you shall destroy them with a great destruction, until you shall have utterly destroyed them.

24 And he shall deliver their kings into your hands, and you shall destroy their name from that place; none shall stand up in opposition before you, until you shall have utterly destroyed them.

25 You shall burn with fire the graven images of their gods: you shall not covet their silver, neither shall you take to yourself gold from them, lest you should offend thereby, because it is an abomination to the Lord your God.

26 And you shall not bring an abomination into yours house, so should you be an accursed thing like it; you shall utterly hate it, and altogether abominate it, because it is an accursed thing.

Chapter 8

1 You shall observe to do all the commands which I charge you to-day, that you may live and be multiplied, and enter in and inherit the land, which the Lord your God sware to give to your fathers.

2 And you shall remember all the way which the Lord your God led you in the wilderness, that he might afflict you, and try you, and that the things in yours heart might be made manifest, whether you would keep his commandments or no.

3 And he afflicted you and straitened you with hunger, and fed you with manna, which your fathers knew not; that he might teach you that man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds out of the mouth of God shall man live.

4 Your garments grew not old from off you, your shoes were not worn from off you, your feet were not painfully hardened, lo! these forty years.

5 And you shall know in yours heart, that as if any man should chasten his son, so the Lord your God will chasten you.

6 And you shall keep the commands of the Lord your God, to walk in his ways, and to fear him.

7 For the Lord your God will bring you into a good and extensive land, where there are torrents of waters, and fountains of deep places issuing through the plains and through the mountains:

8 a land of wheat and barley, wherein are vines, figs, pomegranates; a land of olive oil and honey;

9 a land on which you shall not eat your bread with poverty, and you shall not want any thing upon it; a land whose stones are iron, and out of its mountains you shall dig brass.

10 And you shall eat and be filled, and shall bless the Lord your God on the good land, which he has given you.

11 Take heed to yourself that you forget not the Lord your God, so as not to keep his commands, and his judgments, and ordinances, which I command you this day:

12 lest when you have eaten and art full, and have built goodly houses, and dwelt in them;

13 and your oxen and your sheep are multiplied to you, and your silver and your gold are multiplied to you, and all your possessions are multiplied to you,

14 you should be exalted in heart, and forget the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage:

15 who brought you through that great and terrible wilderness, where is the biting serpent, and scorpion, and drought, where there was no water; who brought you a fountain of water out of the flinty rock:

16 who fed you with manna in the wilderness, which you knew not, and your fathers knew not; that he might afflict you, and thoroughly try you, and do you good in your latter days.

17 Lest you should say in yours heart, My strength, and the power of mine hand have wrought for me this great wealth.

18 But you shall remember the Lord your God, that he gives you strength to get wealth; even that he may establish his covenant, which the Lord sware to your fathers, as at this day.

19 And it shall come to pass if you do at all forget the Lord your God, and should go after other gods, and serve them, and worship them, I call heaven and earth to witness against you this day, that you shall surely perish.

20 As also the other nations which the Lord God destroys before your face, so shall you perish, because you hearkened not to the voice of the Lord your God.

Chapter 9

1 Hear, O Israel: You go this day across Jordan to inherit nations greater and stronger than yourselves, cities great and walled up to heaven;

2 a people great and many and tall, the sons of Enac, whom you know, and concerning whom you have heard say, Who can stand before the children of Enac?

3 And you shall know to-day, that the Lord your God he shall go before your face: he is a consuming fire; he shall destroy them, and he shall turn them back before you, and shall destroy them quickly, as the Lord said to you.

4 Speak not in yours heart, when the Lord your God has destroyed these nations before your face, saying, For my righteousness the Lord brought me in to inherit this good land.

5 Not for your righteousness, nor for the holiness of your heart, do you go in to inherit their land, but because of the wickedness of these nations the Lord will destroy them from before you, and that he may establish the covenant, which the Lord sware to our fathers, to Abraam, and to Isaac, and to Jacob.

6 And you shall know to-day, that it is not for your righteousnesses the Lord your God gives you this good land to inherit, for you are a stiff-necked people.

7 Remember, forget not, how much you provokedst the Lord your God in the wilderness: from the day that you came forth out of Egypt, even till you came into this place, you continued to be disobedient toward the Lord.

8 Also in Horeb you provoked the Lord, and the Lord was angry with you to destroy you;

9 when I went up into the mountain to receive the tables of stone, the tables of the covenant, which the Lord made with you, and I was in the mountain forty days and forty nights, I ate no bread and drank no water.

10 And the Lord gave me the two tables of stone written with the finger of God, and on them there had been written all the words which the Lord spoke to you in the mountain in the day of the assembly.

11 And it came to pass after forty days and forty nights, the Lord gave me the two tables of stone, the tables of the covenant.

12 And the Lord said to me, Arise, go down quickly from hence, for your people whom you brought out of the land of Egypt have transgressed; they have gone aside quickly out of the way which I commanded them, and have made themselves a molten image.

13 And the Lord spoke to me, saying, I have spoken to you once and again, saying, I have seen this people, and, behold, it is a stiff-necked people.

14 And now suffer me utterly to destroy them, and I will blot out their name from under heaven, and will make of you a nation great and strong, and more numerous than this.

15 And I turned and went down from the mountain; and the mountain burned with fire to heaven; and the two tables of the testimonies were in my two hands.

16 And when I saw that you had sinned against the Lord your God, and had made to yourselves a molten image, and had gone astray out of the way, which the Lord commanded you to keep;

17 then I took hold of the two tables, and cast them out of my two hands, and broke them before you.

18 And I made my petition before the Lord as also at the first forty days and forty nights: I ate no bread and drank no water, on account of all your sins which you sinned in doing evil before the Lord God to provoke him.

19 And I was greatly terrified because of the wrath and anger, because the Lord was provoked with you utterly to destroy you; yet the Lord hearkened to me at this time also.

20 And he was angry with Aaron to destroy him utterly, and I prayed for Aaron also at that time.

21 And your sin which you had made, even the calf, I took, and burnt it with fire, and pounded it and ground it down till it became fine; and it became like dust, and I cast the dust into the brook that descended from the mountain.

22 Also in the burning, and in the temptation, and at the graves of lust, you provoked the Lord.

23 And when the Lord sent you forth from Kadesh Barne, saying, Go up and inherit the land which I give to you, then you disobeyed the word of the Lord your God, and believed him not, and hearkened not to his voice.

24 You were disobedient in the things relating to the Lord from the day in which he became known to you.

25 And I prayed before the Lord forty days and forty nights, the number that I prayed before, for the Lord said that he would utterly destroy you.

26 And I prayed to God, and said, O Lord, King of gods, destroy not your people and your inheritance, whom you did redeem, whom you brought out of the land of Egypt with your great power, and with your strong hand, and with your high arm.

27 Remember Abraam, and Isaac, and Jacob your servants, to whom you swore by yourself: look not upon the hardness of heart of this people, and their impieties, and their sins.

28 Lest the inhabitants of the land whence you brought us out speak, saying, Because the Lord could not bring them into the land of which he spoke to them, and because he hated them, has he brought them forth to slay them in the wilderness.

29 And these are your people and your portion, whom you brought out of the land of Egypt with your great strength, and with your mighty hand, and with your high arm.

Chapter 10

1 At that time the Lord said to me, Hew for yourself two stone tables as the first, and come up to me into the mountain, and you shall make for yourself an ark of wood.

2 And you shall write upon the tables the words which were on the first tables which you did break, and you shall put them into the ark.

3 So I made an ark of boards of incorruptible wood, and I hewed tables of stone like the first, and I went up to the mountain, and the two tables were in my hand.

4 And he wrote upon the tables according to the first writing the ten commandments, which the Lord spoke to you in the mountain out of the midst of the fire, and the Lord gave them to me.

5 And I turned and came down from the mountain, and I put the tables into the ark which I had made; and there they were, as the Lord commanded me.

6 And the children of Israel departed from Beeroth of the sons of Jakim to Misadai: there Aaron died, and there he was buried, and Eleazar his son was priest in his stead.

7 Thence they departed to Gadgad; and from Gadgad to Etebatha, a land wherein are torrents of water.

8 At that time the Lord separated the tribe of Levi, to bear the ark of the covenant of the Lord, to stand near before the Lord, to minister and bless in his name to this day.

9 Therefore the Levites have no part nor inheritance among their brethren; the Lord himself is their inheritance, as he said to them.

10 And I remained in the mount forty days and forty nights: and the Lord heard me at that time also, and the Lord would not destroy you.

11 And the Lord said to me, Go, set out before this people, and let them go in and inherit the land, which I sware to their fathers to give to them.

12 And now, Israel, what does the Lord your God require of you, but to fear the Lord your God, and to walk in all his

ways, and to love him, and to serve the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul;

13 to keep the commandments of the Lord your God, and his ordinances, all that I charge you to-day, that it may be well with you?

14 Behold, the heaven and the heaven of heavens belong to the Lord your God, the earth and all things that are in it.

15 Only the Lord chose your fathers to love them, and he chose out their seed after them, even you, beyond all nations, as at this day.

16 Therefore you shall circumcise the hardness of your heart, and you shall not harden your neck.

17 For the Lord your God, he is God of gods, and Lord of lords, the great, and strong, and terrible God, who does not accept persons, nor will he by any means accept a bribe:

18 executing judgment for the stranger and orphan and widow, and he loves the stranger to give him food and raiment.

19 And you shall love the stranger; for you were strangers in the land of Egypt.

20 You shall fear the Lord your God, and serve him, and shall cleave to him, and shall swear by his name.

21 He is your boast, and he is your God, who has wrought in the midst of you these great and glorious things, which your eyes have seen.

22 With seventy souls your fathers went down into Egypt; but the Lord your God has made you as the stars of heaven in multitude.

Chapter 11

1 Therefore you shall love the Lord your God, and shall observe his appointments, and his ordinances, and his commandments, and his judgments, always.

2 And you shall know this day; for I speak not to your children, who know not and have not seen the discipline of the Lord your God, and his wonderful works, and his strong hand, and his high arm,

3 and his miracles, and his wonders, which he wrought in the midst of Egypt on Pharaoh king of Egypt, and all his land;

4 and what he did to the host of the Egyptians, and to their chariots, and their cavalry, and their host; how he made the water of the Red Sea to overwhelm the face of them as they pursued after you, and the Lord destroyed them until this day;

5 and all the things which he did to you in the wilderness until you came into this place;

6 and all things that he did to Dathan and Abiron the sons of Eliab the son of Reuben, whom the earth opening her mouth swallowed up, and their houses, and their tents, and all their substance that was with them, in the midst of all Israel:

7 for your eyes have seen all the mighty works of the Lord, which he wrought among you to-day.

8 And you shall keep all his commandments, as many as I command you to-day, that you may live, and be multiplied, and that you may go in and inherit the land, into which you go across Jordan to inherit it:

9 that you may live long upon the land, which the Lord sware to your fathers to give to them, and to their seed after them, a land flowing with milk and honey.

10 For the land into which you go to inherit it, is not as the land of Egypt, whence you came out, whensoever they sow the seed, and water it with their feet, as a garden of herbs:

11 but the land into which you go to inherit it, is a land of mountains and plains; it shall drink water of the rain of heaven.

12 A land which the Lord your God surveys continually, the eyes of the Lord your God are upon it from the beginning of the year to the end of the year.

13 Now if you will indeed hearken to all the commands which I charge you this day, to love the Lord your God, and to serve him with all your heart, and with all your soul,

14 then he shall give to your land the early and latter rain in its season, and you shall bring in your corn, and your wine, and your oil.

15 And he shall give food in your fields to your cattle; and when you have eaten and art full,

16 take heed to yourself that your heart be not puffed up, and you transgress, and serve other gods, and worship them:

17 and the Lord be angry with you, and restrain the heaven; and there shall not be rain, and the earth shall not yield its fruit, and you shall perish quickly from off the good land, which the Lord has given you.

18 And you shall store these words in your heart and in your soul, and you shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and it shall be fixed before your eyes.

19 And you shall teach them to your children, so as to speak about them when you sit in the house, and when you walk by the way, and when you sleep, and when you rise up.

20 And you shall write them on the lintels of your houses, and on your gates;

21 that your days may be long, and the days of your children, upon the land which the Lord sware to your fathers to give to them, as the days of heaven upon the earth.

22 And it shall come to pass that if you will indeed hearken to all these commands, which I charge you to observe this

day, to love the Lord our God, and to walk in all his ways, and to cleave close to him;

23 then the Lord shall cast out all these nations before you, and you shall inherit great nations and stronger than yourselves.

24 Every place whereon the sole of your foot shall tread shall be yours; from the wilderness and Antilibanus, and from the great river, the river Euphrates, even as far as the west sea shall be your coasts.

25 No one shall stand before you; and the Lord your God will put the fear of you and the dread of you on the face of all the land, on which you shall tread, as he told you.

26 Behold, I set before you this day the blessing and the curse;

27 the blessing, if you hearken to the commands of the Lord your God, all that I command you this day;

28 and the curse, if you do not hearken to the commands of the Lord our God, as many as I command you this day, and you wander from the way which I have commanded you, having gone to serve other gods, which you know not.

29 And it shall come to pass when the Lord your God shall have brought you into the land into which you go over to inherit it, then you shall put blessing on mount Garizin, and the curse upon mount Gæbal.

30 Lo! are not these beyond Jordan, behind, westward in the land of Canaan, which lies westward near Golgol, by the high oak?

31 For you are passing over Jordan, to go in and inherit the land, which the Lord our God gives you to inherit always, and you shall dwell in it.

32 And you shall take heed to do all his ordinances, and these judgments, as many as I set before you to-day.

Chapter 12

1 And these are the ordinances and the judgments, which you shall observe to do in the land, which the Lord God of your fathers gives you for an inheritance, all the days which you live upon the land.

2 You shall utterly destroy all the places in which they served their gods, whose land you inherit, on the high mountains and on the hills, and under the thick tree.

3 And you shall destroy their altars, and break in pieces their pillars, and you shall cut down their groves, and you shall burn with fire the graven images of their gods, and you shall abolish their name out of that place.

4 You shall not do so to the Lord your God.

5 But in the place which the Lord your God shall choose in one of your cities to name his name there, and to be called upon, you shall even seek him out and go thither.

6 And you shall carry thither your whole-burnt-offerings, and your sacrifices, and your first-fruits, and your vowed-offerings, and your freewill-offerings, and your offerings of thanksgiving, the first-born of your herds, and of your flocks.

7 And you shall eat there before the Lord your God, and you shall rejoice in all the things on which you shall lay your hand, you and your houses, as the Lord your God has blessed you.

8 You shall not do altogether as we do here to-day, every man that which is pleasing in his own sight.

9 For hitherto you have not arrived at the rest and the inheritance, which the Lord our God gives you.

10 And you shall go over Jordan, and shall dwell in the land, which the Lord our God takes as an inheritance for you; and he shall give you rest from all your enemies round about, and you shall dwell safely.

11 And there shall be a place which the Lord your God shall choose for his name to be called there, thither shall you bring all things that I order you today; your whole-burnt-offerings, and your sacrifices, and your tithes, and the first-fruits of your hands, and every choice gift of yours, whatsoever you shall vow to the Lord your God.

12 And you shall rejoice before the Lord your God, you and your sons, and your daughters, and your men-servants and your maid-servants, and the Levite that is at your gates; because he has no portion or inheritance with you.

13 Take heed to yourself that you offer not your whole-burnt-offerings in any place which you shall see;

14 save in the place which the Lord your God shall choose, in one of your tribes, there shall you offer your whole-burnt-offerings, and there shall you do all things whatsoever I charge you this day.

15 But you shall kill according to all your desire, and shall eat flesh according to the blessing of the Lord your God, which he has given you in every city; the unclean that is within you and the clean shall eat it on equal terms, as the doe or the stag.

16 Only you shall not eat the blood; you shall pour it out on the ground as water.

17 You shall not be able to eat in your cities the tithe of your corn, and of your wine, and of your oil, the first-born of yours herd and of your flock, and all your vows as many as you shall have vowed, and your thank-offerings, and the first-fruits of yours hands.

18 But before the Lord your God you shall eat it, in the place which the Lord your God shall choose for himself, you, and your son, and your daughter, your man-servant, and your maid-servant, and the stranger that is within your gates; and you shall rejoice before the Lord your God, on whatsoever you shall lay yours hand.

19 Take heed to yourself that you do not desert the Levite all the time that you live upon the earth.

20 And if the Lord your God shall enlarge your borders, as he said to you, and you shall say, I will eat flesh; if your soul should desire to eat flesh, you shall eat flesh according to all the desire of your soul.

21 And if the place be far from you, which the Lord your God shall choose for himself, that his name be called upon it, then you shall kill of your herd and of your flock which God shall have given you, even as I commanded you, and you shall eat in your cities according to the desire of your soul.

22 As the doe and the stag are eaten, so shall you eat it; the unclean in you and the clean shall eat it in like manner.

23 Take diligent heed that you eat no blood, for blood is the life of it; the life shall not be eaten with the flesh.

24 You shall not eat it; you shall pour it out on the ground as water.

25 You shall not eat it, that it may be well with you and with your sons after you, if you shall do that which is good and pleasing before the Lord your God.

26 But you shall take your holy things, if you have any, and your vowed-offerings, and come to the place which the Lord your God shall choose to have his name named upon it.

27 And you shall sacrifice your whole-burnt-offerings, you shall offer the flesh upon the altar of the Lord your God; but the blood of your sacrifices you shall pour out at the foot of the altar of the Lord your God, but the flesh you shall eat.

28 Beware and hearken, and you shall do all the commands which I charge you, that it may be well with you and with your sons for ever, if you shall do that which is pleasing and good before the Lord your God.

29 And if the Lord your God shall utterly destroy the nations, to whom you go in thither to inherit their land, from before you, and you shall inherit it, and dwell in their land;

30 take heed to yourself that you seek not to follow them after they are destroyed before you, saying, How do these nations act towards their gods? I will do likewise.

31 You shall not do so to your God; for they have sacrificed to their gods the abominations of the Lord which he hates, for they burn their sons and their daughters in fire to their gods.

Chapter 13

1 Every word that I command you this day, it shall you observe to do: you shall not add to it, nor diminish from it.

2 And if there arise within you a prophet, or one who dreams a dream, and he gives you a sign or a wonder,

3 and the sign or the wonder come to pass which he spoke to you, saying, Let us go and serve other gods, which you know not;

4 you shall not hearken to the words of that prophet, or the dreamer of that dream, because the Lord your God tries you, to know whether you love your God with all your heart and with all your soul.

5 You shall follow the Lord your God, and fear him, and you shall hear his voice, and attach yourselves to him.

6 And that prophet or that dreamer of a dream, shall die; for he has spoken to make you err from the Lord your God who brought you out of the land of Egypt, who redeemed you from bondage, to thrust you out of the way which the Lord your God commanded you to walk in: so shall you abolish the evil from among you.

7 And if your brother by your father or mother, or your son, or daughter, or your wife in your bosom, or friend who is equal to your own soul, entreat you secretly, saying, Let us go and serve other gods, which neither you nor your fathers have known,

8 of the gods of the nations that are round about you, who are near you or at a distance from you, from one end of the earth to the other;

9 you shall not consent to him, neither shall you hearken to him; and your eye shall not spare him, you shall feel no regret for him, neither shall you at all protect him:

10 you shall surely report concerning him, and your hands shall be upon him among the first to slay him, and the hands of all the people at the last.

11 And they shall stone him with stones, and he shall die, because he sought to draw you away from the Lord your God who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage.

12 And all Israel shall hear, and fear, and shall not again do according to this evil thing among you.

13 And if in one of your cities which the Lord God gives you to dwell therein, you shall hear men saying,

14 Evil men have gone out from you, and have caused all the inhabitants of their land to fall away, saying, Let us go and worship other gods, whom you knew not,

15 then you shall enquire and ask, and search diligently, and behold, if the thing is clearly true, and this abomination has taken place among you,

16 you shall utterly destroy all the dwellers in that land with the edge of the sword; you shall solemnly curse it, and all things in it.

17 And all its spoils you shall gather into its public ways, and you shall burn the city with fire, and all its spoils

publicly before the Lord your God; and it shall be uninhabited for ever, it shall not be built again.

18 And there shall nothing of the cursed thing cleave to your hand, that the Lord may turn from his fierce anger, and shew you mercy, and pity you, and multiply you, as he sware to your fathers;

19 if you will hear the voice of the Lord your God, to keep his commandments, all that I charge you this day, to do that which is good and pleasing before the Lord your God.

Chapter 14

1 You are the children of the Lord your God: you shall not make any baldness between your eyes for the dead.

2 For you are a holy people to the Lord your God, and the Lord your God has chosen you to be a peculiar people to himself of all the nations on the face of the earth.

3 You shall not eat any abominable thing.

4 These are the beasts which you shall eat; the calf of the herd, and lamb of the sheep, and kid of the goats;

5 the stag, and doe, and pygarg, and wild goat, and camelopard.

6 Every beast that divides the hoofs, and makes claws of two divisions, and that chews the cud among beasts, these you shall eat.

7 And these you shall not eat of them that chew the cud, and of those that divide the hoofs, and make distinct claws; the camel, and the hare, and the rabbit; because they chew the cud, and do not divide the hoof, these are unclean to you.

8 And as for the swine, because he divides the hoof, and makes claws of the hoof, yet he chews not the cud, he is unclean to you; you shall not eat of their flesh, you shall not touch their dead bodies.

9 And these you shall eat of all that are in the water, you shall eat all that have fins and scales.

10 And all that have not fins and scales you shall not eat; they are unclean to you.

11 You shall eat every clean bird.

12 And these of them you shall not eat; the eagle, and the ossifrage, and the sea-eagle,

13 and the vulture, and the kite and the like to it,

15 and the sparrow, and the owl, and the sea-mew,

16 and the heron, and the swan, and the stork,

17 and the cormorant, and the hawk, and its like, and the hoopoe, and the raven,

18 and the pelican, and the diver and the like to it, and the red-bill and the bat.

19 All winged animals that creep are unclean to you; you shall not eat of them.

20 You shall eat every clean bird.

21 You shall eat nothing that dies of itself; it shall be given to the sojourner in your cities and he shall eat it, or you shall sell it to a stranger, because you are a holy people to the Lord your God. You shall not boil a lamb in his mother's milk.

22 You shall tithe a tenth of all the produce of your seed, the fruit of your field year by year.

23 And you shall eat it in the place which the Lord your God shall choose to have his name called there; you shall bring the tithe of your corn and of your wine, and of your oil, the first-born of your herd and of your flock, that you may learn to fear the Lord your God always.

24 And if the journey be too far for you, and you are not able to bring them, because the place is far from you which the Lord your God shall choose to have his name called there, because the Lord your God will bless you;

25 then you shall sell them for money, and you shall take the money in your hands, and you shall go to the place which the Lord your God shall choose.

26 And you shall give the money for whatsoever your soul shall desire, for oxen or for sheep, or for wine, or you shall lay it out on strong drink, or on whatsoever your soul may desire, and you shall eat there before the Lord your God, and you shall rejoice and your house,

27 and the Levite that is in your cities, because he has not a portion or inheritance with you.

28 After three years you shall bring out all the tithes of your fruits, in that year you shall lay it up in your cities.

29 And the Levite shall come, because he has no part or lot with you, and the stranger, and the orphan, and the widow which is in your cities; and they shall eat and be filled, that the Lord your God may bless you in all the works which you shall do.

Chapter 15

1 Every seven years you shall make a release.

2 And this is the ordinance of the release: you shall remit every private debt which your neighbour owes you, and you shall not ask payment of it from your brother; for it has been called a release to the Lord your God.

3 Of a stranger you shall ask again whatsoever he has of yours, but to your brother you shall remit his debt to you.

4 For thus there shall not be a poor person in the midst of you, for the Lord your God will surely bless you in the land which the Lord your God gives you by inheritance, that you should inherit it.

5 And if you shall indeed hearken to the voice of the Lord your God, to keep and do all these commandments, as many as I charge you this day,

6 (for the Lord your God has blessed you in the way of which he spoke to you,) then you shall lend to many nations, but you shall not borrow; and you shall rule over many nations, but they shall not rule over you.

7 And if there shall be in the midst of you a poor man of your brethren in one of your cities in the land, which the Lord your God gives you, you shall not harden yours heart, neither shall you by any means close up yours hand from your brother who is in want.

8 You shall surely open yours hands to him, and shall lend to him as much as he wants according to his need.

9 Take heed to yourself that there be not a secret thing in yours heart, an iniquity, saying, The seventh year, the year of release, draws nigh; and your eye shall be evil to your brother that is in want, and you shall not give to him, and he shall cry against you to the Lord, and there shall be great sin in you.

10 You shall surely give to him, and you shall lend him as much as he wants, according as he is in need; and you shall not grudge in yours heart as you give to him, because on this account the Lord your God will bless you in all your works, and in all things on which you shall lay yours hand.

11 For the poor shall not fail off your land, therefore I charge you to do this thing, saying, You shall surely open yours hands to your poor brother, and to him that is distressed upon your land.

12 And if your brother or sister, a Hebrew man or a Hebrew woman, be sold to you, he shall serve you six years, and in the seventh year you shall send him out free from you.

13 And when you shall send him out free from you, you shall not send him out empty.

14 You shall give him provision for the way from your flock, and from your corn, and from your wine; as the Lord your God has blessed you, you shall give to him.

15 And you shall remember that you were a servant in the land of Egypt, and the Lord your God redeemed you from thence; therefore I charge you to do this thing.

16 And if he should say to you, I will not go out from you, because he continues to love you and your house, because he is well with you;

17 then you shall take an awl, and bore his ear through to the door, and he shall be your servant for ever; and in like manner shall you do to your maid-servant.

18 It shall not seem hard to you when they are sent out free from you, because your servant has served you six years according to the annual hire of a hireling; so the Lord your God shall bless you in all things whatsoever you may do.

19 Every first-born that shall be born among your kine and your sheep, you shall sanctify the males to the Lord your God; you shall not work with your first-born calf, and you shall not shear the first-born of your sheep.

20 You shall eat it before the Lord year by year in the place which the Lord your God shall choose, you and your house.

21 And if there be in it a blemish, if it be lame or blind, an evil blemish, you shall not sacrifice it to the Lord your God.

22 You shall eat it in your cities; the unclean in you and the clean shall eat it in like manner, as the doe or the stag.

23 Only you shall not eat the blood; you shall pour it out on the earth as water.

Chapter 16

1 Observe the month of new corn, and you shall sacrifice the passover to the Lord your God; because in the month of new corn you came out of Egypt by night.

2 And you shall sacrifice the passover to the Lord your God, sheep and oxen in the place which the Lord your God shall choose to have his name called upon it.

3 You shall not eat leaven with it; seven days shall you eat unleavened bread with it, bread of affliction, because you came forth out of Egypt in haste; that you may remember the day of your coming forth out of the land of Egypt all the days of your life.

4 Leaven shall not be seen with you in all your borders for seven days, and there shall not be left of the flesh which you shall sacrifice at even on the first day until the morning.

5 You shall not have power to sacrifice the passover in any of the cities, which the Lord your God gives you.

6 But in the place which the Lord your God shall choose, to have his name called there, you shall sacrifice the passover at even at the setting of the sun, at the time when you came out of Egypt.

7 And you shall boil and roast and eat it in the place, which the Lord your God shall choose; and you shall return in the morning, and go to your house.

8 Six days shall you eat unleavened bread, and on the seventh day is a holiday, a feast to the Lord your God: you shall not do in it any work, save what must be done by any one.

9 Seven weeks shall you number to yourself; when you have begun to put the sickle to the corn, you shall begin to number seven weeks.

10 And you shall keep the feast of weeks to the Lord your God, accordingly as your hand has power in as many things as the Lord your God shall give you.

11 And you shall rejoice before the Lord your God, you and your son, and your daughter, your man-servant and your maid-servant, and the Levite, and the stranger, and the orphan, and the widow which dwells among you, in whatsoever place the Lord your God shall choose, that his name should be called there.

12 And you shall remember that you were a servant in the land of Egypt, and you shall observe and do these commands.

13 You shall keep for yourself the feast of tabernacles seven days, when you gather in your produce from your corn-floor and your wine-press.

14 And you shall rejoice in your feast, you, and your son, and your daughter, your man-servant, and your maid-servant, and the Levite, and the stranger, and the orphan, and the widow that is in your cities.

15 Seven days shall you keep a feast to the Lord your God in the place which the Lord your God shall choose for himself; and if the Lord your God shall bless you in all your fruits, and in every work of your hands, then you shall rejoice.

16 Three times in the year shall all your males appear before the Lord your God in the place which the Lord shall choose in the feast of unleavened bread, and in the feast of weeks, and in the feast of tabernacles: you shall not appear before the Lord your God empty.

17 Each one according to his ability, according to the blessing of the Lord your God which he has given you.

18 You shall make for yourself judges and officers in your cities, which the Lord your God gives you in your tribes, and they shall judge the people with righteous judgment:

19 they shall not wrest judgment, nor favour persons, nor receive a gift; for gifts blind the eyes of the wise, and pervert the words of the righteous.

20 You shall justly pursue justice, that you may live, and go in and inherit the land which the Lord your God gives you.

21 You shall not plant for yourself a grove; you shall not plant for yourself any tree near the altar of your God.

22 You shall not set up for yourself a pillar, which the Lord your God hates.

Chapter 17

1 You shall not sacrifice to the Lord your God a calf or a sheep, in which there is a blemish, or any evil thing; for it is an abomination to the Lord your God.

2 And if there should be found in any one of your cities, which the Lord your God gives you, a man or a woman who shall do that which is evil before the Lord your God, so as to transgress his covenant,

3 and they should go and serve other gods, and worship them, the sun, or the moon, or any of the host of heaven, which he commanded you not to do,

4 and it be told you, and you shall have enquired diligently, and, behold, the thing really took place, this abomination has been done in Israel;

5 then shall you bring out that man, or that woman, and you shall stone them with stones, and they shall die.

6 He shall die on the testimony of two or three witnesses; a man who is put to death shall not be put to death for one witness.

7 And the hand of the witnesses shall be upon him among the first to put him to death, and the hand of the people at the last; so shall you remove the evil one from among yourselves.

8 And if a matter shall be too hard for you in judgment, between blood and blood, and between cause and cause, and between stroke and stroke, and between contradiction and contradiction, matters of judgment in your cities;

9 then you shall arise and go up to the place which the Lord your God shall choose, and you shall come to the priests the Levites, and to the judge who shall be in those days, and they shall search out the matter and report the judgment to you.

10 And you shall act according to the thing which they shall report to you out of the place which the Lord your God shall choose, and you shall observe to do all whatsoever shall have been by law appointed to you.

11 You shall do according to the law and to the judgment which they shall declare to you: you shall not swerve to the right hand or to the left from any sentence which they shall report to you.

12 And the man whosoever shall act in haughtiness, so as not to hearken to the priest who stands to minister in the name of the Lord your God, or the judge who shall preside in those days, that man shall die, and you shall remove the evil one out of Israel.

13 And all the people shall hear and fear, and shall no more commit impiety.

14 And when you shall enter into the land which the Lord your God gives you, and shall inherit it and dwell in it, and shall say, I will set a ruler over me, as also the other nations round about me;

15 you shall surely set over you the ruler whom the Lord God shall choose: of your brethren you shall set over you a ruler; you shall not have power to set over you a stranger, because he is not your brother.

16 For he shall not multiply to himself horses, and he shall by no means turn the people back to Egypt, lest he should multiply to himself horses; for the Lord said, You shall not any more turn back by that way.

17 And he shall not multiply to himself wives, lest his heart turn away; and he shall not greatly multiply to himself silver and gold.

18 And when he shall be established in his government, then shall he write for himself this repetition of the law into a book by the hands of the priests the Levites;

19 and it shall be with him, and he shall read in it all the days of his life, that he may learn to fear the Lord your God, and to keep all these commandments, and to observe these ordinances:

20 that his heart be not lifted up above his brethren, that he depart not from the commandments on the right hand or on the left; that he and his sons may reign long in his dominion among the children of Israel.

Chapter 18

1 The priests, the Levites, even the whole tribe of Levi, shall have no part nor inheritance with Israel; the burnt-offerings of the Lord are their inheritance, they shall eat them.

2 And they shall have no inheritance among their brethren; the Lord himself is his portion, as he said to him.

3 And this is the due of the priests in the things coming from the people from those who offer sacrifices, whether it be a calf or a sheep; and you shall give the shoulder to the priest, and the cheeks, and the great intestine:

4 and the first-fruits of your corn, and of your wine, and of your oil; and you shall give to him the first-fruits of the fleeces of your sheep:

5 because the Lord has chosen him out of all your tribes, to stand before the Lord your God, to minister and bless in his name, himself and his sons among the children of Israel.

6 And if a Levite come from one of the cities of all the children of Israel, where he himself dwells, accordingly as his mind desires, to the place which he shall have chosen,

7 he shall minister to the name of the Lord his God, as all his brethren the Levites, who stand there present before the Lord your God.

8 He shall eat an allotted portion, besides the sale of his hereditary property.

9 And when you shall have entered into the land which the Lord your God gives you, you shall not learn to do according to the abominations of those nations.

10 There shall not be found in you one who purges his son or his daughter with fire, one who uses divination, who deals with omens, and augury,

11 a sorcerer employing incantation, one who has in him a divining spirit, an observer of signs, questioning the dead.

12 For every one that does these things is an abomination to the Lord your God; for because of these abominations the Lord will destroy them from before your face.

13 You shall be perfect before the Lord your God.

14 For all these nations whose land you shall inherit, they will listen to omens and divinations; but the Lord your God has not permitted you so to do.

15 The Lord your God shall raise up to you a prophet of your brethren, like me; him shall you hear:

16 according to all things which you did desire of the Lord your God in Horeb in the day of the assembly, saying, We will not again hear the voice of the Lord your God, and we will not any more see this great fire, and so we shall not die.

17 And the Lord said to me, They have spoken rightly all that they have said to you.

18 I will raise up to them a prophet of their brethren, like you; and I will put my words in his mouth, and he shall speak to them as I shall command him.

19 And whatever man shall not hearken to whatsoever words that prophet shall speak in my name, I will take vengeance on him.

20 But the prophet whosoever shall impiously speak in my name a word which I have not commanded him to speak, and whosoever shall speak in the name of other gods, that prophet shall die.

21 But if you shall say in yours heart, How shall we know the word which the Lord has not spoken?

22 Whatsoever words that prophet shall speak in the name of the Lord, and they shall not come true, and not come to pass, this is the thing which the Lord has not spoken; that prophet has spoken wickedly: you shall not spare him.

Chapter 19

1 And when the Lord your God shall have destroyed the nations, which God gives you, even the land, and you shall inherit them, and dwell in their cities, and in their houses,

2 you shall separate for yourself three cities in the midst of your land, which the Lord your God gives you.

3 Take a survey of your way, and you shall divide the coasts of your land, which the Lord your God apportions to you, into three parts, and there shall be there a refuge for every manslayer.

4 And this shall be the ordinance of the manslayer, who shall flee thither, and shall live, whosoever shall have smitten his neighbour ignorantly, whereas he hated him not in times past.

5 And whosoever shall enter with his neighbour into the thicket, to gather wood, if the hand of him that cuts wood with the axe should be violently shaken, and the axe head

falling off from the handle should light on his neighbour, and he should die, he shall flee to one of these cities, and live.

6 Lest the avenger of blood pursue after the slayer, because his heart is hot, and overtake him, if the way be too long, and slay him, though there is to this man no sentence of death, because he hated him not in time past.

7 Therefore I charge you, saying, You shall separate for yourself three cities.

8 And if the Lord shall enlarge your borders, as he sware to your fathers, and the Lord shall give to you all the land which he said he would give to your fathers;

9 if you shall hearken to do all these commands, which I charge you this day, to love the Lord your God, to walk in all his ways continually; you shall add for yourself yet three cities to these three.

10 So innocent blood shall not be spilt in the land, which the Lord your God gives you to inherit, and there shall not be in you one guilty of blood.

11 But if there should be in you a man hating his neighbour, and he should lay wait for him, and rise up against him, and smite him, that he die, and he should flee to one of these cities,

12 then shall the elders of his city send, and take him thence, and they shall deliver him into the hands of the avengers of blood, and he shall die.

13 Your eye shall not spare him; so shall you purge innocent blood from Israel, and it shall be well with you.

14 You shall not move the landmarks of your neighbour, which your fathers set in the inheritance, in which you have obtained a share in the land, which the Lord your God gives you to inherit.

15 One witness shall not stand to testify against a man for any iniquity, or for any fault, or for any sin which he may commit; by the mouth of two witnesses, or by the mouth of three witnesses, shall every word be established.

16 And if an unjust witness rise up against a man, alleging iniquity against him;

17 then shall the two men between whom the controversy is, stand before the Lord, and before the priests, and before the judges, who may be in those days.

18 And the judges shall make diligent inquiry, and, behold, if an unjust witness has borne unjust testimony; and has stood up against his brother;

19 then shall you do to him as he wickedly devised to do against his brother, and you shall remove the evil from yourselves.

20 And the rest shall hear and fear, and do no more according to this evil thing in the midst of you.

21 Your eye shall not spare him: you shall exact life for life, eye for eye, tooth for tooth, hand for hand, foot for foot.

Chapter 20

1 And if you should go forth to war against your enemies, and should see horse, and rider, and a people more numerous than yourself; you shall not be afraid of them, for the Lord your God is with you, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt.

2 And it shall come to pass whenever you shall draw nigh to battle, that the priest shall draw nigh and speak to the people, and shall say to them,

3 Hear, O Israel; you are going this day to battle against your enemies: let not your heart faint, fear not, neither be confounded, neither turn aside from their face.

4 For it is the Lord your God who advances with you, to fight with you against your enemies, and to save you.

5 And the scribes shall speak to the people, saying, What man is he that has built a new house, and has not dedicated it? let him go and return to his house, lest he die in the war, and another man dedicate it.

6 And what man is he that has planted a vineyard, and not been made merry with it? let him go and return to his house, lest he die in the battle, and another man be made merry with it.

7 And what man is he that has betrothed a wife, and has not taken her? let him go and return to his house, lest he die in the battle, and another man take her.

8 And the scribes shall speak further to the people, and say, What man is he that fears and is cowardly in his heart? Let him go and return to his house, lest he make the heart of his brother fail, as his own.

9 And it shall come to pass when the scribes shall have ceased speaking to the people, that they shall appoint generals of the army to be leaders of the people.

10 And if you shall draw nigh to a city to overcome them by war, then call them out peaceably.

11 If then they should answer peaceably to you, and open to you, it shall be that all the people found in it shall be tributary and subject to you.

12 But if they will not hearken to you, but wage war against you, you shall invest it;

13 until the Lord your God shall deliver it into your hands, and you shall smite every male of it with the edge of the sword:

14 except the women and the stuff: and all the cattle, and whatsoever shall be in the city, and all the plunder you shall take as spoil for yourself, and shall eat all the plunder of your enemies whom the Lord your God gives you.

15 Thus shall you do to all the cities that are very far off from you, not being of the cities of these nations which the Lord your God gives you to inherit their land.

16 Of these you shall not take any thing alive;

17 but you shall surely curse them, the Chettite, and the Amorite, and the Chananite, and the Pherezite, and the Evite, and the Jebusite, and the Gergesite; as the Lord your God commanded you:

18 that they may not teach you to do all their abominations, which they did to their gods, and so you should sin before the Lord your God.

19 And if you should besiege a city many days to prevail against it by war to take it, you shall not destroy its trees, by applying an iron tool to them, but you shall eat of it, and shall not cut it down: Is the tree that is in the field a man, to enter before you into the work of the siege?

20 But the tree which you know to be not fruit-bearing, this you shall destroy and cut down; and you shall construct a mound against the city, which makes war against you, until it be delivered up.

Chapter 21

1 And if one be found slain with the sword in the land, which the Lord your God gives you to inherit, having fallen in the field, and they do not know who has smitten him;

2 your elders and your judges shall come forth, and shall measure the distances of the cities round about the slain man:

3 and it shall be that the city which is nearest to the slain man the elders of that city shall take a heifer of the herd, which has not laboured, and which has not borne a yoke.

4 And the elders of that city shall bring down the heifer into a rough valley, which has not been tilled and is not sown, and they shall slay the heifer in the valley.

5 And the priests the Levites shall come, because the Lord God has chosen them to stand by him, and to bless in his name, and by their word shall every controversy and every stroke be decided.

6 And all the elders of that city who draw nigh to the slain man shall wash their hands over the head of the heifer which was slain in the valley;

7 and they shall answer and say, Our hands have not shed this blood, and our eyes have not seen it.

8 Be merciful to your people Israel, whom you have redeemed, O Lord, that innocent blood may not be charged on your people Israel: and the blood shall be atoned for to them.

9 And you shall take away innocent blood from among you, if you should do that which is good and pleasing before the Lord your God.

10 And if when you go out to war against your enemies, the Lord your God should deliver them into yours hands, and you should take their spoil,

11 and should see among the spoil a woman beautiful in countenance, and should desire her, and take her to yourself for a wife,

12 and should bring her within yours house: then shall you shave her head, and pare her nails;

13 and shall take away her garments of captivity from off her, and she shall abide in yours house, and shall bewail her father and mother the days of a month; and afterwards you shall go in to her and dwell with her, and she shall be your wife.

14 And it shall be if you do not delight in her, you shall send her out free; and she shall not by any means be sold for money, you shall not treat her contemptuously, because you have humbled her.

15 And if a man have two wives, the one loved and the other hated, and both the loved and the hated should have born him children, and the son of the hated should be first-born;

16 then it shall be that whensoever he shall divide by inheritance his goods to his sons, he shall not be able to give the right of the first-born to the son of the loved one, having overlooked the son of the hated, which is the first-born.

17 But he shall acknowledge the first-born of the hated one to give to him double of all things which shall be found by him, because he is the first of his children, and to him belongs the birthright.

18 And if any man has a disobedient and contentious son, who hearkens not to the voice of his father and the voice of his mother, and they should correct him, and he should not hearken to them;

19 then shall his father and his mother take hold of him, and bring him forth to the elders of his city, and to the gate of the place:

20 and they shall say to the men of their city, This our son is disobedient and contentious, he hearkens not to our voice, he is a reveller and a drunkard.

21 And the men of his city shall stone him with stones, and he shall die; and you shall remove the evil one from yourselves, and the rest shall hear and fear.

22 And if there be sin in any one, and the judgment of death be upon him, and he be put to death, and you hang him on a tree:

23 his body shall not remain all night upon the tree, but you shall by all means bury it in that day; for every one that is

hanged on a tree is cursed of God; and you shall by no means defile the land which the Lord your God gives you for an inheritance.

Chapter 22

1 When you see the calf of your brother or his sheep wandering in the way, you shall not overlook them; you shall by all means turn them back to your brother, and you shall restore them to him.

2 And if your brother do not come nigh you, and you do not know him, you shall bring it into your house within; and it shall be with you until your brother shall seek them, and you shall restore them to him.

3 Thus shall you do to his ass, and thus shall you do to his garment, and thus shall you do to every thing that your brother has lost; whatsoever shall have been lost by him, and you shall have found, you shall not have power to overlook.

4 You shall not see the ass of your brother, or his calf, fallen in the way: you shall not overlook them, you shall surely help him to raise them up.

5 The apparel of a man shall not be on a woman, neither shall a man put on a woman's dress; for every one that does these things is an abomination to the Lord your God.

6 And if you should come upon a brood of birds before your face in the way or upon any tree, or upon the earth, young or eggs, and the mother be brooding on the young or the eggs, you shall not take the dam with the young ones.

7 You shall by all means let the mother go, but you shall take the young to yourself; that it may be well with you, and that you may live long.

8 If you should build a new house, then shall you make a parapet to your house; so you shall not bring blood-guiltiness upon your house, if one should in any wise fall from it.

9 You shall not sow your vineyard with diverse seed, lest the fruit be devoted, and whatsoever seed you may sow, with the fruit of your vineyard.

10 You shall not plough with an ox and an ass together.

11 You shall not wear a mingled garment, woollen and linen together.

12 You shall make fringes on the four borders of your garments, with which soever you may be clothed.

13 And if any one should take a wife, and dwell with her, and hate her,

14 and attach to her reproachful words, and bring against her an evil name, and say, I took this woman, and when I came to her I found not her tokens of virginity:

15 then the father and the mother of the damsel shall take and bring out the damsel's tokens of virginity to the elders of the city to the gate.

16 And the father of the damsel shall say to the elders, I gave this my daughter to this man for a wife;

17 and now he has hated her, and attaches reproachful words to her, saying, I have not found tokens of virginity with your daughter; and these are the tokens of my daughter's virginity. And they shall unfold the garment before the elders of the city.

18 And the elders of that city shall take that man, and shall chastise him,

19 and shall fine him a hundred shekels, and shall give them to the father of the damsel, because he has brought forth an evil name against a virgin of Israel; and she shall be his wife: he shall never be able to put her away.

20 But if this report be true, and the tokens of virginity be not found for the damsel;

21 then shall they bring out the damsel to the doors of her father's house, and shall stone her with stones, and she shall die; because she has wrought folly among the children of Israel, to defile the house of her father by whoring: so you shall remove the evil one from among you.

22 And if a man be found lying with a woman married to a man, you shall kill them both, the man that lay with the woman, and the woman: so shall you remove the wicked one out of Israel.

23 And if there be a young damsel espoused to a man, and a man should have found her in the city and have lain with her;

24 you shall bring them both out to the gate of their city, and they shall be stoned with stones, and they shall die; the damsel, because she cried not in the city; and the man, because he humbled his neighbour's spouse: so shall you remove the evil one from yourselves.

25 But if a man find in the field a damsel that is betrothed, and he should force her and lie with her, you shall slay the man that lay with her only.

26 And the damsel has not committed a sin worthy of death; as if a man should rise up against his neighbour, and slay him, so is this thing;

27 because he found her in the field; the betrothed damsel cried, and there was none to help her.

28 And if any one should find a young virgin who has not been betrothed, and should force her and lie with her, and be found,

29 the man who lay with her shall give to the father of the damsel fifty silver didrachms, and she shall be his wife, because he has humbled her; he shall never be able to put her away.

Chapter 23

1 A man shall not take his father's wife, and shall not uncover his father's skirt.

2 He that is fractured or mutilated in his private parts shall not enter into the assembly of the Lord.

3 One born of a harlot shall not enter into the assembly of the Lord.

4 The Ammanite and Moabite shall not enter into the assembly of the Lord, even until the tenth generation he shall not enter into the assembly of the Lord, even for ever:

5 because they met you not with bread and water by the way, when you went out of Egypt; and because they hired against you Balaam the son of Beor of Mesopotamia to curse you.

6 But the Lord your God would not hearken to Balaam; and the Lord your God changed the curses into blessings, because the Lord your God loved you.

7 You shall not speak peaceably or profitably to them all your days for ever.

8 You shall not abhor an Edomite, because he is your brother; you shall not abhor an Egyptian, because you were a stranger in his land.

9 If sons be born to them, in the third generation they shall enter into the assembly of the Lord.

10 And if you should go forth to engage with your enemies, then you shall keep you from every wicked thing.

11 If there should be in you a man who is not clean by reason of his issue by night, then he shall go forth out of the camp, and he shall not enter into the camp.

12 And it shall come to pass toward evening he shall wash his body with water, and when the sun has gone down, he shall go into the camp.

13 And you shall have a place outside of the camp, and you shall go out thither,

14 and you shall have a trowel on your girdle; and it shall come to pass when you would relieve yourself abroad, that you shall dig with it, and shall bring back the earth and cover your nuisance.

15 Because the Lord your God walks in your camp to deliver you, and to give up your enemy before your face; and your camp shall be holy, and there shall not appear in you a disgraceful thing, and so he shall turn away from you.

16 You shall not deliver a servant to his master, who coming from his master attaches himself to you.

17 He shall dwell with you, he shall dwell among you where he shall please; you shall not afflict him.

18 There shall not be a harlot of the daughters of Israel, and there shall not be a fornicator of the sons of Israel; there shall not be an idolatress of the daughters of Israel, and there shall not be an initiated person of the sons of Israel.

19 You shall not bring the hire of a harlot, nor the price of a dog into the house of the Lord your God, for any vow; because even both are an abomination to the Lord your God.

20 You shall not lend to your brother on usury of silver, or usury of meat, or usury of any thing which you may lend out.

21 You may lend on usury to a stranger, but to your brother you shall not lend on usury; that the Lord your God may bless you in all your works upon the land, into which you are entering to inherit it.

22 And if you will vow a vow to the Lord your God, you shall not delay to pay it; for the Lord your God will surely require it of you, and otherwise it shall be sin in you.

23 But if you should be unwilling to vow, it is not sin in you.

24 You shall observe the words that proceed from between your lips; and as you have vowed a gift to the Lord God, so shall you do that which you have spoken with your mouth.

25 And if you should go into the corn field of your neighbour, then you may gather the ears with your hands; but you shall not put the sickle to your neighbour's corn.

26 And if you should go into the vineyard of your neighbour, you shall eat grapes sufficient to satisfy your desire; but you may not put them into a vessel.

Chapter 24

1 And if any one should take a wife, and should dwell with her, then it shall come to pass if she should not have found favour before him, because he has found some unbecoming thing in her, that he shall write for her a bill of divorcement, and give it into her hands, and he shall send her away out of his house.

2 And if she should go away and be married to another man;

3 and the last husband should hate her, and write for her a bill of divorcement; and should give it into her hands, and send her away out of his house, and the last husband should die, who took her to himself for a wife;

4 the former husband who sent her away shall not be able to return and take her to himself for a wife, after she has been defiled; because it is an abomination before the Lord your God, and you shall not defile the land, which the Lord your God gives you to inherit.

5 And if any one should have recently taken a wife, he shall not go out to war, neither shall any thing be laid upon him; he shall be free in his house; for one year he shall cheer his wife whom he has taken.

6 You shall not take for a pledge the under millstone, nor the upper millstone; for he who does so takes life for a pledge.

7 And if a man should be caught stealing one of his brethren of the children of Israel, and having overcome him he should sell him, that thief shall die; so shall you remove that evil one from yourselves.

8 Take heed to yourself in regard of the plague of leprosy: you shall take great heed to do according to all the law, which the priests the Levites shall report to you; take heed to do, as I have charged you.

9 Remember all that the Lord your God did to Mariam in the way, when you were going out of Egypt.

10 If your neighbour owe you a debt, any debt whatsoever, you shall not go into his house to take his pledge:

11 you shall stand without, and the man who is in your debt shall bring the pledge out to you.

12 And if the man be poor, you shall not sleep with his pledge.

13 You shall surely restore his pledge at sunset, and he shall sleep in his garment, and he shall bless you; and it shall be mercy to you before the Lord your God.

14 You shall not unjustly withhold the wages of the poor and needy of your brethren, or of the strangers who are in your cities.

15 You shall pay him his wages the same day, the sun shall not go down upon it, because he is poor and he trusts in it; and he shall cry against you to the Lord, and it shall be sin in you.

16 The fathers shall not be put to death for the children, and the sons shall not be put to death for the fathers; every one shall be put to death for his own sin.

17 You shall not wrest the judgment of the stranger and the fatherless, and widow; you shall not take the widow's garment for a pledge.

18 And you shall remember that you were a bondman in the land of Egypt, and the Lord your God redeemed you from thence; therefore I charge you to do this thing.

19 And when you shall have reaped corn in your field, and shall have forgotten a sheaf in your field, you shall not return to take it; it shall be for the stranger, and the orphan, and the widow, that the Lord your God may bless you in all the works of your hands.

20 And if you should gather your olives, you shall not return to collect the remainder; it shall be for the stranger, and the fatherless, and the widow, and you shall remember that you were a bondman in the land of Egypt; therefore I command you to do this thing.

21 And whensoever you shall gather the grapes of your vineyard, you shall not glean what you have left; it shall be for the stranger, and the orphan, and the widow:

22 and you shall remember that you were a bondman in the land of Egypt; therefore I command you to do this thing.

Chapter 25

1 And if there should be a dispute between men, and they should come forward to judgment, and the judges judge, and justify the righteous, and condemn the wicked:

2 then it shall come to pass, if the unrighteous should be worthy of stripes, you shall lay him down before the judges, and they shall scourge him before them according to his iniquity.

3 And they shall scourge him with forty stripes in number, they shall not inflict more; for if you should scourge him with more stripes beyond these stripes, your brother will be disgraced before you.

4 You shall not muzzle the ox that treads out the corn.

5 And if brethren should live together, and one of them should die, and should not have seed, the wife of the deceased shall not marry out of the family to a man not related: her husband's brother shall go in to her, and shall take her to himself for a wife, and shall dwell with her.

6 And it shall come to pass that the child which she shall bear, shall be named by the name of the deceased, and his name shall not be blotted out of Israel.

7 And if the man should not be willing to take his brother's wife, then shall the woman go up to the gate to the elders, and she shall say, My husband's brother will not raise up the name of his brother in Israel, my husband's brother has refused.

8 And the elders of his city shall call him, and speak to him; and if he stand and say, I will not take her:

9 then his brother's wife shall come forward before the elders, and shall loose one shoe from off his foot, and shall spit in his face, and shall answer and say, Thus shall they do to the man who will not build his brother's house in Israel.

10 And his name shall be called in Israel, The house of him that has had his shoe loosed.

11 And if men should strive together, a man with his brother, and the wife of one of them should advance to rescue her husband out of the hand of him that smites him, and she should stretch forth her hand, and take hold of his private parts;

12 you shall cut off her hand; your eye shall not spare her.

13 You shall not have in your bag divers weights, a great and a small.

14 You shall not have in yours house divers measures, a great and a small.

15 You shall have a true and just weight, and a true and just measure, that you may live long upon the land which the Lord your God gives you for an inheritance.

16 For every one that does this is an abomination to the Lord your God, even every one that does injustice.

17 Remember what things Amalec did to you by the way, when you went forth out of the land of Egypt:

18 how he withstood you in the way, and harassed your rear, even those that were weary behind you, and you did hunger and were weary; and he did not fear God.

19 And it shall come to pass whenever the Lord your God shall have given you rest from all your enemies round about you, in the land which the Lord your God gives you to inherit, you shall blot out the name of Amalec from under heaven, and shall not forget to do it.

Chapter 26

1 And it shall be when you shall have entered into the land, which the Lord your God gives you to inherit it, and you shall have inherited it, and you shall have dwelt upon it,

2 that you shall take of the first of the fruits of your land, which the Lord your God gives you, and you shall put them into a basket, and you shall go to the place which the Lord your God shall choose to have his name called there.

3 And you shall come to the priest who shall be in those days, and you shall say to him, I testify this day to the Lord my God, that I am come into the land which the Lord sware to our fathers to give to us.

4 And the priest shall take the basket out of yours hands, and shall set it before the altar of the Lord your God:

5 and he shall answer and say before the Lord your God, My father abandoned Syria, and went down into Egypt, and sojourned there with a small number, and became there a mighty nation and a great multitude.

6 And the Egyptians afflicted us, and humbled us, and imposed hard tasks on us:

7 and we cried to the Lord our God, and the Lord heard our voice, and saw our humiliation, and our labour, and our affliction.

8 And the Lord brought us out of Egypt himself with his great strength, and his mighty hand, and his high arm, and with great visions, and with signs, and with wonders.

9 And he brought us into this place, and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey.

10 And now, behold, I have brought the first of the fruits of the land, which you gave me, O Lord, a land flowing with milk and honey: and you shall leave it before the Lord your God, and you shall worship before the Lord your God;

11 and you shall rejoice in all the good things, which the Lord your God has given you, you and your family, and the Levite, and the stranger that is within you.

12 And when you shall have completed all the tithings of your fruits in the third year, you shall give the second tenth to the Levite, and stranger, and fatherless, and widow; and they shall eat it in your cities, and be merry.

13 And you shall say before the Lord your God, I have fully collected the holy things out of my house, and I have given them to the Levite, and the stranger, and the orphan, and the widow, according to all the commands which you did command me: I did not transgress your command, and I did not forget it.

14 And in my distress I did not eat of them, I have not gathered of them for an unclean purpose, I have not given of them to the dead; I have hearkened to the voice of the Lord our God, I have done as you have commanded me.

15 Look down from your holy house, from heaven, and bless your people Israel, and the land which you have given them, as you did swear to our fathers, to give to us a land flowing with milk and honey.

16 On this day the Lord your God charged you to keep all the ordinances and judgments; and you shall observe and do them, with all your heart, and with all your soul.

17 You have chosen God this day to be your God, and to walk in all his ways, and to observe his ordinances and judgments, and to hearken to his voice.

18 And the Lord has chosen you this day that you should be to him a peculiar people, as he said, to keep his commands;

19 and that you should be above all nations, as he has made you renowned, and a boast, and glorious, that you should be a holy people to the Lord your God, as he has spoken.

Chapter 27

1 And Moses and the elders of Israel commanded, saying, Keep all these commands, all that I command you this day.

2 And it shall come to pass in the day when you shall cross over Jordan into the land which the Lord your God gives you, that you shall set up for yourself great stones, and shall plaster them with plaster.

3 And you shall write on these stones all the words of this law, as soon as you have crossed Jordan, when you are entered into the land, which the Lord God of your fathers gives you, a land flowing with milk and honey, according as the Lord God of your fathers said to you.

4 And it shall be as soon as you are gone over Jordan, you shall set up these stones, which I command you this day, on mount Gæbal, and you shall plaster them with plaster.

5 And you shall build there an altar to the Lord your God, an altar of stones; you shall not lift up iron upon it.

6 Of whole stones shall you build an altar to the Lord your God, and you shall offer upon it whole-burnt-offerings to the Lord your God.

7 And you shall there offer a peace-offering; and you shall eat and be filled, and rejoice before the Lord your God.

8 And you shall write upon the stones all this law very plainly.

9 And Moses and the priests the Levites spoke to all Israel, saying, Be silent and hear, O Israel; this day you are become a people to the Lord your God.

10 And you shall hearken to the voice of the Lord your God, and shall do all his commands, and his ordinances, as many as I command you this day.

11 And Moses charged the people on that day, saying,

12 These shall stand to bless the people on mount Garizin having gone over Jordan; Simeon, Levi, Judas, Issachar, Joseph, and Benjamin.

13 And these shall stand for cursing on mount Gæbal; Reuben, Gad, and Aser, Zebulun, Dan, and Naphtali.

14 And the Levites shall answer and say to all Israel with a loud voice,

15 Cursed is the man whosoever shall make a graven or molten image, an abomination to the Lord, the work of the hands of craftsmen, and shall put it in a secret place: and all the people shall answer and say, So be it.

16 Cursed is the man that dishonours his father or his mother: and all the people shall say, So be it.

17 Cursed is he that removes his neighbour's landmarks: and all the people shall say, So be it.

18 Cursed is he that makes the blind to wander in the way: and all the people shall say, So be it.

19 Cursed is every one that shall pervert the judgment of the stranger, and orphan, and widow: and all the people shall say, So be it.

20 Cursed is he that lies with his father's wife, because he has uncovered his father's skirt: and all the people shall say, So be it.

21 Cursed is he that lies with any beast: and all the people shall say, So be it.

22 Cursed is he that lies with his sister by his father or his mother: and all the people shall say, So be it.

23 Cursed is he that lies with his daughter-in-law: and all the people shall say, So be it. Cursed is he that lies with his wife's sister: and all the people shall say, So be it.

24 Cursed is he that smites his neighbour secretly: and all the people shall say, So be it.

25 Cursed is he whosoever shall have taken a bribe to slay an innocent man: and all the people shall say, So be it.

26 Cursed is every man that continues not in all the words of this law to do them: and all the people shall say, So be it.

Chapter 28

1 And it shall come to pass, if you will indeed hear the voice of the Lord your God, to observe and do all these commands, which I charge you this day, that the Lord your God shall set you on high above all the nations of the earth;

2 and all these blessings shall come upon you, and shall find you. If you will indeed hear the voice of the Lord your God,

3 blessed shall you be in the city, and blessed shall you be in the field.

4 Blessed shall be the offspring of your body, and the fruits of your land, and the herds of your oxen, and the flocks of your sheep.

5 Blessed shall be your barns, and your stores.

6 Blessed shall you be in your coming in, and blessed shall you be in your going out.

7 The Lord deliver your enemies that withstand you utterly broken before your face: they shall come out against you one way, and they shall flee seven ways from before you.

8 The Lord send upon you his blessing in your barns, and on all on which you shall put yours hand, in the land which the Lord your God gives you.

9 The Lord raise you up for himself a holy people, as he sware to your fathers; if you will hear the voice of the Lord your God, and walk in all his ways.

10 And all the nations of the earth shall see you, that the name of the Lord is called upon you, and they shall stand in awe of you.

11 And the Lord your God shall multiply you for good in the offspring of your body, and in the offspring of your cattle, and in the fruits of your land, on your land which the Lord sware to your fathers to give to you.

12 May the Lord open to you his good treasure, the heaven, to give rain to your land in season: may he bless all the works of your hands: so shall you lend to many nations, but you shall not borrow; and you shall rule over many nations, but they shall not rule over you.

13 The Lord your God make you the head, and not the tail; and you shall then be above and you shall not be below, if you will hearken to the voice of the Lord your God, in all things that I charge you this day to observe.

14 You shall not turn aside from any of the commandments, which I charge you this day, to the right hand or to the left, to go after other gods to serve them.

15 But it shall come to pass, if you will not hearken to the voice of the Lord your God, to observe all his commandments, as many as I charge you this day, then all these curses shall come on you, and overtake you.

16 Cursed shall you be in the city, and cursed shall you be in the field.

17 Cursed shall be your barns and your stores.

18 Cursed shall be the offspring of your body, and the fruits of your land, the herds of your oxen, and the flocks of your sheep.

19 Cursed shall you be in your coming in, and cursed shall you be in your going out.

20 The Lord send upon you want, and famine, and consumption on all things on which you shall put your hand, until he shall have utterly destroyed you, and until he shall have consumed you quickly because of your evil devices, because you have forsaken me.

21 The Lord cause the pestilence to cleave to you, until he shall have consumed you off the land into which you go to inherit it.

22 The Lord smite you with distress, and fever, and cold, and inflammation, and blighting, and paleness, and they shall pursue you until they have destroyed you.

23 And you shall have over yours head a sky of brass, and the earth under you shall be iron.

24 The Lord your God make the rain of your land dust; and dust shall come down from heaven, until it shall have destroyed you, and until it shall have quickly consumed you.

25 The Lord give you up for slaughter before your enemies: you shall go out against them one way, and flee from their face seven ways; and you shall be a dispersion in all the kingdoms of the earth.

26 And your dead men shall be food to the birds of the sky, and to the beasts of the earth; and there shall be none to scare them away.

27 The Lord smite you with the botch of Egypt in the seat, and with a malignant scab, and itch, so that you can not be healed.

28 The Lord smite you with insanity, and blindness, and astonishment of mind.

29 And you shall grope at mid-day, as a blind man would grope in the darkness, and you shall not prosper in your ways; and then you shall be unjustly treated, and plundered continually, and there shall be no helper.

30 You shall take a wife, and another man shall have her; you shall build a house, and you shall not dwell in it; you shall plant a vineyard, and shall not gather the grapes of it.

31 Your calf shall be slain before you, and you shall not eat of it; your ass shall be violently taken away from you, and shall not be restored to you: your sheep shall be given to your enemies, and you shall have no helper.

32 Your sons and your daughters shall be given to another nation, and your eyes wasting away shall look for them: yours hand shall have no strength.

33 A nation which you know not shall eat the produce of your land, and all your labours; and you shall be injured and crushed always.

34 And you shall be distracted, because of the sights of your eyes which you shall see.

35 The Lord smite you with an evil sore, on the knees and the legs, so that you shall not be able to be healed from the sole of your foot to the crown of your head.

36 The Lord carry away you and your princes, whom you shall set over you, to a nation which neither you nor your fathers know; and you shall there serve other gods, wood and stone.

37 And you shall be there for a wonder, and a parable, and a tale, among all the nations, to which the Lord your God shall carry you away.

38 You shall carry forth much seed into the field, and you shall bring in little, because the locust shall devour it.

39 You shall plant a vineyard, and dress it, and shall not drink the wine, neither shall you delight yourself with it, because the worm shall devour it.

40 You shall have olive trees in all your borders, and you shall not anoint you with oil, because your olive shall utterly cast its fruit.

41 You shall beget sons and daughters, and they shall not be yours, for they shall depart into captivity.

42 All your trees and the fruits of your land shall the blight consume.

43 The stranger that is within you shall get up very high, and you shall come down very low.

44 He shall lend to you, and you shall not lend to him: he shall be the head, and you shall be the tail.

45 And all these curses shall come upon you, and shall pursue you, and shall overtake you, until he shall have consumed you, and until he shall have destroyed you; because you did not hearken to the voice of the Lord your God, to keep his commands, and his ordinances which he has commanded you.

46 And these things shall be signs in you, and wonders among your seed for ever;

47 because you did not serve the Lord your God with gladness and a good heart, because of the abundance of all things.

48 And you shall serve your enemies, which the Lord will send forth against you, in hunger, and in thirst, and in nakedness, and in the want of all things; and you shall wear

upon your neck a yoke of iron until he shall have destroyed you.

49 The Lord shall bring upon you a nation from the extremity of the earth, like the swift flying of an eagle, a nation whose voice you shall not understand;

50 a nation bold in countenance, which shall not respect the person of the aged and shall not pity the young.

51 And it shall eat up the young of your cattle, and the fruits of your land, so as not to leave to you corn, wine, oil, the herds of your oxen, and the flocks of your sheep, until it shall have destroyed you;

52 and have utterly crushed you in your cities, until the high and strong walls be destroyed, in which you trust, in all your land; and it shall afflict you in your cities, which he has given to you.

53 And you shall eat the fruit of your body, the flesh of your sons and of your daughters, all that he has given you, in your straitness and your affliction, with which your enemy shall afflict you.

54 He that is tender and very delicate within you shall look with an evil eye upon his brother, and the wife in his bosom, and the children that are left, which may have been left to him;

55 so as not to give to one of them of the flesh of his children, whom he shall eat, because of his having nothing left him in your straitness, and in your affliction, with which your enemies shall afflict you in all your cities.

56 And she that is tender and delicate among you, whose foot has not assayed to go upon the earth for delicacy and tenderness, shall look with an evil eye on her husband in her bosom, and her son and her daughter,

57 and her offspring that comes out between her feet, and the child which she shall bear; for she shall eat them because of the want of all things, secretly in your straitness, and in your affliction, with which your enemy shall afflict you in your cities.

58 If you will not hearken to do all the words of this law, which have been written in this book, to fear this glorious and wonderful name, the Lord your God;

59 then the Lord shall magnify your plagues, and the plagues of your seed, great and wonderful plagues, and evil and abiding diseases.

60 And he shall bring upon you all the evil pain of Egypt, of which you were afraid, and they shall cleave to you.

61 And the Lord shall bring upon you every sickness, and every plague that is not written, and every one that is written in the book of this law, until he shall have destroyed you.

62 And you shall be left few in number, whereas you were as the stars of the sky in multitude; because you did not hearken to the voice of the Lord your God.

63 And it shall come to pass that as the Lord rejoiced over you to do you good, and to multiply you, so the Lord will rejoice over you to destroy you; and you shall be quickly removed from the land, into which you go to inherit it.

64 And the Lord your God shall scatter you among all nations, from one end of the earth to the other; and you shall there serve other gods, wood and stone, which you have not known, nor your fathers.

65 Moreover among those nations he will not give you quiet, neither by any means shall the sole of your foot have rest; and the Lord shall give you there another and a misgiving heart, and failing eyes, and a wasting soul.

66 And your life shall be in suspense before your eyes; and you shall be afraid by day and by night, and you shall have no assurance of your life.

67 In the morning you shall say, Would it were evening! and in the evening you shall say, Would it were morning! for the fear of yours heart with which you shall fear, and for the sights of your eyes which you shall see.

68 And the Lord shall bring you back to Egypt in ships, by the way of which I said, You shall not see it again; and you shall be sold there to your enemies for bondmen and bondwomen, and none shall buy you.

Chapter 29

1 These are the words of the covenant, which the Lord commanded Moses to make with the children of Israel in the land of Moab, besides the covenant which he made with them in Horeb.

2 And Moses called all the sons of Israel and said to them, You have seen all things that the Lord did in the land of Egypt before you to Pharaoh and his servants, and all his land;

3 the great temptations which your eyes have seen, the signs, and those great wonders.

4 Yet the Lord God has not given you a heart to know, and eyes to see, and ears to hear, until this day.

5 And he led you forty years in the wilderness; your garments did not grow old, and your sandals were not worn away off your feet.

6 You did not eat bread, you did not drink wine or strong drink, that you might know that I am the Lord your God.

7 And you came as far as this place; and there came forth Seon king of Heshbon, and Og king of Basan, to meet us in war.

8 And we smote them and took their land, and I gave it for an inheritance to Reuben and Gad, and to the half-tribe of Manasseh.

9 And you shall take heed to do all the words of this covenant, that you may understand all things that you shall do.

10 You all stand to-day before the Lord your God, the heads of your tribes, and your elders, and your judges, and your officers, every man of Israel,

11 your wives, and your children, and the stranger who is in the midst of your camp, from your hewer of wood even to your drawer of water,

12 that you should enter into the covenant of the Lord your God and into his oaths, as many as the Lord your God appoints you this day;

13 that he may appoint you to himself for a people, and he shall be your God, as he said to you, and as he sware to your fathers, Abraam, and Isaac, and Jacob.

14 And I do not appoint to you alone this covenant and this oath;

15 but to those also who are here with you to-day before the Lord your God, and to those who are not here with you to-day.

16 For you know how we dwelt in the land of Egypt, how we came through the midst of the nations through whom you came.

17 And you beheld their abominations, and their idols, wood and stone, silver and gold, which are among them.

18 Lest there be among you man, or woman, or family, or tribe, whose heart has turned aside from the Lord your God, having gone to serve the gods of these nations; lest there be in you a root springing up with gall and bitterness.

19 And it shall be if one shall hear the words of this curse, and shall flatter himself in his heart, saying, Let good happen to me, for I will walk in the error of my heart, lest the sinner destroy the guiltless with him:

20 God shall by no means be willing to pardon him, but then the wrath of the Lord and his jealousy shall flame out against that man; and all the curses of this covenant shall attach themselves to him, which are written in this book, and the Lord shall blot out his name from under heaven.

21 And the Lord shall separate that man for evil of all the children of Israel, according to all the curses of the covenant that are written in the book of this law.

22 And another generation shall say—even your sons who shall rise up after you, and the stranger who shall come from a land afar off, and shall see the plagues of that land and their diseases, which the Lord has sent upon it,

23 brimstone and burning salt, (the whole land shall not be sown, neither shall any green thing spring, nor rise upon it, as Sodom and Gomorrah were overthrown, Adama and Seboim, which the Lord overthrew in his wrath and anger:)—

24 and all the nations shall say, Why has the Lord done thus to this land? what is this great fierceness of anger?

25 And men shall say, Because they forsook the covenant of the Lord God of their fathers, the things which he appointed to their fathers, when he brought them out of the land of Egypt:

26 and they went and served other gods, which they knew not, neither did he assign them to them.

27 And the Lord was exceedingly angry with that land to bring upon it according to all the curses which are written in the book of this law.

28 And the Lord removed them from their land in anger, and wrath, and very great indignation, and cast them out into another land as at present.

29 The secret things belong to the Lord our God, but the things that are revealed belong to us and to our children for ever, to do all the words of this law.

Chapter 30

1 And it shall come to pass when all these things shall have come upon you, the blessing and the curse, which I have set before your face, and you shall call them to mind among all the nations, wherein the Lord shall have scattered you,

2 and shall return to the Lord your God, and shall hearken to his voice, according to all things which I charge you this day, with all your heart, and with all your soul;

3 then the Lord shall heal your iniquities, and shall pity you, and shall again gather you out from all the nations, among which the Lord has scattered you.

4 If your dispersion be from one end of heaven to the other, thence will the Lord your God gather you, and thence will the Lord your God take you.

5 And the Lord your God shall bring you in from thence into the land which your fathers have inherited, and you shall inherit it; and he will do you good, and multiply you above your fathers.

6 And the Lord shall purge your heart, and the heart of your seed, to love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, that you may live.

7 And the Lord your God will put these curses upon your enemies, and upon those that hate you, who have persecuted you.

8 And you shall return and hearken to the voice of the Lord your God, and shall keep his commands, all that I charge you this day.

9 And the Lord your God shall bless you in every work of yours hands, in the offspring of your body, and in the offspring of your cattle, and in the fruits of your land,

because the Lord your God will again rejoice over you for good, as he rejoiced over your fathers:

10 if you will hearken to the voice of the Lord your God, to keep his commandments, and his ordinances, and his judgments written in the book of this law, if you turn to the Lord your God with all yours heart, and with all your soul.

11 For this command which I give you this day is not grievous, neither is it far from you.

12 It is not in heaven above, as if there were one saying, Who shall go up for us into heaven, and shall take it for us, and we will hear and do it?

13 Neither is it beyond the sea, saying, Who will go over for us to the other side of the sea, and take it for us, and make it audible to us, and we will do it?

14 The word is very near you, in your mouth, and in yours heart, and in yours hands to do it.

15 Behold, I have set before you this day life and death, good and evil.

16 If you will hearken to the commands of the Lord your God, which I command you this day, to love the Lord your God, to walk in all his ways, and to keep his ordinances, and his judgments; then you shall live, and shall be many in number, and the Lord your God shall bless you in all the land into which you go to inherit it.

17 But if your heart change, and you will not hearken, and you shall go astray and worship other gods, and serve them,

18 I declare to you this day, that you shall utterly perish, and you shall by no means live long upon the land, into which you go over Jordan to inherit it.

19 I call both heaven and earth to witness this day against you, I have set before you life and death, the blessing and the curse: choose you life, that you and your seed may live;

20 to love the Lord your God, to hearken to his voice, and cleave to him; for this is your life, and the length of your days, that you should dwell upon the land, which the Lord sware to your fathers, Abraam, and Isaac, and Jacob, to give to them.

Chapter 31

1 And Moses finished speaking all these words to all the children of Israel;

2 and said to them, I am this day a hundred and twenty years old; I shall not be able any longer to come in or go out; and the Lord said to me, You shall not go over this Jordan.

3 The Lord your God who goes before you, he shall destroy these nations before you, and you shall inherit them: and it shall be Joshua that goes before your face, as the Lord has spoken.

4 And the Lord your God shall do to them as he did to Seon and Og the two kings of the Amorites, who were beyond Jordan, and to their land, as he destroyed them.

5 And the Lord has delivered them to you; and you shall do to them, as I charged you.

6 Be courageous and strong, fear not, neither be cowardly, neither be afraid before them; for it is the Lord your God that advances with you in the midst of you, neither will he by any means forsake you, nor desert you.

7 And Moses called Joshua, and said to him before all Israel, Be courageous and strong; for you shall go in before this people into the land which the Lord sware to your fathers to give to them, and you shall give it to them for an inheritance.

8 And the Lord that goes with you shall not forsake you nor abandon you; fear not, neither be afraid.

9 And Moses wrote the words of this law in a book, and gave it to the priests the sons of Levi who bear the ark of the covenant of the Lord, and to the elders of the sons of Israel.

10 And Moses charged them in that day, saying, After seven years, in the time of the year of release, in the feast of tabernacles,

11 when all Israel come together to appear before the Lord your God, in the place which the Lord shall choose, you shall read this law before all Israel in their ears,

12 having assembled the people, the men, and the women, and the children, and the stranger that is in your cities, that they may hear, and that they may learn to fear the Lord your God; and they shall hearken to do all the words of this law.

13 And their sons who have not known shall hear, and shall learn to fear the Lord your God all the days that they live upon the land, into which you go over Jordan to inherit it.

14 And the Lord said to Moses, Behold, the days of your death are at hand; call Joshua, and stand you by the doors of the tabernacle of testimony, and I will give him a charge. And Moses and Joshua went to the tabernacle of testimony, and stood by the doors of the tabernacle of testimony.

15 And the Lord descended in a cloud, and stood by the doors of the tabernacle of testimony; and the pillar of the cloud stood by the doors of the tabernacle of testimony.

16 And the Lord said to Moses, Behold, you shall sleep with your fathers, and this people will arise and go a whoring after the strange gods of the land, into which they are entering: and they will forsake me, and break my covenant, which I made with them.

17 And I will be very angry with them in that day, and I will leave them and turn my face away from them, and they shall be devoured; and many evils and afflictions shall come

upon them; and they shall say in that day, Because the Lord my God is not with me, these evils have come upon me.

18 And I will surely turn away my face from them in that day, because of all their evil doings which they have done, because they turned aside after strange gods.

19 And now write the words of this song, and teach it to the children of Israel, and you shall put it into their mouth, that this song may witness for me among the children of Israel to their face.

20 For I will bring them into the good land, which I sware to their fathers, to give to them a land flowing with milk and honey: and they shall eat and be filled and satisfy themselves; then will they turn aside after other gods, and serve them, and they will provoke me, and break my covenant.

21 And this song shall stand up to witness against them; for they shall not forget it out of their mouth, or out of the mouth of their seed; for I know their wickedness, what they are doing here this day, before I have brought them into the good land, which I sware to their fathers.

22 And Moses wrote this song in that day, and taught it to the children of Israel.

23 And he charged Joshua, and said, Be courageous and strong, for you shall bring the sons of Israel into the land, which the Lord sware to them, and he shall be with you.

24 And when Moses finished writing all the words of this law in a book, even to the end,

25 then he charged the Levites who bear the ark of the covenant of the Lord, saying,

26 Take the book of this law, and you shall put it in the side of the ark of the covenant of the Lord your God; and it shall be there among you for a testimony.

27 For I know your provocation, and your stiff neck; for yet during my life with you at this day, you have been provoking in your conduct toward God: how shall you not also be so after my death?

28 Gather together to me the heads of your tribes, and your elders, and your judges, and your officers, that I may speak in their ears all these words; and I call both heaven and earth to witness against them.

29 For I know that after my death you will utterly transgress, and turn aside out of the way which I have commanded you; and evils shall come upon you in the latter days, because you will do evil before the Lord, to provoke him to anger by the works of your hands.

30 And Moses spoke all the words of this song even to the end, in the ears of the whole assembly.

Chapter 32

1 Attend, O heaven, and I will speak; and let the earth hear the words out of my mouth.

2 Let my speech be looked for as the rain, and my words come down as dew, as the shower upon the herbage, and as snow upon the grass.

3 For I have called on the name of the Lord: assign you greatness to our God.

4 As for God, his works are true, and all his ways are judgment: God is faithful, and there is no unrighteousness in him; just and holy is the Lord.

5 They have sinned, not pleasing him; spotted children, a froward and perverse generation.

6 Do you thus recompense the Lord? is the people thus foolish and unwise? did not he himself your father purchase you, and make you, and form you?

7 Remember the days of old, consider the years for past ages: ask your father, and he shall relate to you, your elders, and they shall tell you.

8 When the Most High divided the nations, when he separated the sons of Adam, he set the bounds of the nations according to the number of the angels of God.

9 And his people Jacob became the portion of the Lord, Israel was the line of his inheritance.

10 He maintained him in the wilderness, in burning thirst and a dry land: he led him about and instructed him, and kept him as the apple of an eye.

11 As an eagle would watch over his brood, and yearns over his young, receives them having spread his wings, and takes them up on his back:

12 the Lord alone led them, there was no strange god with them.

13 He brought them up on the strength of the land; he fed them with the fruits of the fields; they sucked honey out of the rock, and oil out of the solid rock.

14 Butter of cows, and milk of sheep, with the fat of lambs and rams, of calves and kids, with fat of kidneys of wheat; and he drank wine, the blood of the grape.

15 So Jacob ate and was filled, and the beloved one kicked; he grew fat, he became thick and broad: then he forsook the God that made him, and departed from God his Saviour.

16 They provoked me to anger with strange gods; with their abominations they bitterly angered me.

17 They sacrificed to devils, and not to God; to gods whom they knew not: new and fresh gods came in, whom their fathers knew not.

18 You have forsaken God that begot you, and forgotten God who feeds you.

19 And the Lord saw, and was jealous; and was provoked by the anger of his sons and daughters,

20 and said, I will turn away my face from them, and will show what shall happen to them in the last days; for it is a perverse generation, sons in whom is no faith.

21 They have provoked me to jealousy with that which is not God, they have exasperated me with their idols; and I will provoke them to jealousy with them that are no nation, I will anger them with a nation void of understanding.

22 For a fire has been kindled out of my wrath, it shall burn to hell below; it shall devour the land, and the fruits of it; it shall set on fire the foundations of the mountains.

23 I will gather evils upon them, and will fight with my weapons against them.

24 They shall be consumed with hunger and the devouring of birds, and there shall be irremediable destruction: I will send forth against them the teeth of wild beasts, with the rage of serpents creeping on the ground.

25 Without, the sword shall bereave them of children, and terror shall issue out of the secret chambers; the young man shall perish with the virgin, the suckling with him who has grown old.

26 I said, I will scatter them, and I will cause their memorial to cease from among men.

27 Were it not for the wrath of the enemy, lest they should live long, lest their enemies should combine against them; lest they should say, Our own high arm, and not the Lord, has done all these things.

28 It is a nation that has lost counsel, neither is there understanding in them.

29 They had not sense to understand: let them reserve these things against the time to come.

30 How should one pursue a thousand, and two rout tens of thousands, if God had not sold them, and the Lord delivered them up?

31 For their gods are not as our God, but our enemies are void of understanding.

32 For their vine is of the vine of Sodom, and their vine-branch of Gomorrah: their grape is a grape of gall, their cluster is one of bitterness.

33 Their wine is the rage of serpents, and the incurable rage of asps.

34 Lo! are not these things stored up by me, and sealed among my treasures?

35 In the day of vengeance I will recompense, whensoever their foot shall be tripped up; for the day of their destruction is near to them, and the judgments at hand are close upon you.

36 For the Lord shall judge his people, and shall be comforted over his servants; for he saw that they were utterly weakened, and failed in the hostile invasion, and were become feeble:

37 and the Lord said, Where are their gods on whom they trusted?

38 the fat of whose sacrifices you ate, and you drank the wine of their drink-offerings? let them arise and help you, and be your protectors.

39 Behold, behold that I am he, and there is no god beside me: I kill, and I will make to live: I will smite, and I will heal; and there is none who shall deliver out of my hands.

40 For I will lift up my hand to heaven, and swear by my right hand, and I will say, I live for ever.

41 For I will sharpen my sword like lightning, and my hand shall take hold of judgment; and I will render judgment to my enemies, and will recompense them that hate me.

42 I will make my weapons drunk with blood, and my sword shall devour flesh, it shall glut itself with the blood of the wounded, and from the captivity of the heads of their enemies that rule over them.

43 Rejoice, you heavens, with him, and let all the angels of God worship him; rejoice you Gentiles, with his people, and let all the sons of God strengthen themselves in him; for he will avenge the blood of his sons, and he will render vengeance, and recompense justice to his enemies, and will reward them that hate him; and the Lord shall purge the land of his people.

44 And Moses wrote this song in that day, and taught it to the children of Israel; and Moses went in and spoke all the words of this law in the ears of the people, he and Joshua the son of Naue.

45 And Moses finished speaking to all Israel.

46 And he said to them, Take heed with your heart to all these words, which I testify to you this day, which you shall command your sons, to observe and do all the words of this law.

47 For this is no vain word to you; for it is your life, and because of this word you shall live long upon the land, into which you go over Jordan to inherit it.

48 And the Lord spoke to Moses in this day, saying,

49 Go up to the mount Abarim, this mountain Nabau which is in the land of Moab over against Jericho, and behold the land of Canaan, which I give to the sons of Israel:

50 and die in the mount whither you go up, and be added to your people; as Aaron your brother died in mount Or, and was added to his people.

51 Because you disobeyed my word among the children of Israel, at the waters of strife of Kadesh in the wilderness of

Sin; because you sanctified me not among the sons of Israel.

52 You shall see the land before you, but you shall not enter into it.

Chapter 33

1 And this is the blessing with which Moses the man of God blessed the children of Israel before his death.

2 And he said, The Lord is come from Sinai, and has appeared from Seir to us, and has hasted out of the mount of Paran, with the ten thousands of Kadesh; on his right hand were his angels with him.

3 And he spared his people, and all his sanctified ones are under your hands; and they are under you; and he received of his words

4 the law which Moses charged us, an inheritance to the assemblies of Jacob.

5 And he shall be prince with the beloved one, when the princes of the people are gathered together with the tribes of Israel.

6 Let Reuben live, and not die; and let him be many in number.

7 And this is the blessing of Judah; Hear, Lord, the voice of Judah, and do you visit his people: his hands shall contend for him, and you shall be a help from his enemies.

8 And to Levi he said, Give to Levi his manifestations, and his truth to the holy man, whom they tempted in the temptation; they reviled him at the water of strife.

9 Who says to his father and mother, I have not seen you; and he knew not his brethren, and he refused to know his sons: he kept your oracles, and observed your covenant.

10 They shall declare your ordinances to Jacob, and your law to Israel: they shall place incense in the time of your wrath continually upon your altar.

11 Bless, Lord, his strength, and accept the works of his hands; break the loins of his enemies that have risen up against him, and let not them that hate him rise up.

12 And to Benjamin he said, The beloved of the Lord shall dwell in confidence, and God overshadows him always, and he rested between his shoulders.

13 And to Joseph he said, His land is of the blessing of the Lord, of the seasons of sky and dew, and of the deeps of wells below,

14 and of the fruits of the changes of the sun in season, and of the produce of the months,

15 from the top of the ancient mountains, and from the top of the everlasting hills,

16 and of the fulness of the land in season: and let the things pleasing to him that dwelt in the bush come on the head of Joseph, and on the crown of him who was glorified above his brethren.

17 His beauty is as the firstling of his bull, his horns are the horns of a unicorn; with them he shall thrust the nations at once, even from the end of the earth: these are the ten thousands of Ephraim, and these are the thousands of Manasseh.

18 And to Zebulun he said, Rejoice, Zebulun, in your going out, and Issachar in his tents.

19 They shall utterly destroy the nations, and you shall call men there, and there offer the sacrifice of righteousness; for the wealth of the sea shall suckle you, and so shall the marts of them that dwell by the sea-coast.

20 And to Gad he said, Blessed be he that enlarges Gad: as a lion he rested, having broken the arm and the ruler.

21 And he saw his first-fruits, that there the land of the princes gathered with the chiefs of the people was divided; the Lord wrought righteousness, and his judgment with Israel.

22 And to Dan he said, Dan is a lion's whelp, and shall leap out of Basan.

23 And to Naphtali he said, Naphtali has the fulness of good things; and let him be filled with blessing from the Lord: he shall inherit the west and the south.

24 And to Aser he said, Aser is blessed with children; and he shall be acceptable to his brethren: he shall dip his foot in oil.

25 His sandal shall be iron and brass; as your days, so shall be your strength.

26 There is not any such as the God of the beloved; he who rides upon the heaven is your helper, and the magnificent One of the firmament.

27 And the rule of God shall protect you, and that under the strength of the everlasting arms; and he shall cast forth the enemy from before your face, saying, Perish.

28 And Israel shall dwell in confidence alone on the land of Jacob, with corn and wine; and the sky shall be misty with dew upon you.

29 Blessed are you, O Israel; who is like to you, O people saved by the Lord? your helper shall hold his shield over you, and his sword is your boast; and your enemies shall speak falsely to you, and you shall tread upon their neck.

Chapter 34

1 And Moses went up from Araboth Moab to the mount of Nabau, to the top of Phasga, which is before Jericho; and the Lord shewed him all the mount of Gilead to Dan, and all the land of Naphtali,

2 and all the land of Ephraim and Manasseh, and all the land of Judah to the farthest sea;

3 and the wilderness, and the country round about Jericho, the city of palm-trees, to Zoar.

4 And the Lord said to Moses, This is the land of which I sware to Abraam, and Isaac, and Jacob, saying, To your seed will I give it: and I have shewed it to your eyes, but you shall not go in thither.

5 So Moses the servant of the Lord died in the land of Moab by the word of the Lord.

6 And they buried him in Gai near the house of Peor; and no one has seen his sepulchre to this day.

7 And Moses was a hundred and twenty years old at his death; his eyes were not dimmed, nor were his natural powers destroyed.

8 And the children of Israel wept for Moses in Araboth of Moab at Jordan near Jericho thirty days; and the days of the sad mourning for Moses were completed.

9 And Joshua the son of Naue was filled with the spirit of knowledge, for Moses had laid his hands upon him; and the children of Israel hearkened to him; and they did as the Lord commanded Moses.

10 And there rose up no more a prophet in Israel like Moses, whom the Lord knew face to face,

11 in all the signs and wonders, which the Lord sent him to work in Egypt on Pharaoh, and his servants, and all his land;

12 the great wonders, and the mighty hand which Moses displayed before all Israel.

Joshua

Chapter 1

1 AND it came to pass after the death of Moses, that the Lord spoke to Joshua the son of Naue, the minister of Moses, saying,

2 Moses my servant is dead; now then arise, go over Jordan, you and all this people, into the land, which I give them.

3 Every spot on which you shall tread I will give it you, as I said to Moses.

4 The wilderness and Antilibanus, as far as the great river, the river Euphrates, and as far as the extremity of the sea; your coasts shall be from the setting of the sun.

5 Not a man shall stand against you all the days of your life; and as I was with Moses, so will I also be with you, and I will not fail you, or neglect you.

6 Be strong and quit yourself like a man, for you shall divide the land to this people, which I sware to give to your fathers.

7 Be strong, therefore, and quit yourself like a man, to observe and do as Moses my servant commanded you; and you shall not turn therefrom to the right hand or to the left, that you may be wise in whatsoever you may do.

8 And the book of this law shall not depart out of your mouth, and you shall meditate in it day and night, that you may know how to do all the things that are written in it; then shall you prosper, and make your ways prosperous, and then shall you be wise.

9 Lo! I have commanded you; be strong and courageous, be not cowardly nor fearful, for the Lord your God is with you in all places whither you go.

10 And Joshua commanded the scribes of the people, saying,

11 Go into the midst of the camp of the people, and command the people, saying, Prepare provisions; for yet three days and you shall go over this Jordan, entering in to take possession of the land, which the Lord God of your fathers gives to you.

12 And to Reuben, and to Gad, and to the half tribe of Manasseh, Joshua said,

13 Remember the word which Moses the servant of the Lord commanded you, saying, The Lord your God has caused you to rest, and has given you this land.

14 Let your wives and your children and your cattle dwell in the land, which he has given you; and you shall go over well armed before your brethren, every one of you who is strong; and you shall fight on their side;

15 until the Lord your God shall have given your brethren rest, as also to you, and they also shall have inherited the land, which the Lord your God gives them; then you shall depart each one to his inheritance, which Moses gave you beyond Jordan eastward.

16 And they answered Joshua and said, We will do all things which you command us, and we will go to every place whither you shall send us.

17 Whereinsoever we hearkened to Moses we will hearken to you; only let the Lord our God be with you, as he was with Moses.

18 And whosoever shall disobey you, and whosoever shall not hearken to your words as you shall command him, let him die; but be you strong and courageous.

Chapter 2

1 And Joshua the son of Naue sent out of Sattin two young men to spy the land, saying, Go up and view the land and Jericho: and the two young men went and entered into Jericho; and they entered into the house of a harlot, whose name was Raab, and lodged there.

2 And it was reported to the king of Jericho, saying, Men of the sons of Israel have come in hither to spy the land.

3 And the king of Jericho sent and spoke to Raab, saying, Bring out the men that entered into yours house this night; for they are come to spy out the land.

4 And the woman took the two men and hid them; and she spoke to the messengers, saying, The men came in to me,

5 but when the gate was shut in the evening, the men went out; I know not whither they are gone: follow after them, if you may overtake them.

6 But she had brought them up upon the house, and hid them in the flax-stalks that were spread by her on the house.

7 And the men followed after them in the way to Jordan to the fords; and the gate was shut.

8 And it came to pass when the men who pursued after them were gone forth, and before the spies had lain down to sleep, that she came up to them on the top of the house;

9 and she said to them, I know that the Lord has given you the land; for the fear of you has fallen upon us.

10 For we have heard that the Lord God dried up the Red Sea before you, when you came out of the land of Egypt, and all that he did to the two kings of the Amorites, who were beyond Jordan, to Seon and Og, whom you utterly destroyed.

11 And when we heard it we were amazed in our heart, and there was no longer any spirit in any of us because of you, for the Lord your God is God in heaven above, and on the earth beneath.

12 And now swear to me by the Lord God; since I deal mercifully with you, so do you also deal mercifully with the house of my father:

13 and save alive the house of my father, my mother, and my brethren, and all my house, and all that they have, and you shall rescue my soul from death.

14 And the men said to her, Our life for yours even to death: and she said, When the Lord shall have delivered the city to you, you shall deal mercifully and truly with me.

15 And she let them down by the window;

16 and she said to them, Depart into the hill-country, lest the pursuers meet you, and you shall be hidden there three days until your pursuers return from after you, and afterwards you shall depart on your way.

17 And the men said to her, We are clear of this your oath.

18 Behold, we shall enter into a part of the city, and you shall set a sign; you shall bind this scarlet cord in the window, by which you have let us down, and you shall bring in to yourself, into your house, your father, and your mother, and your brethren, and all the family of your father.

19 And it shall come to pass that whosoever shall go outside the door of your house, his guilt shall be upon him, and we shall be quit of this your oath; and we will be responsible for all that shall be found with you in your house.

20 But if any one should injure us, or betray these our matters, we shall be quit of this your oath.

21 And she said to them, Let it be according to your word; and she sent them out, and they departed.

22 And they came to the hill-country, and remained there three days; and the pursuers searched all the roads, and found them not.

23 And the two young men returned, and came down out of the mountain; and they went over to Joshua the son of Naue, and told him all things that had happened to them.

24 And they said to Joshua, The Lord has delivered all the land into our power, and all the inhabitants of that land tremble because of us.

Chapter 3

1 And Joshua rose up early in the morning, and departed from Sattin; and they came as far as Jordan, and lodged there before they crossed over.

2 And it came to pass after three days, that the scribes went through the camp;

3 and they charged the people, saying, When you shall see the ark of the covenant of the Lord our God, and our priests and the Levites bearing it, you shall depart from your places, and you shall go after it.

4 But let there be a distance between you and it; you shall stand as much as two thousand cubits from it. Do not draw nigh to it, that you may know the way which you are to go; for you have not gone the way before.

5 And Joshua said to the people, Sanctify yourselves against to-morrow, for to-morrow the Lord will do wonders among you.

6 And Joshua said to the priests, Take up the ark of the covenant of the Lord, and go before the people: and the priests took up the ark of the covenant of the Lord, and went before the people.

7 And the Lord said to Joshua, This day do I begin to exalt you before all the children of Israel, that they may know that as I was with Moses, so will I also be with you.

8 And now charge the priests that bear the ark of the covenant, saying, As soon as you shall enter on a part of the water of Jordan, then you shall stand in Jordan.

9 And Joshua said to the children of Israel, Come hither, and hearken to the word of the Lord our God.

10 Hereby you shall know that the living God is among you, and will utterly destroy from before our face the Chananite, and the Chettite and Pherezite, and the Evite, and the Amorite, and the Gergesite, and the Jebusite.

11 Behold, the ark of the covenant of the Lord of all the earth passes over Jordan.

12 Choose for yourselves twelve men of the sons of Israel, one of each tribe.

13 And it shall come to pass, when the feet of the priests that bear the ark of the covenant of the Lord of the whole earth rest in the water of Jordan, the water of Jordan below shall fail, and the water coming down from above shall stop.

14 And the people removed from their tents to cross over Jordan, and the priests bore the ark of the covenant of the Lord before the people.

15 And when the priests that bore the ark of the covenant of the Lord entered upon Jordan, and the feet of the priests that bore the ark of the covenant of the Lord were dipped in part of the water of Jordan; (now Jordan overflowed all its banks about the time of wheat harvest:)

16 then the waters that came down from above stopped; there stood one solid heap very far off, as far as the region of Kariathiarim, and the lower part came down to the sea of Araba, the salt sea, till it completely failed; and the people stood opposite Jericho.

17 And the priests that bore the ark of the covenant of the Lord stood on dry land in the midst of Jordan; and all the children of Israel went through on dry land, until all the people had completely gone over Jordan.

Chapter 4

1 And when the people had completely passed over Jordan, the Lord spoke to Joshua, saying,

2 Take men from the people, one of each tribe,

3 and charge them; and you shall take out of the midst of Jordan twelve fit stones, and having carried them across together with yourselves, place them in your camp, where you shall encamp for the night.

4 And Joshua having called twelve men of distinction among the children of Israel, one of each tribe,

5 said to them, Advance before me in the presence of the Lord into the midst of Jordan, and each having taken up a stone from thence, let him carry it on his shoulders, according to the number of the twelve tribes of Israel:

6 that these may be to you continually for an appointed sign, that when your son asks you in future, saying, What are these stones to us?

7 then you may explain to your son, saying, The river Jordan was dried up from before the ark of the covenant of the Lord of the whole earth, when it passed it: and these stones shall be for a memorial for you for the children of Israel for ever.

8 And the children of Israel did so, as the Lord commanded Joshua; and they took up twelve stones out of the midst of Jordan, (as the Lord commanded Joshua, when the children of Israel had completely passed over,) and carried these stones with them into the camp, and laid them down there.

9 And Joshua set also other twelve stones in Jordan itself, in the place that was under the feet of the priests that bore the ark of the covenant of the Lord; and there they are to this day.

10 And the priests that bore the ark of the covenant stood in Jordan, until Joshua had finished all that the Lord commanded him to report to the people; and the people hasted and passed over.

11 And it came to pass when all the people had passed over, that the ark of the covenant of the Lord passed over, and the stones before them.

12 And the sons of Reuben, and the sons of Gad, and the half tribe of Manasseh passed over armed before the children of Israel, as Moses commanded them.

13 Forty thousand armed for battle went over before the Lord to war, to the city of Jericho.

14 In that day the Lord magnified Joshua before all the people of Israel; and they feared him, as they did Moses, as long as he lived.

15 And the Lord spoke to Joshua, saying,

16 Charge the priests that bear the ark of the covenant of the testimony of the Lord, to go up out of Jordan.

17 And Joshua charged the priests, saying, Go up out of Jordan.

18 And it came to pass when the priests who bore the ark of the covenant of the Lord were gone up out of Jordan, and set their feet upon the land, that the water of Jordan returned impetuously to its place, and went as before over all its banks.

19 And the people went up out of Jordan on the tenth day of the first month; and the children of Israel encamped in Gilgal in the region eastward from Jericho.

20 And Joshua set these twelve stones which he took out of Jordan, in Gilgal,

21 saying, When your sons ask you, saying, What are these stones?

22 Tell your sons, that Israel went over this Jordan on dry land,

23 when the Lord our God had dried up the water of Jordan from before them, until they had passed over; as the Lord our God did to the Red Sea, which the Lord our God dried up from before us, until we passed over.

24 That all the nations of the earth might know, that the power of the Lord is mighty, and that you might worship the Lord our God in every work.

Chapter 5

1 And it came to pass when the kings of the Amorites who were beyond Jordan heard, and the kings of Phœnicia by the sea, that the Lord God had dried up the river Jordan from before the children of Israel when they passed over, that their hearts failed, and they were terror-stricken, and there was no sense in them because of the children of Israel.

2 And about this time the Lord said to Joshua, Make you stone knives of sharp stone, and sit down and circumcise the children of Israel the second time.

3 And Joshua made sharp knives of stone, and circumcised the children of Israel at the place called the “Hill of Foreskins.”

4 And this is the way in which Joshua purified the children of Israel; as many as were born in the way, and as many as were uncircumcised of them that came out of Egypt,

5 all these Joshua circumcised; for forty and two years Israel wandered in the wilderness of Mabdaris—

6 Wherefore most of the fighting men that came out of the land of Egypt, were uncircumcised, who disobeyed the commands of God; concerning whom also he determined that they should not see the land, which the Lord sware to give to their fathers, even a land flowing with milk and honey.

7 And in their place he raised up their sons, whom Joshua circumcised, because they were uncircumcised, having been born by the way.

8 And when they had been circumcised they rested continuing there in the camp till they were healed.

9 And the Lord said to Joshua the son of Naue, On this day have I removed the reproach of Egypt from you: and he called the name of that place Gilgal.

10 And the children of Israel kept the passover on the fourteenth day of the month at evening, to the westward of Jericho on the opposite side of the Jordan in the plain.

11 And they ate of the grain of the earth unleavened and new corn.

12 In this day the manna failed, after they had eaten of the corn of the land, and the children of Israel no longer had manna; and they took the fruits of the land of the Phœnicians in that year.

13 And it came to pass when Joshua was in Jericho, that he looked up with his eyes and saw a man standing before him, and there was a drawn sword in his hand; and Joshua drew near and said to him, Are you for us or on the side of our enemies?

14 And he said to him, I am now come, the chief captain of the host of the Lord. And Joshua fell on his face upon the earth, and said to him, Lord, what command you your servant?

15 And the captain of the Lord's host said to Joshua, Loose your shoe off your feet, for the place whereon you now stand is holy.

Chapter 6

1 Now Jericho was closely shut up and besieged, and none went out of it, and none came in.

2 And the Lord said to Joshua, Behold, I deliver Jericho into your power, and its king in it, and its mighty men.

3 And do you set the men of war round about it.

5 And it shall be that when you shall sound with the trumpet, all the people shall shout together. And when they have shouted, the walls of the city shall fall of themselves; and all the people shall enter, each one rushing direct into the city.

6 And Joshua the son of Naue went in to the priests,

7 and spoke to them, saying, Charge the people to go round, and encompass the city; and let your men of war pass on armed before the Lord.

8 And let seven priests having seven sacred trumpets proceed thus before the Lord, and let them sound loudly; and let the ark of the covenant of the Lord follow.

9 And let the men of war proceed before, and the priests bringing up the rear behind the ark of the covenant of the Lord proceed sounding the trumpets.

10 And Joshua commanded the people, saying, Cry not out, nor let any one hear your voice, until he himself declare to you the time to cry out, and then you shall cry out.

11 And the ark of the covenant of God having gone round immediately returned into the camp, and lodged there.

12 And on the second day Joshua rose up in the morning, and the priests took up the ark of the covenant of the Lord.

13 And the seven priests bearing the seven trumpets went on before the Lord; and afterwards the men of war went on, and the remainder of the multitude went after the ark of the covenant of the Lord, and the priests sounded with the trumpets.

14 And all the rest of the multitude compassed the city six times from within a short distance, and went back again into the camp; this they did six days.

15 And on the seventh day they rose up early, and compassed the city on that day seven times.

16 And it came to pass at the seventh circuit the priests blew the trumpets; and Joshua said to the children of Israel, Shout, for the Lord has given you the city.

17 And the city shall be devoted, it and all things that are in it, to the Lord of Hosts: only do you save Raab the harlot, and all things in her house.

18 But keep yourselves strictly from the accursed thing, lest you set your mind upon and take of the accursed thing, and you make the camp of the children of Israel an accursed thing, and destroy us.

19 And all the silver, or gold, or brass, or iron, shall be holy to the Lord; it shall be carried into the treasury of the Lord.

20 And the priests sounded with the trumpets: and when the people heard the trumpets, all the people shouted at once with a loud and strong shout; and all the wall fell round about, and all the people went up into the city:

21 and Joshua devoted it to destruction, and all things that were in the city, man and woman, young man and old, and calf and ass, with the edge of the sword.

22 And Joshua said to the two young men who had acted as spies, Go into the house of the woman, and bring her out thence, and all that she has.

23 And the two young men who had spied out the city entered into the house of the woman, and brought out Raab the harlot, and her father, and her mother, and her brethren, and her kindred, and all that she had; and they set her without the camp of Israel.

24 And the city was burnt with fire with all things that were in it; only of the silver, and gold, and brass, and iron, they gave to be brought into the treasury of the Lord.

25 And Joshua saved alive Raab the harlot, and all the house of her father, and caused her to dwell in Israel until this day, because she hid the spies which Joshua sent to spy out Jericho.

26 And Joshua adjured them on that day before the Lord, saying, Cursed be the man who shall build that city: he shall lay the foundation of it in his first-born, and he shall set up the gates of it in his youngest son. And so did Hozan of Bethel; he laid the foundation in Abiron his first-born, and set up the gates of it in his youngest surviving son.

27 And the Lord was with Joshua, and his name was in all the land.

Chapter 7

1 But the children of Israel committed a great trespass, and purloined part of the accursed thing; and Achar the son of Charmi, the son of Zambri, the son of Zara, of the tribe of Judah, took of the accursed thing; and the Lord was very angry with the children of Israel.

2 And Joshua sent men to Gai, which is by Bethel, saying, Spy out Gai: and the men went up and spied Gai.

3 And they returned to Joshua, and said to him, Let not all the people go up, but let about two or three thousand men go up and take the city by siege: carry not up thither the whole people, for the enemy are few.

4 And there went up about three thousand men, and they fled from before the men of Gai.

5 And the men of Gai slew of them to the number of thirty-six men, and they pursued them from the gate, and destroyed them from the steep hill; and the heart of the people was alarmed and became as water.

6 And Joshua tore his garments; and Joshua fell on the earth on his face before the Lord until evening, he and the elders of Israel; and they cast dust on their heads.

7 And Joshua said, I pray, Lord, wherefore has your servant brought this people over Jordan to deliver them to the Amorite to destroy us? would we had remained and settled ourselves beyond Jordan.

8 And what shall I say since Israel has turned his back before his enemy?

9 And when the Chananite and all the inhabitants of the land hear it, they shall compass us round and destroy us from off the land: and what will you do for your great name?

10 And the Lord said to Joshua, Rise up; why have you fallen upon your face?

11 The people has sinned, and transgressed the covenant which I made with them; they have stolen from the cursed thing, and put it into their store.

12 And the children of Israel will not be able to stand before their enemies; they will turn their back before their enemies, for they have become an accursed thing: I will not any longer be with you, unless you remove the cursed thing from yourselves.

13 Rise, sanctify the people and tell them to sanctify themselves for the morrow: thus says the Lord God of Israel, The accursed thing is among you; you shall not be able to stand before your enemies, until you shall have removed the cursed thing from among you.

14 And you shall all be gathered together by your tribes in the morning, and it shall come to pass that the tribe which the Lord shall shew, you shall bring by families; and the family which the Lord shall shew, you shall bring by households; and the household which the Lord shall shew, you shall bring man by man.

15 And the man who shall be pointed out, shall be burnt with fire, and all that he has; because he has transgressed the covenant of the Lord, and has wrought wickedness in Israel.

16 And Joshua rose up early, and brought the people by their tribes; and the tribe of Judah was pointed out.

17 And it was brought by their families, and the family of the Zaraites was pointed out.

18 And it was brought man by man, and Achar the son of Zambri the son of Zara was pointed out.

19 And Joshua said to Achar, Give glory this day to the Lord God of Israel, and make confession; and tell me what you have done, and hide it not from me.

20 And Achar answered Joshua, and said, Indeed I have sinned against the Lord God of Israel: thus and thus have I done:

21 I saw in the spoil an embroidered mantle, and two hundred didrachms of silver, and one golden wedge of fifty didrachms, and I desired them and took them; and, behold, they are hid in my tent, and the silver is hid under them.

22 And Joshua sent messengers, and they ran to the tent into the camp; and these things were hidden in his tent, and the silver under them.

23 And they brought them out of the tent, and brought them to Joshua and the elders of Israel, and they laid them before the Lord.

24 And Joshua took Achar the son of Zara, and brought him to the valley of Achor, and his sons, and his daughters, and his calves, and his asses, and all his sheep, and his tent, and all his property, and all the people were with him; and he brought them to Emec Achor.

25 And Joshua said to Achar, Why have you destroyed us? the Lord destroy you as at this day. And all Israel stoned him with stones.

26 And they set up over him a great heap of stones; and the Lord ceased from his fierce anger. Therefore he called the place Emecachor until this day.

Chapter 8

1 And the Lord said to Joshua, Fear not, nor be timorous: take with you all the men of war, and arise, go up to Gai; behold, I have given into your hands the king of Gai, and his land.

2 And you shall do to Gai, as you did to Jericho and its king; and you shall take to yourself the spoil of its cattle; set now for yourself an ambush for the city behind.

3 And Joshua and all the men of war rose to go up to Gai; and Joshua chose out thirty thousand mighty men, and he sent them away by night.

4 And he charged them, saying, Do you lie in ambush behind the city: do not go far from the city, and you shall all be ready.

5 And I and all with me will draw near to the city: and it shall come to pass when the inhabitants of Gai shall come forth to meet us, as before, that we will flee from before them.

6 And when they shall come out after us, we will draw them away from the city; and they will say, These men flee from before us, as also before.

7 And you shall rise up out of the ambuscade, and go into the city.

8 You shall do according to this word, lo! I have commanded you.

9 And Joshua sent them, and they went to lie in ambush; and they lay between Bethel and Gai, westward of Gai.

10 And Joshua rose up early in the morning, and numbered the people; and he went up, he and the elders before the people to Gai.

11 And all the men of war went up with him, and they went forward and came over against the city eastward.

12 And the ambuscade was on the west side of the city.

14 And it came to pass when the king of Gai saw it, he hasted and went out to meet them direct to the battle, he and all the people that were with him: and he knew not that there was an ambuscade formed against him behind the city.

15 And Joshua and Israel saw, and retreated from before them.

16 And they pursued after the children of Israel, and they themselves went to a distance from the city.

17 There was no one left in Gai who did not pursue after Israel; and they left the city open, and pursued after Israel.

18 And the Lord said to Joshua, Stretch forth your hand with the spear that is in your hand toward the city, for I have delivered it into your hands; and the liers in wait shall rise up quickly out of their place.

19 And Joshua stretched out his hand and his spear toward the city, and the ambuscade rose up quickly out of their place; and they came forth when he stretched out his hand; and they entered into the city, and took it; and they hasted and burnt the city with fire.

20 And when the inhabitants of Gai looked round behind them, then they saw the smoke going up out of the city to heaven, and they were no longer able to flee this way or that way.

21 And Joshua and all Israel saw that the ambuscade had taken the city, and that the smoke of the city went up to heaven; and they turned and smote the men of Gai.

22 And these came forth out of the city to meet them; and they were in the midst of the army, some being on this side, and some on that; and they smote them until there was not left of them one who survived and escaped.

23 And they took the king of Gai alive, and brought him to Joshua.

24 And when the children of Israel had ceased slaying all that were in Gai, and in the fields, and in the mountain on the descent, from whence they pursued them even to the end, then Joshua returned to Gai, and smote it with the edge of the sword.

25 And they that fell in that day, men and women, were twelve thousand: they slew all the inhabitants of Gai.

27 Beside the spoils that were in the city, all things which the children of Israel took as spoil for themselves according to the command of the Lord, as the Lord commanded Joshua.

28 And Joshua burnt the city with fire: he made it an uninhabited heap for ever, even to this day.

29 And he hanged the king of Gai on a gallows; and he remained on the tree till evening: and when the sun went down, Joshua gave charge, and they took down his body from the tree, and cast it into a pit, and they set over him a heap of stones until this day.

Chapter 9

1 And when the kings of the Amorites on the other side of Jordan, who were in the mountain country, and in the plain, and in all the coast of the great sea, and those who were near Antilibanus, and the Chettites, and the Chananites, and the Pherezites, and the Evites, and the Amorites, and the Gergesites, and the Jebusites, heard of it,

2 they came all together at the same time to make war against Joshua and Israel.

2a Then Joshua built an altar to the Lord God of Israel in mount Gæbal,

2b as Moses the servant of the Lord commanded the children of Israel, as it is written in the law of Moses, an altar of unhewn stones, on which iron had not been lifted up; and he offered there whole-burnt-offerings to the Lord, and a peace-offering.

2c And Joshua wrote upon the stones a copy of the law, even the law of Moses, before the children of Israel.

2d And all Israel, and their elders, and their judges, and their scribes, passed on one side and on the other before the ark; and the priests and the Levites took up the ark of the covenant of the Lord; and the stranger and the native were there, who were half of them near mount Garizin, and half near mount Gæbal, as Moses the servant of the Lord commanded at first, to bless the people.

2e And afterwards Joshua read accordingly all the words of this law, the blessings and the curses, according to all things written in the law of Moses.

2f There was not a word of all that Moses charged Joshua, which Joshua read not in the ears of all the assembly of the children of Israel, the men, and the women, and the children, and the strangers that joined themselves to Israel.

3 And the inhabitants of Gibeon heard of all that the Lord did to Jericho and Gai.

4 And they also wrought craftily, and they went and made provision and prepared themselves; and having taken old sacks on their shoulders, and old and rent and patched bottles of wine,

5 and the upper part of their shoes and their sandals old and clouted on their feet, and their garments old upon them—and the bread of their provision was dry and mouldy and corrupt.

6 And they came to Joshua into the camp of Israel to Gilgal, and said to Joshua and Israel, We are come from a far land: now then make a covenant with us.

7 And the children of Israel said to the Chorrhæan, Peradventure you dwell amongst us; and how should I make a covenant with you?

8 And they said to Joshua, We are your servants: and Joshua said to them, Whence are you, and whence have you come?

9 And they said, Your servants are come from a very far country in the name of the Lord your God: for we have heard his name, and all that he did in Egypt,

10 and all that he did to the kings of the Amorites, who were beyond Jordan, to Seon king of the Amorites, and Og king of Basan, who dwelt in Astaroth and in Edrain.

11 And our elders and all that inhabit our land when they heard spoke to us, saying, Take to yourselves provision for the way, and go to meet them; and you shall say to them, We are your servants, and now make a covenant with us.

12 These are the loaves—we took them hot for our journey on the day on which we came out to come to you; and now they are dried and become mouldy.

13 And these are the skins of wine which we filled when new, and they are rent; and our garments and our shoes are worn out because of the very long journey.

14 And the chiefs took of their provision, and asked not counsel of the Lord.

15 And Joshua made peace with them, and they made a covenant with them to preserve them; and the princes of the congregation sware to them.

16 And it came to pass three days after they had made a covenant with them, they heard that they were near neighbours, and that they dwelt among them.

17 And the children of Israel departed and came to their cities; and their cities were Gibeon, and Kephira, and Berot, and the cities of Jarin.

18 And the children of Israel fought not with them, because all the princes sware to them by the Lord God of Israel; and all the congregation murmured at the princes.

19 And the princes said to all the congregation: We have sworn to them by the Lord God of Israel, and now we shall not be able to touch them.

20 This we will do; take them alive, and we will preserve them: so there shall not be wrath against us by reason of the oath which we swore to them.

21 They shall live, and shall be hewers of wood and drawers of water to all the congregation, as the princes said to them.

22 And Joshua called them together and said to them, Why have you deceived me, saying, We live very far from you; whereas you are fellowcountrymen of those who dwell among us?

23 And now you are cursed: there shall not fail of you a slave, or a hewer of wood, or a drawer of water to me and my God.

24 And they answered Joshua, saying, It was reported to us what the Lord your God charged his servant Moses, to give you this land, and to destroy us and all that dwelt on it from before you; and we feared very much for our lives because of you, and therefore we did this thing.

25 And now, behold, we are in your power; do to us as it is pleasing to you, and as it seems good to you.

26 And they did so to them; and Joshua rescued them in that day out of the hands of the children of Israel, and they did not slay them.

27 And Joshua made them in that day hewers of wood and drawers of water to the whole congregation, and for the altar of God: therefore the inhabitants of Gibeon became hewers of wood and drawers of water for the altar of God until this day, even for the place which the Lord should choose.

Chapter 10

1 And when Adoni-bezec king of Jerusalem heard that Joshua had taken Gai, and had destroyed it, as he did to Jericho and its king, even so they did to Gai and its king, and that the inhabitants of Gibeon had gone over to Joshua and Israel;

2 then they were greatly terrified by them, for the king knew that Gibeon was a great city, as one of the chief cities, and all its men were mighty.

3 So Adoni-bezec king of Jerusalem sent to Elam king of Hebron, and to Phidon king of Jerimuth, and to Jephtha king of Lachis, and to Dabin king of Odollam, saying,

4 Come up hither to me, and help me, and let us take Gibeon; for the Gabaonites have gone over to Joshua and to the children of Israel.

5 And the five kings of the Jebusites went up, the king of Jerusalem, and the king of Hebron, and the king of Jerimuth, and the king of Lachis, and the king of Odollam, they and all their people; and encamped around Gibeon, and besieged it.

6 And the inhabitants of Gibeon sent to Joshua into the camp to Gilgal, saying, Slack not your hands from your servants: come up quickly to us, and help us, and rescue us; for all the kings of the Amorites who dwell in the hill country are gathered together against us.

7 And Joshua went up from Gilgal, he and all the people of war with him, every one mighty in strength.

8 And the Lord said to Joshua, Fear them not, for I have delivered them into your hands; there shall not one of them be left before you.

9 And when Joshua came suddenly upon them, he had advanced all the night out of Gilgal.

10 And the Lord struck them with terror before the children of Israel; and the Lord destroyed them with a great slaughter at Gibeon; and they pursued them by the way of the going up of Oronin, and they smote them to Azeca and to Makeda.

11 And when they fled from the face of the children of Israel at the descent of Oronin, then the Lord cast upon them hailstones from heaven to Azeca; and they were more that died by the hailstones, than those whom the children of Israel slew with the sword in the battle.

12 Then Joshua spoke to the Lord, in the day in which the Lord delivered the Amorite into the power of Israel, when he destroyed them in Gibeon, and they were destroyed from before the children of Israel: and Joshua said, Let the sun stand over against Gibeon, and the moon over against the valley of Ælon.

13 And the sun and the moon stood still, until God executed vengeance on their enemies; and the sun stood still in the midst of heaven; it did not proceed to set till the end of one day.

14 And there was not such a day either before or after, so that God should hearken to a man, because the Lord fought on the side of Israel.

16 And these five kings fled, and hid themselves in a cave that is in Makeda.

17 And it was told Joshua, saying, The five kings have been found hid in the cave that is in Makeda.

18 And Joshua said, Roll stones to the mouth of the cave, and set men to watch over them.

19 But do not you stand, but pursue after your enemies, and attack the rear of them, and do not suffer them to enter into their cities; for the Lord our God has delivered them into our hands.

20 And it came to pass when Joshua and all Israel ceased destroying them utterly with a very great slaughter, that they that escaped took refuge in the strong cities.

21 And all the people returned safe to Joshua to Makeda; and no one of the children of Israel murmured with his tongue.

22 And Joshua said, Open the cave, and bring out these five kings out of the cave.

23 And they brought out the five kings out of the cave, the king of Jerusalem, and the king of Hebron, and the king of Jerimuth, and the king of Lachis, and the king of Odollam.

24 And when they brought them out to Joshua, then Joshua called together all Israel, and the chiefs of the army that went with him, saying to them, Come forward and set your feet on their necks; and they came and set their feet on their necks.

25 And Joshua said to them, Do not fear them, neither be cowardly; be courageous and strong, for thus the Lord will do to all your enemies, against whom you fight.

26 And Joshua slew them, and hanged them on five trees; and they hung upon the trees until the evening.

27 And it came to pass toward the setting of the sun, Joshua commanded, and they took them down from the trees, and cast them into the cave into which they had fled for refuge, and rolled stones to the cave, which remain till this day.

28 And they took Makeda on that day, and slew the inhabitants with the edge of the sword, and they utterly

destroyed every living thing that was in it; and there was none left in it that was preserved and had escaped; and they did to the king of Makeda, as they did to the king of Jericho.

29 And Joshua and all Israel with him departed out of Makeda to Lebna, and besieged Lebna.

30 And the Lord delivered it into the hands of Israel: and they took it, and its king, and slew the inhabitants with the edge of the sword, and every thing breathing in it; and there was not left in it any that survived and escaped; and they did to its king, as they did to the king of Jericho.

31 And Joshua and all Israel with him departed from Lebna to Lachis, and he encamped about it, and besieged it.

32 And the Lord delivered Lachis into the hands of Israel; and they took it on the second day, and they put the inhabitants to death with the edge of the sword, and utterly destroyed it, as they had done to Lebna.

33 Then Elam the king of Gezer went up to help Lachis; and Joshua smote him and his people with the edge of the sword, until there was not left to him one that was preserved and escaped.

34 And Joshua and all Israel with him departed from Lachis to Odollam, and he besieged it and took it.

35 And the Lord delivered it into the hand of Israel; and he took it on that day, and slew the inhabitants with the edge of the sword, and slew every thing breathing in it, as they did to Lachis.

36 And Joshua and all Israel with him departed to Hebron, and encamped about it.

37 And he smote it with the edge of the sword, and all the living creatures that were in it; there was no one preserved: they destroyed it and all things in it, as they did to Odollam.

38 And Joshua and all Israel returned to Dabir; and they encamped about it;

39 and they took it, and its king, and its villages: and he smote it with the edge of the sword, and they destroyed it, and every thing breathing in it; and they did not leave in it any one that was preserved: as they did to Hebron and her king, so they did to Dabir and her king.

40 And Joshua smote all the land of the hill country, and Nageb and the plain country, and Asedoth, and her kings, they did not leave of them one that was saved: and they utterly destroyed every thing that had the breath of life, as the Lord God of Israel commanded,

41 from Kadesh Barne to Gaza, all Gosom, as far as Gibeon.

42 And Joshua smote, once for all, all their kings, and their land, because the Lord God of Israel fought on the side of Israel.

Chapter 11

1 And when Jabesh the king of Asor heard, he sent to Jobab king of Maron, and to the king of Symoön, and to the king of Aziph,

2 and to the kings who were by the great Sidon, to the hill country and to Araba opposite Keneroth, and to the plain, and to Phenaeddor,

3 and to the Chananites on the coast eastward, and to the Amorites on the coast, and the Chettites, and the Pherezites, and the Jebusites in the mountain, and the Evites, and those dwelling under mount Aermon in the land Massyma.

4 And they and their kings with them went forth, as the sand of the sea in multitude, and horses, and very many chariots.

5 And all the kings assembled in person, and came to the same place, and encamped at the waters of Maron to war with Israel.

6 And the Lord said to Joshua, Be not afraid of them, for to-morrow at this time I will put them to flight before Israel: you shall hough their horses, and burn their chariots with fire.

7 And Joshua and all the men of war came upon them at the water of Maron suddenly; and they attacked them in the hill country.

8 And the Lord delivered them into the power of Israel; and they smote them and pursued them to great Sidon, and to Maseron, and to the plains of Massoch eastward; and they destroyed them till there was not one of them left that survived.

9 And Joshua did to them, as the Lord commanded him: he houghed their horses, and burned their chariots with fire.

10 And Joshua returned at that time, and took Asor and her king; now Asor in former time was the chief of these kingdoms.

11 And they slew with the sword all that breathed in it, and utterly destroyed them all, and there was no living thing left in it; and they burnt Asor with fire.

12 And Joshua took all the cities of the kingdoms, and their kings, and slew them with the edge of the sword; and utterly slew them, as Moses the servant of the Lord commanded.

13 But all the walled cities Israel burnt not; but Israel burnt Asor only.

14 And the children of Israel took all its spoils to themselves; and they slew all the men with the edge of the sword, until he destroyed them; they left not one of them breathing.

15 As the Lord commanded his servant Moses, even so Moses commanded Joshua; and so Joshua did, he transgressed no precept of all that Moses commanded him.

16 And Joshua took all the hill country, and all the land of Nageb, and all the land of Gosom, and the plain country, and that toward the west, and the mountain of Israel and the low country by the mountain;

17 from the mountain of Chelcha, and that which goes up to Seir, and as far as Balagad, and the plains of Lebanon, under mount Aermon; and he took all their kings, and destroyed, and slew them.

18 And for many days Joshua waged war with these kings.

19 And there was no city which Israel took not; they took all in war.

20 For it was of the Lord to harden their hearts to go forth to war against Israel, that they might be utterly destroyed, that mercy should not be granted to them, but that they should be utterly destroyed, as the Lord said to Moses.

21 And Joshua came at that time, and utterly destroyed the Enakim out of the hill country, from Hebron and from Dabir, and from Anaboth, and from all the race of Israel, and from all the mountain of Judah with their cities; and Joshua utterly destroyed them.

22 There was not any one left of the Enakim by the children of Israel, only there was left of them in Gaza, and in Gath, and in Aseldo.

23 And Joshua took all the land, as the Lord commanded Moses; and Joshua gave them for an inheritance to Israel by division according to their tribes; and the land ceased from war.

Chapter 12

1 And these are the kings of the land, whom the children of Israel slew, and inherited their land beyond Jordan from the east, from the valley of Arnon to the mount of Aermon, and all the land of Araba on the east.

2 Seon king of the Amorites, who dwelt in Heshbon, ruling from Arnon, which is in the valley, on the side of the valley, and half of Gilead as far as Jaboc, the borders of the children of Ammon.

3 And Araba as far as the sea of Chenereth eastward, and as far as the sea of Araba; the salt sea eastward by the way to Asimoth, from Thæman under Asedoth Phasga.

4 And Og king of Basan, who dwelt in Astaroth and in Edrain, was left of the giants

5 ruling from mount Aermon and from Secchai, and over all the land of Basan to the borders of Gergesi, and Machi, and the half of Gilead of the borders of Seon king of Heshbon.

6 Moses the servant of the Lord and the children of Israel smote them; and Moses gave them by way of inheritance to Reuben, and Gad, and to the half tribe of Manasseh.

7 And these are the kings of the Amorites, whom Joshua and the children of Israel slew beyond Jordan by the sea of Balagad in the plain of Lebanon, and as far as the mountain of Chelcha, as men go up to Seir: and Joshua gave it to the tribes of Israel to inherit according to their portion;

8 in the mountain, and in the plain, and in Araba, and in Asedoth, and in the wilderness, and Nageb; the Chettite, and the Amorite, and the Chananite, and the Pherezite, and the Evite, and the Jebusite.

9 The king of Jericho, and the king of Gai, which is near Bethel;

10 the king of Jerusalem, the king of Hebron,

11 the king of Jerimuth, the king of Lachis;

12 the king of Ælam, the king of Gezer;

13 the king of Dabir, the king of Gader:

14 the king of Hermath, the king of Ader;

15 the king of Lebna, the king of Odollam,

16 the king of Elath,

17 the king of Taphut, the king of Opher,

18 the king of Ophec of Aroc,

19 the king of Asom,

20 the king of Symoön, the king of Mambroth, the king of Aziph,

21 the king of Kadesh, the king of Zachac,

22 the king of Maredoth, the king of Jecom of Chermel,

23 the king of Odollam belonging to Phennealdor, the king of Gei of Galilee:

24 the king of Thersa: all these were twenty-nine kings.

Chapter 13

1 And Joshua was old and very advanced in years; and the Lord said to Joshua, You are advanced in years, and there is much land left to inherit.

2 And this is the land that is left: the borders of the Phylistines, the Gesirite, and the Chananite,

3 from the wilderness before Egypt, as far as the borders of Ekron on the left of the Chananites the land is reckoned to the five principalities of the Phylistines, to the inhabitant of Gaza, and of Ashdod, and of Ashkelon, and of Gath, and of Ekron, and to the Evite;

4 from Thæman even to all the land of Canaan before Gaza, and the Sidonians as far as Aphec, as far as the borders of the Amorites.

5 And all the land of Galiath of the Phylistines, and all Lebanon eastward from Galgal, under the mountain Aermon as far as the entering in of Emath;

6 every one that inhabits the hill country from Lebanon as far as Masereth Memphomaim. All the Sidonians, I will destroy them from before Israel; but do you give them by inheritance to Israel, as I charged you.

7 And now divide this land by lot to the nine tribes, and to the half tribe of Manasseh.

8 From Jordan to the great sea westward you shall give it them: the great sea shall be the boundary. But to the two tribes and to the half tribe of Manasseh, to Reuben and to Gad Moses gave an inheritance beyond Jordan: Moses the servant of the Lord gave it to them eastward,

9 from Aroer, which is on the bank of the brook of Arnon, and the city in the midst of the valley, and all Misor from Mædaban.

10 All the cities of Seon king of the Amorites, who reigned from Heshbon to the coasts of the children of Ammon;

11 and the region of Gilead, and the borders of the Gesirites and the Machatites, the whole mount of Aermon, and all the land of Basan to Acha.

12 All the kingdom of Og in the region of Basan, who reigned in Astaroth and in Edrain: he was left of the giants; and Moses smote him, and destroyed him.

13 But the children of Israel destroyed not the Gesirite and the Machatite and the Chananite; and the king of the Gesiri and the Machatite dwelt among the children of Israel until this day.

14 Only no inheritance was given to the tribe of Levi: the Lord God of Israel, he is their inheritance, as the Lord said to them; and this is the division which Moses made to the children of Israel in Araboth Moab, on the other side of Jordan, by Jericho.

15 And Moses gave the land to the tribe of Reuben according to their families.

16 And their borders were from Aroer, which is opposite the brook of Arnon, and theirs is the city that is in the valley of Arnon; and all Misor,

17 to Heshbon, and all the cities in Misor, and Dibon, and Bæmon-Baal, and the house of Meelboth;

18 and Basan, and Bakedmoth, and Mæphaad,

19 and Kariathaim, and Sebama, and Serada, and Zion in mount Enab;

20 and Bæthphogor, and Asedoth Phasga, and Bætthasinoth,

21 and all the cities of Misor, and all the kingdom of Seon king of the Amorites, whom Moses smote, even him and the princes of Madian, and Evi, and Roboc, and Sur, and Ur, and Robe prince of the spoils of Zion, and the inhabitants of Zion.

22 And Balaam the son of Bæor the prophet they slew in the battle.

23 And the borders of Reuben were—even Jordan was the boundary; this is the inheritance of the children of Reuben according to their families, these were their cities and their villages.

24 And Moses gave inheritance to the sons of Gad according to their families.

25 And their borders were Jazer, all the cities of Gilead, and half the land of the children of Ammon to Araba, which is before Arad.

26 And from Heshbon to Araboth by Mizpah, and Botanim, and Maan to the borders of Dibon,

27 and Enadom, and Othargai, and Bænthanabra, and Soccotha, and Saphan, and the rest of the kingdom of Seon king of Heshbon: and Jordan shall be the boundary as far as part of the sea of Chenereth beyond Jordan eastward.

28 This is the inheritance of the children of Gad according to their families and according to their cities: according to their families they will turn their backs before their enemies, because their cities and their villages were according to their families.

29 And Moses gave to half the tribe of Manasseh according to their families.

30 And their borders were from Maan, and all the kingdom of Basan, and all the kingdom of Og king of Basan, and all the villages of Jair, which are in the region of Basan, sixty cities:

31 and the half of Gilead, and in Astaroth, and in Edrain, royal cities of Og in the land of Basan, Moses gave to the sons of Machir the sons of Manasseh, even to the half-tribe sons of Machir the sons of Manasseh, according to their families.

32 These are they whom Moses caused to inherit beyond Jordan in Araboth Moab, beyond Jordan by Jericho eastward.

Chapter 14

1 And these are they of the children of Israel that received their inheritance in the land of Canaan, to whom Eleazar the priest, and Joshua the son of Naue, and the heads of the families of the tribes of the children of Israel, gave inheritance.

2 They inherited according to their lots, as the Lord commanded by the hand of Joshua to the nine tribes and the half tribe, on the other side of Jordan.

3 But to the Levites he gave no inheritance among them.

4 For the sons of Joseph were two tribes, Manasseh and Ephraim; and there was none inheritance in the land given to the Levites, only cities to dwell in, and their suburbs separated for the cattle, and their cattle.

5 As the Lord commanded Moses, so did the children of Israel; and they divided the land.

6 And the children of Judah came to Joshua in Galgal, and Chaleb the son of Jephone the Kenezite said to him, You know the word that the Lord spoke to Moses the man of God concerning me and you in Kadesh Barne.

7 For I was forty years old when Moses the servant of God sent me out of Kadesh Barne to spy out the land; and I returned him an answer according to his mind.

8 My brethren that went up with me turned away the heart of the people, but I applied myself to follow the Lord my God.

9 And Moses sware on that day, saying, The land on which you are gone up, it shall be your inheritance and your children's for ever, because you have applied yourself to follow the Lord our God.

10 And now the Lord has kept me alive as he said: this is the forty-fifth year since the Lord spoke that word to Moses; and Israel journeyed in the wilderness; and now, behold, I am this day eighty-five years old.

11 I am still strong this day, as when the Lord sent me: just so strong am I now to go out and to come in for war.

12 And now I ask of you this mountain, as the Lord said in that day; for you heard this word on that day; and now the Enakim are there, cities great and strong: if then the Lord should be with me, I will utterly destroy them, as the Lord said to me.

13 And Joshua blessed him, and gave Hebron to Chaleb the son of Jephone the son of Kenez for an inheritance.

14 Therefore Hebron became the inheritance of Chaleb the son of Jephone the Kenezite until this day, because he followed the commandment of the Lord God of Israel.

15 And the name of Hebron before was the city Argob, it is the metropolis of the Enakim: and the land rested from war.

Chapter 15

1 And the borders of the tribe of Judah according to their families were from the borders of Edom from the wilderness of Sin, as far as Kadesh southward.

2 And their borders were from the south as far as a part of the salt sea from the high country that extends southward.

3 And they proceed before the ascent of Acrabin, and go out round Sena, and go up from the south to Kadesh Barne; and go out to Asoron, and proceed up to Sarada, and go out by the way that is west of Kadesh.

4 And they go out to Selmona, and issue at the valley of Egypt; and the termination of its boundaries shall be at the sea: these are their boundaries southward.

5 And their boundaries eastward are all the salt sea as far as Jordan; and their borders from the north, and from the border of the sea, and from part of Jordan—

6 the borders go up to Bæthaglaam, and they go along from the north to Bætharaba, and the borders go on up to the stone of Bæon the son of Reuben.

7 And the borders continue on to the fourth part of the valley of Achor, and go down to Galgal, which is before the approach of Adammin, which is southward in the valley, and terminate at the water of the fountain of the sun; and their going forth shall be the fountain of Rogel.

8 And the borders go up to the valley of Ennom, behind Jebus southward; this is Jerusalem: and the borders terminate at the top of the mountain, which is before the valley of Ennom toward the sea, which is by the side of the land of Raphain northward.

9 And the border going forth from the top of the mountain terminates at the fountain of the water of Naphtho, and terminates at mount Ephron; and the border will lead to Baal; this is the city of Jarim.

10 And the border will go round from Baal to the sea, and will go on to the mount of Assar behind the city of Jarin northwards; this is Chaslon: and it will come down to the city of the Sun, and will go on to the south.

11 And the border terminates behind Ekron northward, and the borders will terminate at Succoth, and the borders will go on to the south, and will terminate at Lebna, and the issue of the borders will be at the sea; and their borders shall be toward the sea, the great sea shall be the boundary.

12 These are the borders of the children of Judah round about according to their families.

13 And to Chaleb the son of Jephone he gave a portion in the midst of the children of Judah by the command of God; and Joshua gave him the city of Arboc the metropolis of Enac; this is Hebron.

14 And Chaleb the son of Jephone destroyed thence the three sons of Enac, Susi, and Tholami, and Achima.

15 And Chaleb went up thence to the inhabitants of Dabir; and the name of Dabir before was the city of Letters.

16 And Chaleb said, Whosoever shall take and destroy the city of Letters, and master it, to him will I give my daughter Ascha to wife.

17 And Gothoniel the son of Chenez the brother of Chaleb took it; and he gave him Ascha his daughter to wife.

18 And it came to pass as she went out that she counselled him, saying, I will ask of my father a field; and she cried from off her ass; and Chaleb said to her, What is it?

19 And she said to him, Give me a blessing, for you have set me in the land of Nageb; give me Botthanis: and he gave her Gonæthla the upper, and Gonæthla the lower.

20 This is the inheritance of the tribe of the children of Judah.

21 And their cities were cities belonging to the tribe of the children of Judah on the borders of Edom by the wilderness, and Bæseleel, and Ara, and Asor,

22 and Icam, and Regma, and Aruel,

23 and Kadesh, and Asorionain, and Mænam,

24 and Balmænan, and their villages,

25 and the cities of Aseron, this is Asor,

26 and Sen, and Salmaa, and Molada,

27 and Seri, and Bæphalath,

28 and Cholaseola, and Beersabee; and their villages, and their hamlets,

29 Bala and Bacoc, and Asom,

30 and Elboüdad, and Bethel, and Herma,

31 and Sekelac, and Macharim, and Sethennac,

32 and Labos, and Sale, and Eromoth; twenty-nine cities, and their villages.

33 In the plain country Astaol, and Raa, and Assa,

34 and Ramen, and Tano, and Iluthoth, and Mæani,

35 and Jermuth, and Odollam, and Membra, and Saocho, and Jazeca.

36 And Sacarim and Gadera, and its villages; fourteen cities, and their villages;

37 Senna, and Adasan, and Magadalgad,

38 and Dalad, and Mizpah, and Jachareel,

39 and Basedoth, and Ideadalea;

40 and Chabra, and Maches, and Maachos,

41 and Geddor, and Bagadiel, and Noman, and Machedan: sixteen cities, and their villages;

42 Lebna, and Ithac, and Anoch,

43 and Jana, and Nasib,

44 and Keilam, and Akiezi, and Kezib, and Bathesar, and Ælom: ten cities, and their villages;

45 Ekron and her villages, and their hamlets:

46 from Ekron, Gemna, and all the cities that are near Asedoth; and their villages.

47 Asiedoth, and her villages, and her hamlets; Gaza, and its villages and its hamlets as far as the river of Egypt, and the great sea is the boundary.

48 And in the hill country Samir, and Jether, and Socha,

49 and Renna and the city of Letters, this is Dabir;

50 and Anon, and Es, and Man, and Æsam,

51 and Gosom, and Chalu, and Channa, and Gelom: eleven cities, and their villages;

52 Ærem, and Remna, and Soma,

53 and Jemain, and Bæthachu, and Phacua,

54 and Euma, and the city Arboc, this is Hebron, and Soraith: nine cities, and their villages:

55 Maor, and Chermel, and Ozib, and Itan,

56 and Jariel, and Aricam, and Zacanaim,

57 and Gibeah, and Thamnatha; nine cities, and their villages;

58 Ælua, and Bethsur, and Geddon,

59 and Magaroth, and Bæthanam, and Thecum; six cities, and their villages;

59a Theco, and Ephratha, this is Bæthleem, and Phagor, and Ætan, and Culon, and Tatam, and Thobes, and Carem, and Galem, and Thether, and Manocho: eleven cities, and their villages,

60 Cariathbaal, this is the city of Jarim, and Sotheba: two cities, and their villages:

61 and Baddargeis, and Tharabaam, and Ænon;

62 and Æochioza, and Naphlazon, and the cities of Sadon, and Ancades; seven cities, and their villages.

63 And the Jebusite dwelt in Jerusalem, and the children of Judah could not destroy them; and the Jebusites dwelt in Jerusalem to this day.

Chapter 16

1 And the borders of the children of Joseph were from Jordan by Jericho eastward; and they will go up from Jericho to the hill country, to the wilderness, to Bethel Luza.

2 And they will go out to Bethel, and will proceed to the borders of Achatarothi.

3 And they will go across to the sea to the borders of Aptalim, as far as the borders of Bæthoron the lower, and the going forth of them shall be to the sea.

4 And the sons of Joseph, Ephraim and Manasseh, took their inheritance.

5 And the borders of the children of Ephraim were according to their families, and the borders of their inheritance were eastward to Ataroth, and Eroc as far as Bæthoron the upper, and Gazara.

6 And the borders will proceed to the sea to Icasmon north of Therma; they will go round eastward to Thenasa, and Selles, and will pass on eastward to Janoca,

7 and to Macho, and Ataroth, and these are their villages; and they will come to Jericho, and will issue at Jordan.

8 And the borders will proceed from Tapho to the sea to Chelcana; and their termination will be at the sea; this is the inheritance of the tribe of Ephraim according to their families.

9 And the cities separated to the sons of Ephraim were in the midst of the inheritance of the sons of Manasseh, all the cities and their villages.

10 And Ephraim did not destroy the Chananite who dwelt in Gezer; and the Chananite dwelt in Ephraim until this day, until Pharaoh the king of Egypt went up and took it, and burnt it with fire; and the Chananites, and Pherezites, and the dwellers in Gaza they destroyed, and Pharaoh gave them for a dowry to his daughter.

Chapter 17

1 And the borders of the tribe of the children of Manasseh, (for he was the first-born of Joseph,) assigned to Machir the first-born of Manasseh the father of Gilead, for he was a warrior, were in the land of Gilead and of Basan.

2 And there was land assigned to the other sons of Manasseh according to their families; to the sons of Jezi, and to the sons of Kelez, and to the sons of Jeziel, and to the sons of Shechem, and to the sons of Symarim, and to the sons of Opher: these are the males according to their families.

3 And Salpaad the son of Opher had no sons but daughters: and these are the names of the daughters of Salpaad; Maala, and Nua, and Egla, and Melcha, and Thersa.

4 And they stood before Eleazar the priest, and before Joshua, and before the rulers, saying, God gave a charge by the hand of Moses, to give us an inheritance in the midst of our brethren: so there was given to them by the command of the Lord an inheritance among the brethren of their father.

5 And their lot fell to them from Anassa, and to the plain of Labec of the land of Gilead, which is beyond Jordan.

6 For the daughters of the sons of Manasseh inherited a portion in the midst of their brethren, and the land of Gilead was assigned to the remainder of the sons of Manasseh.

7 And the borders of the sons of Manasseh were Delanath, which is before the sons of Anath, and it proceeds to the borders even to Jamin and Jassib to the fountain of Thaphthoth.

8 It shall belong to Manasseh, and Thapheth on the borders of Manasseh shall belong to the sons of Ephraim.

9 And the borders shall go down to the valley of Carana southward by the valley of Jariel, (there is a turpentine tree belonging to Ephraim between that and the city of Manasseh:) and the borders of Manasseh are northward to the brook; and the sea shall be its termination.

10 Southward the land belongs to Ephraim, and northward to Manasseh; and the sea shall be their coast; and northward they shall border upon Aseb, and eastward upon Issachar.

11 And Manasseh shall have in the portion of Issachar and Aser Bæthsan and their villages, and the inhabitants of Dor, and its villages, and the inhabitants of Megiddo, and its villages, and the third part of Mapheta, and its villages.

12 And the sons of Manasseh were not able to destroy these cities; and the Chananite began to dwell in that land.

13 And it came to pass that when the children of Israel were strong, they made the Chananites subject, but they did not utterly destroy them.

14 And the sons of Joseph answered Joshua, saying, Wherefore have you caused us to inherit one inheritance, and one line? whereas I am a great people, and God has blessed me.

15 And Joshua said to them, If you be a great people, go up to the forest, and clear the land for yourself, if mount Ephraim be too little for you.

16 And they said, The mount of Ephraim does not please us, and the Chananite dwelling in it in Bæthsan, and in its villages, and in the valley of Jezreel, has choice cavalry and iron.

17 And Joshua said to the sons of Joseph, If you are a great people, and have great strength, you shall not have only one inheritance.

18 For you shall have the wood, for there is a wood, and you shall clear it, and the land shall be yours; even when you shall have utterly destroyed the Chananite, for he has chosen cavalry; yet you are stronger than he.

Chapter 18

1 And all the congregation of the children of Israel were assembled at Shiloh, and there they pitched the tabernacle of witness; and the land was subdued by them.

2 And the sons of Israel remained, even those who had not received their inheritance, seven tribes.

3 And Joshua said to the sons of Israel, How long will you be slack to inherit the land, which the Lord our God has given you?

4 Appoint of yourselves three men of each tribe, and let them rise up and go through the land, and let them describe it before me, as it will be proper to divide it.

5 And they came to him: and he divided to them seven portions, saying, Judah shall stand to them a border southward, and the sons of Joseph shall stand to them northward.

6 And do you divide the land into seven parts, and bring the description hither to me, and I will give you a lot before the Lord our God.

7 For the sons of Levi have no part among you; for the priesthood of the Lord is his portion; and Gad, and Reuben, and the half tribe of Manasseh, have received their inheritance beyond Jordan eastward, which Moses the servant of the Lord gave to them.

8 And the men rose up and went; and Joshua charged the men who went to explore the land, saying, Go and explore the land, and come to me, and I will bring you forth a lot here before the Lord in Shiloh.

9 And they went, and explored the land: and they viewed it, and described it according to the cities, seven parts in a book, and brought the book to Joshua.

10 And Joshua cast the lot for them in Shiloh before the Lord.

11 And the lot of the tribe of Benjamin came forth first according to their families: and the borders of their lot came forth between the children of Judah and the children of Joseph.

12 And their borders were northward: the borders shall go up from Jordan behind Jericho northward, and shall go up to the mountain westward, and the issue of it shall be Bæthon of Mabdara.

13 And the borders will go forth thence to Luz, behind Luz, from the south of it; this is Bethel: and the borders shall go down to Maatarob Orech, to the hill country, which is southward of Bæthoron the lower.

14 And the borders shall pass through and proceed to the part that looks toward the sea, on the south, from the mountain in front of Bæthoron southward, and its termination shall be at Cariath-Baal, this is CariathJarin, a city of the children of Judah; this is the part toward the west.

15 And the south side on the part of Cariath-Baal; and the borders shall go across to Gasin, to the fountain of the water of Naphtho.

16 And the borders shall extend down on one side, this is in front of the forest of Sonnam, which is on the side of Emec Raphain northward, and it shall come down to Gænna behind Jebusai southward: it shall come down to the fountain of Rogel.

17 And the borders shall go across to the fountain of Bæthsamys:

18 and shall proceed to Galiloth, which is in front by the going up of Æthamin; and they shall come down to the stone of Bæon of the sons of Reuben; and shall pass over behind Bætharaba northward, and shall go down to the borders behind the sea northward.

19 And the termination of the borders shall be at the creek of the salt sea northward to the side of Jordan southward: these are their southern borders.

20 And Jordan shall be their boundary on the east: this is the inheritance of the children of Benjamin, these are their borders round about according to their families.

21 And the cities of the children of Benjamin according to their families were Jericho, and Bethegæo, and Amecasis,

22 and Bæthabara, and Sara, and Besana,

23 and Æein, and Phara, and Ephratha,

24 and Carapha, and Cephira, and Moni, and Gibeah, twelve cities and their villages:

25 Gibeon, and Ramah, and Beerotha;

26 and Massema, and Miron, and Amoke;

27 and Phira, and Caphan, and Nacan, and Selecan, and Thareela,

28 and Jebus (this is Jerusalem); and Gabaoth, Jarim, thirteen cities, and their villages; this is the inheritance of the sons of Benjamin according to their families.

Chapter 19

1 And the second lot came out for the children of Simeon; and their inheritance was in the midst of the lots of the children of Judah.

2 And their lot was Beersabee, and Samaa, and Caladam,

3 and Arsola, and Bola, and Jason,

4 and Erthula, and Bula, and Herma,

5 and Sikelac, and Bæthmachereb, and Sarsusin,

6 and Batharoth, and their fields, thirteen cities, and their villages.

7 Eremmon, and Thalcha, and Jether, and Asan; four cities and their villages,

8 round about their cities as far as Balec as men go to Bameth southward: this is the inheritance of the tribe of the children of Simeon according to their families.

9 The inheritance of the tribe of the children of Simeon was a part of the lot of Judah, for the portion of the children of Judah was greater than theirs; and the children of Simeon inherited in the midst of their lot.

10 And the third lot came out to Zebulun according to their families: the bounds of their inheritance shall be—Esedekgola shall be their border,

11 the sea and Magelda, and it shall reach to Bætharaba in the valley, which is opposite Jekman.

12 And the border returned from Sedduc in a contrary direction eastward from Bæthsamys, to the borders of Chaselothaith, and shall pass on to Dabiroth, and shall proceed upward to Phangai.

13 And thence it shall come round in the opposite direction eastward to Gebere to the city of Catasem, and shall go on to Remmonaa Matharaoza.

14 And the borders shall come round northward to Amoth, and their going out shall be at Gæphael,

15 and Catanath, and Nabaal, and Symoön, and Jericho, and Bæthman.

16 This is the inheritance of the tribe of the sons of Zebulun according to their families, these cities and their villages.

17 And the fourth lot came out to Issachar.

18 And their borders were Jazel, and Chasaloth, and Shunem,

19 and Agin, and Siona, and Reeroth,

20 and Anachereth, and Dabiron, and Kison, and Rebes,

21 and Remmas, and Jeon, and Tomman, and Æmarec, and Bersaphes.

22 And the boundaries shall border upon Gæthbor, and upon Salim westward, and Bæthsamys; and the extremity of his bounds shall be Jordan.

23 This is the inheritance of the tribe of the children of Issachar according to their families, the cities and their villages.

24 And the fifth lot came out to Aser according to their families.

25 And their borders were Exeleketh, and Aleph, and Bæthok, and Keaph,

26 and Elimelech, and Amiel, and Maasa, and the lot will border on Carmel westward, and on Zion, and Labanath.

27 And it will return westward from Bæthegeneth, and will join Zebulun and Ekgai, and Phthæel northwards, and the borders will come to Saphthæbæthme, and Inael, and will go on to Chobamasomel,

28 and Elbon, and Raab, and Ememaon, and Canthan to great Sidon.

29 And the borders shall turn back to Ramah, and to the fountain of Masphassat, and the Tyrians; and the borders shall return to Jasiph, and their going forth shall be the sea, and Apoleb, and Echozob,

30 and Archob, and Aphec, and Raau.

31 This is the inheritance of the tribe of the sons of Aser according to their families, the cities and their villages.

32 And the sixth lot came out to Naphtali.

33 And their borders were Moolam, and Mola, and Besemiin, and Arme, and Naboc, and Jephthamai, as far as Dodam; and their goings out were Jordan.

34 And the coasts will return westward by Athabor, and will go out thence to Jacana, and will border on Zebulun southward, and Aser will join it westward, and Jordan eastward.

35 And the walled cities of the Tyrians, Tyre, and Omathadaketh, and Kenereth,

36 and Armaith, and Arael, and Asor,

37 and Kadesh, and Assari, and the well of Asor;

38 and Keroe, and Megalaarim, and Bætthame, and Thessamys.

39 This is the inheritance of the tribe of the children of Naphtali.

40 And the seventh lot came out to Dan.

41 And their borders were Sarath, and Asa, and the cities of Sammaus,

42 and Salamin, and Ammon, and Silatha,

43 and Elon, and Thamnatha, and Ekron;

44 and Alcatha, and Begethon, and Gebeëlan,

45 and Azor, and Banæbacat, and Gethremmon.

46 And westward of Hieracon the border was near to Joppa.

47 This is the inheritance of the tribe of the children of Dan, according to their families, these are their cities and their villages:

47a and the children of Dan did not drive out the Amorite who afflicted them in the mountain; and the Amorite would not suffer them to come down into the valley, but they forcibly took from them the border of their portion.

48 And the sons of Dan went and fought against Lachis, and took it, and smote it with the edge of the sword; and they dwelt in it, and called the name of it Lasendan:

48a and the Amorite continued to dwell in Edom and in Salamin: and the hand of Ephraim prevailed against them, and they became tributaries to them.

49 And they proceeded to take possession of the land according to their borders, and the children of Israel gave an inheritance to Joshua the son of Naue among them,

50 by the command of God, and they gave him the city which he asked for, Thamnasarach, which is in the mount of Ephraim; and he built the city, and dwelt in it.

51 These are the divisions which Eleazar the priest divided by lot, and Joshua the son of Naue, and the heads of families among the tribes of Israel, according to the lots, in Shiloh before the Lord by the doors of the tabernacle of testimony, and they went to take possession of the land.

Chapter 20

1 And the Lord spoke to Joshua, saying,

2 Speak to the children of Israel, saying, Assign the cities of refuge, of which I spoke to you by Moses.

3 Even a refuge to the slayer who has smitten a man unintentionally; and the cities shall be to you a refuge, and the slayer shall not be put to death by the avenger of blood, until he have stood before the congregation for judgment.

7 And Joshua separated Kadesh in Galilee in the mount Naphtali, and Shechem in the mount Ephraim, and the city of Arboc; this is Hebron, in the mountain of Judah.

8 And beyond Jordan he appointed Bosor in the wilderness in the plain out of the tribe of Reuben, and Aremoth in Gilead out of the tribe of Gad, and Gaulon in the country of Basan out of the tribe of Manasseh.

9 These were the cities selected for the sons of Israel, and for the stranger abiding among them, that every one who smites a soul unintentionally should flee thither, that he should not die by the hand of the avenger of blood, until he should stand before the congregation for judgment.

Chapter 21

1 And the heads of the families of the sons of Levi drew near to Eleazar the priest, and to Joshua the son of Naue, and to the heads of families of the tribes of Israel.

2 And they spoke to them in Shiloh in the land of Canaan, saying, The Lord gave commandment by Moses to give us cities to dwell in, and the country round about for our cattle.

3 So the children of Israel gave to the Levites in their inheritance by the command of the Lord the cities and the country round.

4 And the lot came out for the children of Caath; and the sons of Aaron, the priests the Levites, had by lot thirteen cities out of the tribe of Judah, and out of the tribe of Simeon, and out of the tribe of Benjamin.

5 And to the sons of Caath that were left were given by lot ten cities, out of the tribe of Ephraim, and out of the tribe of Dan, and out of the half tribe of Manasseh.

6 And the sons of Gedson had thirteen cities, out of the tribe of Issachar, and out of the tribe of Aser, and out of the tribe of Naphtali, and out of the half tribe of Manasseh in Basan.

7 And the sons of Merari according to their families had by lot twelve cities, out of the tribe of Reuben, and out of the tribe of Gad, and out of the tribe of Zebulun.

8 And the children of Israel gave to the Levites the cities and their suburbs, as the Lord commanded Moses, by lot.

9 And the tribe of the children of Judah, and the tribe of the children of Simeon, and part of the tribe of the children of Benjamin gave these cities, and they were assigned

10 to the sons of Aaron of the family of Caath of the sons of Levi, for the lot fell to these.

11 And they gave to them Cariatharboc the metropolis of the sons of Enac; this is Hebron in the mountain country of Judah, and the suburbs round it.

12 But the lands of the city, and its villages Joshua gave to the sons of Chaleb the son of Jephonne for a possession.

13 And to the sons of Aaron he gave the city of refuge for the slayer, Hebron, and the suburbs belonging to it; and Lemna and the suburbs belonging to it;

14 and Ælom and its suburbs; and Tema and its suburbs;

15 and Gella and its suburbs; and Dabir and its suburbs;

16 and Asa and its suburbs; and Tany and its suburbs; and Bæthsamys and its suburbs: nine cities from these two tribes.

17 And from the tribe of Benjamin, Gibeon and its suburbs; and Gatheth and its suburbs;

18 and Anathoth and its suburbs; and Gamala and its suburbs; four cities.

19 All the cities of the sons of Aaron the priests, thirteen.

20 And to the families, even the sons of Caath the Levites, that were left of the sons of Caath, there was given their priests' city,

21 out of the tribe of Ephraim; and they gave them the slayer's city of refuge, Shechem, and its suburbs, and Gazara and its appendages, and its suburbs;

22 and Bæthoron and its suburbs: four cities:

23 and of the tribe of Dan, Helcothaim and its suburbs; and Gethedan and its suburbs:

24 and Ælon and its suburbs; and Getheremmon and its suburbs: four cities.

25 And out of the half tribe of Manasseh, Tanach and its suburbs; and Jebatha and its suburbs; two cities.

26 In all were given ten cities, and the suburbs of each belonging to them, to the families of the sons of Caath that remained.

27 And Joshua gave to the sons of Gedson the Levites out of the other half tribe of Manasseh cities set apart for the slayers, Gaulon in the country of Basan, and its suburbs; and Bosora and its suburbs; two cities.

28 And out of the tribe of Issachar, Kison and its suburbs; and Debba and its suburbs;

29 and Remmath and its suburbs; and the well of Letters, and its suburbs; four cities.

30 And out of the tribe of Aser, Basella and its suburbs; and Dabbon and its suburbs;

31 and Chelcat and its suburbs; and Raab and its suburbs; four cities.

32 And of the tribe of Naphtali, the city set apart for the slayer, Kadesh in Galilee, and its suburbs; and Nemmath,

and its suburbs; and Themmon and its suburbs; three cities.

33 All the cities of Gedson according to their families were thirteen cities.

34 And to the family of the sons of Merari the Levites that remained, he gave out of the tribe of Zebulun, Maan and its suburbs; and Kadesh and its suburbs,

35 and Sella and its suburbs: three cities.

36 And beyond Jordan over against Jericho, out of the tribe of Reuben, the city of refuge for the slayer, Bosor in the wilderness; Miso and its suburbs; and Jazer and its suburbs;

37 and Decmon and its suburbs; and Mapha and its suburbs; four cities.

38 And out of the tribe of Gad the city of refuge for the slayer, both Ramoth in Gilead, and its suburbs; Camin and its suburbs;

39 and Esbon and its suburbs; and Jazer and its suburbs: the cities were four in all.

40 All these cities were given to the sons of Merari according to the families of them that were left out of the tribe of Levi; and their limits were the twelve cities.

41 All the cities of the Levites in the midst of the possession of the children of Israel, were forty-eight cities,

42 and their suburbs round about these cities: a city and the suburbs round about the city to all these cities:

42a and Joshua ceased dividing the land by their borders:

42b and the children of Israel gave a portion to Joshua because of the commandment of the Lord: they gave him the city which he asked: they gave him Thamnasachar in mount Ephraim;

42c and Joshua built the city, and dwelt in it:

42d and Joshua took the knives of stone, wherewith he circumcised the children of Israel that were born in the desert by the way, and put them in Thamnasachar.

43 So the Lord gave to Israel all the land which he sware to give to their fathers: and they inherited it, and dwelt in it.

44 And the Lord gave them rest round about, as he sware to their fathers: not one of all their enemies maintained his ground against them; the Lord delivered all their enemies into their hands.

45 There failed not one of the good things which the Lord spoke to the children of Israel; all came to pass.

Chapter 22

1 Then Joshua called together the sons of Reuben, and the sons of Gad, and the half tribe of Manasseh,

2 and said to them, You have heard all that Moses the servant of the Lord commanded you, and you have hearkened to my voice in all that he commanded you.

3 You have not deserted your brethren these many days: until this day you have kept the commandment of the Lord your God.

4 And now the Lord our God has given our brethren rest, as he told them: now then return and depart to your homes, and to the land of your possession, which Moses gave you on the other side Jordan.

5 But take great heed to do the commands and the law, which Moses the servant of the Lord commanded you to do; to love the Lord our God, to walk in all his ways, to keep his commands, and to cleave to him, and serve him with all your mind, and with all your soul.

6 And Joshua blessed them, and dismissed them; and they went to their homes.

7 And to one half the tribe of Manasseh Moses gave a portion in the land of Basan, and to the other half Joshua gave a portion with his brethren on the other side of Jordan westward: and when Joshua sent them away to their homes, then he blessed them.

8 And they departed with much wealth to their houses, and they divided the spoil of their enemies with their brethren; very much cattle, and silver, and gold, and iron, and much raiment.

9 So the sons of Reuben, and the sons of Gad, and the half tribe of Manasseh, departed from the children of Israel in Shiloh in the land of Canaan, to go away into Gilead, into the land of their possession, which they inherited by the command of the Lord, by the hand of Moses.

10 And they came to Gilead of Jordan, which is in the land of Canaan: and the children of Reuben, and the children of Gad, and the half tribe of Manasseh built there an altar by Jordan, a great altar to look at.

11 And the children of Israel heard say, Behold, the sons of Reuben, and the sons of Gad, and the half tribe of Manasseh have built an altar at the borders of the land of Canaan at Gilead of Jordan, on the opposite side to the children of Israel.

12 And all the children of Israel gathered together to Shiloh, so as to go up and fight against them.

13 And the children of Israel sent to the sons of Reuben, and the sons of Gad, and to the sons of the half tribe of Manasseh into the land of Gilead, both Phinees the son of Eleazar the son of Aaron the priest,

14 and ten of the chiefs with him; there was one chief of every household out of all the tribes of Israel; (the heads of families are the captains of thousands in Israel.)

15 And they came to the sons of Reuben, and to the sons of Gad, and to the half tribe of Manasseh into the land of Gilead; and they spoke to them, saying,

16 Thus says the whole congregation of the Lord, What is this transgression that you have transgressed before the God of Israel, to turn away today from the Lord, in that you have built for yourselves an altar, so that you should be apostates from the Lord?

17 Is the sin of Peor too little for you, whereas we have not been cleansed from it until this day, though there was a plague among the congregation of the Lord?

18 And you have this day revolted from the Lord; and it shall come to pass if you revolt this day from the Lord, that to-morrow there shall be wrath upon all Israel.

19 And now if the land of your possession be too little, cross over to the land of the possession of the Lord, where the tabernacle of the Lord dwells, and receive you an inheritance among us; and do not become apostates from God, neither do you apostatize from the Lord, because of your having built an altar apart from the altar of the Lord our God.

20 Lo! did not Achar the son of Zara commit a trespass taking of the accursed thing, and there was wrath on the whole congregation of Israel? and he himself died alone in his own sin.

21 And the sons of Reuben, and the sons of Gad, and the half tribe of Manasseh answered, and spoke to the captains of the thousands of Israel, saying,

22 God even God is the Lord, and God even God himself knows, and Israel he shall know; if we have transgressed before the Lord by apostasy, let him not deliver us this day.

23 And if we have built to ourselves an altar, so as to apostatize from the Lord our God, so as to offer upon it a sacrifice of whole-burnt-offerings, so as to offer upon it a sacrifice of peace-offering,—the Lord shall require it.

24 But we have done this for the sake of precaution concerning this thing, saying, Lest hereafter your sons should say to our sons, What have you to do with the Lord God of Israel?

25 Whereas the Lord has set boundaries between us and you, even Jordan, and you have no portion in the Lord: so your sons shall alienate our sons, that they should not worship the Lord.

26 And we gave orders to do thus, to build this altar, not for burnt-offerings, nor for meat-offerings;

27 but that this may be a witness between you and us, and between our posterity after us, that we may do service to the Lord before him, with our burnt-offerings and our meat-offerings and our peace-offerings: so your sons shall not say to our sons, hereafter, You have no portion in the Lord.

28 And we said, If ever it should come to pass that they should speak so to us, or to our posterity hereafter; then shall they say, Behold the likeness of the altar of the Lord, which our fathers made, not for the sake of burnt-offerings, nor for the sake of meat-offerings, but it is a witness between you and us, and between our sons.

29 Far be it from us therefore that we should turn away from the Lord this day so as to apostatize from the Lord, so as that we should build an altar for burnt-offerings, and for peace-offerings, besides the altar of the Lord which is before his tabernacle.

30 And Phinees the priest and all the chiefs of the congregation of Israel who were with him heard the words which the children of Reuben, and the children of Gad, and the half tribe of Manasseh spoke; and it pleased them.

31 And Phinees the priest said to the sons of Reuben, and to the sons of Gad, and to the half of the tribe of Manasseh, To-day we know that the Lord is with us, because you have not trespassed grievously against the Lord, and because you have delivered the children of Israel out of the hand of the Lord.

32 So Phinees the priest and the princes departed from the children of Reuben, and from the children of Gad, and from the half tribe of Manasseh out of Gilead into the land of Canaan to the children of Israel; and reported the words to them.

33 And it pleased the children of Israel; and they spoke to the children of Israel, and blessed the God of the children of Israel, and told them to go up no more to war against the others to destroy the land of the children of Reuben, and the children of Gad, and the half tribe of Manasseh: so they dwelt upon it.

34 And Joshua gave a name to the altar of the children of Reuben, and the children of Gad, and of the half tribe of Manasseh; and said, It is a testimony in the midst of them, that the Lord is their God.

Chapter 23

1 And it came to pass after many days after the Lord had given Israel rest from all his enemies round about, that Joshua was old and advanced in years.

2 And Joshua called together all the children of Israel, and their elders, and their chiefs, and their judges, and their officers; and said to them, I am old and advanced in years.

3 And you have seen all that the Lord our God has done to all these nations before us; for it is the Lord our God who has fought for you.

4 See, that I have given to you these nations that are left to you by lots to your tribes, all the nations beginning at

Jordan; and some I have destroyed; and the boundaries shall be at the great sea westward.

5 And the Lord our God, he shall destroy them before us, until they utterly perish; and he shall send against them the wild beasts, until he shall have utterly destroyed them and their kings from before you; and you shall inherit their land, as the Lord our God said to you.

6 Do you therefore strive diligently to observe and do all things written in the book of the law of Moses, that you turn not to the right hand or to the left;

7 that you go not in among these nations that are left; and the names of their gods shall not be named among you, neither shall you serve them, neither shall you bow down to them.

8 But you shall cleave to the Lord our God, as you have done until this day.

9 And the Lord shall destroy them before you, even great and strong nations; and no one has stood before us until this day.

10 One of you has chased a thousand, for the Lord our God, he fought for you, as he said to you.

11 And take you great heed to love the Lord our God.

12 For if you shall turn aside and attach yourselves to these nations that are left with you, and make marriages with them, and become mingled with them and they with you,

13 know that the Lord will no more destroy these nations from before you; and they will be to you snares and stumbling-blocks, and nails in your heels, and darts in your eyes, until you be destroyed from off this good land, which the Lord your God has given you.

14 But I hasten to go the way of death, as all that are upon the earth also do: and know you in your heart and in your soul, that not one word has fallen to the ground of all the words which the Lord our God has spoken respecting all that concerns us; there has not one of them failed.

15 And it shall come to pass, that as all the good things are come upon us which the Lord spoke concerning you, so the Lord God will bring upon you all the evil things, until he shall have destroyed you from off this good land, which the Lord has given you,

16 when you transgress the covenant of the Lord our God, which he has charged us, and go and serve other gods, and bow down to them.

Chapter 24

1 And Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shiloh, and convoked their elders, and their officers, and their judges, and set them before God.

2 And Joshua said to all the people, Thus says the Lord God of Israel, Your fathers at first sojourned beyond the river, even Thara, the father of Abraam and the father of Nachor; and they served other gods.

3 And I took your father Abraam from the other side of the river, and I guided him through all the land, and I multiplied his seed;

4 and I gave to him Isaac, and to Isaac Jacob and Esau: and I gave to Esau mount Seir for him to inherit: and Jacob and his sons went down to Egypt, and became there a great and populous and mighty nation: and the Egyptians afflicted them.

5 And I smote Egypt with the wonders that I wrought among them.

6 And afterwards God brought out our fathers from Egypt, and you entered into the Red Sea; and the Egyptians pursued after our fathers with chariots and horses into the Red Sea.

7 And we cried aloud to the Lord; and he put a cloud and darkness between us and the Egyptians, and he brought the sea upon them, and covered them; and your eyes have seen all that the Lord did in the land of Egypt; and you were in the wilderness many days.

8 And he brought us into the land of the Amorites that dwelt beyond Jordan, and the Lord delivered them into our hands; and you inherited their land, and utterly destroyed them from before you.

9 And Balac, king of Moab, son of Sepphor, rose up, and made war against Israel, and sent and called Balaam to curse us.

10 But the Lord your God would not destroy you; and he greatly blessed us, and rescued us out of their hands, and delivered them to us.

11 And you crossed over Jordan, and came to Jericho; and the inhabitants of Jericho fought against us, the Amorite, and the Chananite, and the Pherezite, and the Evite, and the Jebusite, and the Chettite, and the Gergesite, and the Lord delivered them into our hands.

12 And he sent forth the hornet before you; and he drove them out from before you, even twelve kings of the Amorites, not with your sword, nor with your bow.

13 And he gave you a land on which you did not labour, and cities which you did not build, and you were settled in them; and you eat of vineyards and oliveyards which you did not plant.

14 And now fear the Lord, and serve him in righteousness and justice; and remove the strange gods, which our fathers served beyond the river, and in Egypt; and serve the Lord.

15 But if it seem not good to you to serve the Lord, choose to yourselves this day whom you will serve, whether the gods of your fathers that were on the other side of the river, or the gods of the Amorites, among whom you dwell upon

their land: but I and my house will serve the Lord, for he is holy.

16 And the people answered and said, Far be it from us to forsake the Lord, so as to serve other gods.

17 The Lord our God, he is God; he brought up us and our fathers from Egypt, and kept us in all the way wherein we walked, and among all the nations through whom we passed.

18 And the Lord cast out the Amorite, and all the nations that inhabited the land from before us: yea, we will serve the Lord, for he is our God.

19 And Joshua said to the people, Indeed you will not be able to serve the Lord, for God is holy; and he being jealous will not forgive your sins and your transgressions.

20 Whensoever you shall forsake the Lord and serve other gods, then he shall come upon you and afflict you, and consume you, because he has done you good.

21 And the people said to Joshua, Nay, but we will serve the Lord.

22 And Joshua said to the people, You are witnesses against yourselves, that you have chosen the Lord to serve him.

23 And now take away the strange gods that are among you, and set your heart right toward the Lord God of Israel.

24 And the people said to Joshua, We will serve the Lord, and we will hearken to his voice.

25 So Joshua made a covenant with the people on that day, and gave them a law and an ordinance in Shiloh before the tabernacle of the God of Israel.

26 And he wrote these words in the book of the laws of God: and Joshua took a great stone, and set it up under the oak before the Lord.

27 And Joshua said to the people, Behold, this stone shall be among you for a witness, for it has heard all the words that have been spoken to it by the Lord; for he has spoken to you this day; and this stone shall be among you for a witness in the last days, whenever you shall deal falsely with the Lord my God.

28 And Joshua dismissed the people, and they went every man to his place.

29 And Israel served the Lord all the days of Joshua, and all the days of the elders that lived as long as Joshua, and all that knew all the works of the Lord which he wrought for Israel.

30 And it came to pass after these things that Joshua the son of Naue the servant of the Lord died, at the age of a hundred and ten years.

31 And they buried him by the borders of his inheritance in Thamnasarach in the mount of Ephraim, northward of the mount of Gilead:

31a there they put with him into the tomb in which they buried him, the knives of stone with which he circumcised the children of Israel in Gilgal, when he brought them out of Egypt, as the Lord appointed them; and there they are to this day.

32 And the children of Israel brought up the bones of Joseph out of Egypt, and buried them in Sicima, in the portion of the land which Jacob bought of the Amorites who dwelt in Sicima for a hundred ewe-lambs; and he gave it to Joseph for a portion.

33 And it came to pass afterwards that Eleazar the high-priest the son of Aaron died, and was buried in Gabaar of Phinees his son, which he gave him in mount Ephraim.

33a In that day the children of Israel took the ark of God, and carried it about among them; and Phinees exercised the priest's office in the room of Eleazar his father till he died, and he was buried in his own place Gabaar:

33b but the children of Israel departed every one to their place, and to their own city: and the children of Israel worshipped Astarte, and Astaroth, and the gods of the nations round about them; and the Lord delivered them into the hands of Eglom king of Moab and he ruled over them eighteen years.

Judges

Chapter 1

1 AND it came to pass after the death of Joshua, that the children of Israel enquired of the Lord, saying, Who shall go up for us first against the Chananites, to fight against them?

2 And the Lord said, Judas shall go up: behold, I have delivered the land into his hand.

3 And Judas said to his brother Simeon, Come up with me into my lot, and let us array ourselves against the Chananites, and I also will go with you into your lot: and Simeon went with him.

4 And Judas went up; and the Lord delivered the Chananite and the Pherezite into their hands, and they smote them in Bezek to the number of ten thousand men.

5 And they overtook Adonibezek in Bezek, and fought against him; and they smote the Chananite and the Pherezite.

6 And Adonibezek fled, and they pursued after him, and took him, and cut off his thumbs and his great toes.

7 And Adonibezek said, Seventy kings, having their thumbs and their great toes cut off, gathered their food under my table: as I therefore have done, so God has recompensed me: and they brought him to Jerusalem, and he died there.

8 And the children of Judas fought against Jerusalem, and took it, and smote it with the edge of the sword, and they burnt the city with fire.

9 And afterwards the children of Judas went down to fight with the Chananite dwelling in the hill country, and the south, and the plain country.

10 And Judas went to the Chananite who dwelt in Hebron; and Hebron came out against him; [and the name of Hebron before was Cariatharbocsepher:] and they smote Sessi, and Achiman, and Tholmi, children of Enac.

11 And they went up thence to the inhabitants of Dabir; but the name of Dabir was before Cariathsepher, the city of Letters.

12 And Chaleb said, Whosoever shall smite the city of Letters, and shall first take it, I will give to him Ascha my daughter to wife.

13 And Gothoniel the younger son of Kenez the brother of Chaleb took it; and Chaleb gave him his daughter Ascha to wife.

14 And it came to pass as she went in, that Gothoniel urged her to ask a field of her father; and she murmured and cried from off her ass, You have sent me forth into a south land: and Chaleb said to her, What is your request?

15 And Ascha said to him, Give me, I pray you, a blessing, for you have sent me forth into a south land, and you shall give me the ransom of water: and Chaleb gave her according to her heart the ransom of the upper springs and the ransom of the low springs.

16 And the children of Jothor the Kenite the father-in-law of Moses went up from the city of palm-trees with the children of Judas, to the wilderness that is in the south of Judah, which is at the descent of Arad, and they dwelt with the people.

17 And Judas went with Simeon his brother, and smote the Chananite that inhabited Sepheth, and they utterly destroyed them; and they called the name of the city Anathema.

18 But Judas did not inherit Gaza nor her coasts, nor Ashkelon nor her coasts, nor Ekron nor her coasts, nor Ashdod nor the lands around it.

19 And the Lord was with Judas, and he inherited the mountain; for they were not able to destroy the inhabitants of the valley, for Rechab prevented them.

20 And they gave Hebron to Chaleb, as Moses said; and thence he inherited the three cities of the children of Enac.

21 But the children of Benjamin did not take the inheritance of the Jebusite who dwelt in Jerusalem; and the Jebusite dwelt with the children of Benjamin in Jerusalem until this day.

22 And the sons of Joseph, they also went up to Bethel; and the Lord was with them.

23 And they encamped and surveyed Bethel: and the name of the city before was Luza.

24 And the spies looked, and behold, a man went out of the city, and they took him; and they said to him, Shew us the way into the city, and we will deal mercifully with you.

25 And he shewed them the way into the city; and they smote the city with the edge of the sword; but they let go the man and his family.

26 And the man went into the land of Chettin, and built there a city, and called the name of it Luza; this is its name until this day.

27 And Manasseh did not drive out the inhabitants of Bæthsan, which is a city of Scythians, nor her towns, nor her suburbs; nor Thanac, nor her towns; nor the inhabitants of Dor, nor her towns; nor the inhabitant of Balac, nor her suburbs, nor her towns; nor the inhabitants of Magedo, nor her suburbs, nor her towns; nor the inhabitants of Jeblaam, nor her suburbs, nor her towns; and the Chananite began to dwell in this land.

28 And it came to pass when Israel was strong, that he made the Chananite tributary, but did not utterly drive them out.

29 And Ephraim did not drive out the Chananite that dwelt in Gezer; and the Chananite dwelt in the midst of him in Gezer, and became tributary.

30 And Zebulun did not drive out the inhabitants of Kedron, nor the inhabitants of Domana: and the Chananite dwelt in the midst of them, and became tributary to them.

31 And Aser did not drive out the inhabitants of Accho, and that people became tributary to him, nor the inhabitants of Dor, nor the inhabitants of Sidon, nor the inhabitants of Dalaph, nor Aschazi, nor Chebda, nor Nai, nor Ereo.

32 And Aser dwelt in the midst of the Chananite who inhabited the land, for he could not drive him out.

33 And Naphtali did not drive out the inhabitants of Bæthsamys, nor the inhabitants of Bæthanach; and Naphtali dwelt in the midst of the Chananite who inhabited the land: but the inhabitants of Beth-shemesh and of Bætheneth became tributary to them.

34 And the Amorite drove out the children of Dan into the mountain, for they did not suffer them to come down into the valley.

35 And the Amorite began to dwell in the mountain of shells, in which are bears, and foxes, in Myrsinon, and in Thalabin; and the hand of the house of Joseph was heavy upon the Amorite, and he became tributary to them.

36 And the border of the Amorite was from the going up of Acrabin, from the rock and upwards.

Chapter 2

1 And an angel of the Lord went up from Galgal to the place of weeping, and to Bethel, and to the house of Israel, and said to them, Thus says the Lord, I brought you up out of Egypt, and I brought you into the land which I sware to your fathers; and I said, I will never break my covenant that I have made with you.

2 And you shall make no covenant with them that dwell in this land, neither shall you worship their gods; but you shall destroy their graven images, you shall pull down their altars: but you hearkened not to my voice, for you did these things.

3 And I said, I will not drive them out from before you, but they shall be for a distress to you, and their gods shall be to you for an offence.

4 And it came to pass when the angel of the Lord spoke these words to all the children of Israel, that the people lifted up their voice, and wept.

5 And they named the name of that place Weepings; and they sacrificed there to the Lord.

6 And Joshua dismissed the people, and they went every man to his inheritance, to inherit the land.

7 And the people served the Lord all the days of Joshua, and all the days of the elders that lived many days with Joshua, as many as knew all the great work of the Lord, what things he had wrought in Israel.

8 And Joshua the son of Naue, the servant of the Lord, died, a hundred and ten years old.

9 And they buried him in the border of his inheritance, in Thamnathares, in mount Ephraim, on the north of the mountain of Gaas.

10 And all that generation were laid to their fathers: and another generation rose up after them, who knew not the Lord, nor yet the work which he wrought in Israel.

11 And the children of Israel wrought evil before the Lord, and served Baalim.

12 And they forsook the Lord God of their fathers, who brought them out of the land of Egypt, and walked after other gods, of the gods of the nations round about them; and they worshipped them.

13 And they provoked the Lord, and forsook him, and served Baal and the Astartes.

14 And the Lord was very angry with Israel; and he gave them into the hands of the spoilers, and they spoiled them; and he sold them into the hands of their enemies round about, and they could not any longer resist their enemies,

15 among whomsoever they went; and the hand of the Lord was against them for evil, as the Lord spoke, and as the Lord sware to them; and he greatly afflicted them.

16 And the Lord raised up judges, and the Lord saved them out of the hands of them that spoiled them: and yet they hearkened not to the judges,

17 for they went a whoring after other gods, and worshipped them; and they turned quickly out of the way in which their fathers walked to hearken to the words of the Lord; they did not so.

18 And because the Lord raised them up judges, so the Lord was with the judge, and saved them out of the hand of their enemies all the days of the judge; for the Lord was moved at their groaning by reason of them that besieged them and afflicted them.

19 And it came to pass when the judge died, that they went back, and again corrupted themselves worse than their fathers to go after other gods to serve them and to worship them: they abandoned not their devices nor their stubborn ways.

20 And the Lord was very angry with Israel, and said, Forasmuch as this nation has forsaken my covenant which I commanded their fathers, and has not hearkened to my voice,

21 therefore I will not any more cast out a man of the nations from before their face, which Joshua the son of Naue left in the land. And the Lord left them,

22 to prove Israel with them, whether they would keep the way of the Lord, to walk in it, as their fathers kept it, or no.

23 So the Lord will leave these nations, so as not to cast them out suddenly; and he delivered them not into the hand of Joshua.

Chapter 3

1 And these are the nations which the Lord left to prove Israel with them, all that had not known the wars of Canaan.

2 Only for the sake of the generations of Israel, to teach them war, only the men before them knew them not.

3 The five lordships of the Phylistines, and every Chananite, and the Sidonian, and the Evite who dwelt in Lebanon from the mount of Aermon to Laboemath.

4 And this was done in order to prove Israel by them, to know whether they would obey the commands of the Lord, which he charged their fathers by the hand of Moses.

5 And the children of Israel dwelt in the midst of the Chananite, and the Chettite, and the Amorite, and the Pherezite, and the Evite, and the Jebusite.

6 And they took their daughters for wives to themselves, and they gave their daughters to their sons, and served their gods.

7 And the children of Israel did evil in the sight of the Lord, and forgot the Lord their God, and served Baalim and the groves.

8 And the Lord was very angry with Israel, and sold them into the hand of Chusarsathaim king of Syria of the rivers: and the children of Israel served Chusarsathaim eight years.

9 And the children of Israel cried to the Lord; and the Lord raised up a saviour to Israel, and he saved them, Gothoniel the son of Kenez, the brother of Chaleb younger than himself.

10 And the Spirit of the Lord came upon him, and he judged Israel; and he went out to war against Chusarsathaim: and the Lord delivered into his hand Chusarsathaim king of Syria of the rivers, and his hand prevailed against Chusarsathaim.

11 And the land was quiet forty years; and Gothoniel the son of Kenez died.

12 And the children of Israel continued to do evil before the Lord: and the Lord strengthened Eglom king of Moab against Israel, because they had done evil before the Lord.

13 And he gathered to himself all the children of Ammon and Amalec, and went and smote Israel, and took possession of the city of Palm-trees.

14 And the children of Israel served Eglom the king of Moab eighteen years.

15 And the children of Israel cried to the Lord; and he raised up to them a saviour, Aod the son of Gera a son of Jemeni, a man who used both hands alike: and the children of Israel sent gifts by his hand to Eglom king of Moab.

16 And Aod made himself a dagger of two edges, of a span long, and he girded it under his cloak upon his right thigh.

17 And he went, and brought the presents to Eglom king of Moab, and Eglom was a very handsome man.

18 And it came to pass when Aod had made an end of offering his gifts, that he dismissed those that brought the gifts.

19 And he himself returned from the quarries that are by Galgal; and Aod said, I have a secret errand to you, O king! and Eglom said to him, Be silent: and he sent away from his presence all who waited upon him.

20 And Aod went in to him; and he sat in his own upper summer chamber quite alone; and Aod said, I have a message from God to you, O king: and Eglom rose up from his throne near him.

21 And it came to pass as he arose, that Aod stretched forth his left hand, and took the dagger off his right thigh, and plunged it into his belly;

22 and drove in also the haft after the blade, and the fat closed in upon the blade, for he drew not out the dagger from his belly.

23 And Aod went out to the porch, and passed out by the appointed guards, and shut the doors of the chamber upon him, and locked them.

24 And he went out: and Eglom's servants came, and saw, and behold, the doors of the upper chamber were locked; and they said, Does he not uncover his feet in the summer-chamber?

25 And they waited till they were ashamed, and, behold, there was no one that opened the doors of the upper chamber; and they took the key, and opened them; and, behold, their lord was fallen down dead upon the earth.

26 And Aod escaped while they were in a tumult, and no one paid attention to him; and he passed the quarries, and escaped to Setirotha.

27 And it came to pass when Aod came into the land of Israel, that he blew the horn in mount Ephraim, and the children of Israel came down with him from the mountain, and he was before them.

28 And he said to them, Come down after me, for the Lord God has delivered our enemies, even Moab, into our hand;

and they went down after him, and seized on the fords of Jordan before Moab, and he did not suffer a man to pass over.

29 And they smote Moab on that day about ten thousand men, every lusty person and every mighty man; and not a man escaped.

30 So Moab was humbled in that day under the hand of Israel, and the land had rest eighty years; and Aod judged them till he died.

31 And after him rose up Samegar the son of Dinach, and smote the Philistines to the number of six hundred men with a ploughshare such as is drawn by oxen; and he too delivered Israel.

Chapter 4

1 And the children of Israel continued to do evil against the Lord; and Aod was dead.

2 And the Lord sold the children of Israel into the hand of Jabin king of Canaan, who ruled in Asor; and the chief of his host was Sisara, and he dwelt in Arisoth of the Gentiles.

3 And the children of Israel cried to the Lord, because he had nine hundred chariots of iron; and he mightily oppressed Israel twenty years.

4 And Debbora, a prophetess, the wife of Lapidoth,—she judged Israel at that time.

5 And she sat under the palm-tree of Debbora between Ramah and Bethel in mount Ephraim; and the children of Israel went up to her for judgment.

6 And Debbora sent and called Barac the son of Abineem out of Kadesh Naphtali, and she said to him, Has not the Lord God of Israel commanded you? and you shall depart to mount Thabor, and shall take with yourself ten thousand men of the sons of Naphtali and of the sons of Zebulun.

7 And I will bring to you to the torrent of Kison Sisara the captain of the host of Jabin, and his chariots, and his multitude, and I will deliver them into yours hands.

8 And Barac said to her, If you will go with me, I will go; and if you will not go, I will not go; for I know not the day on which the Lord prospers his messenger with me.

9 And she said, I will surely go with you; but know that your honour shall not attend on the expedition on which you go, for the Lord shall sell Sisara into the hands of a woman: and Debbora arose, and went with Barac out of Kadesh.

10 And Barac called Zebulun and Naphtali out of Kadesh, and there went up at his feet ten thousand men, and Debbora went up with him.

11 And Chaber the Kenite had removed from Caina, from the sons of Jobab the father-in-law of Moses, and pitched his tent by the oak of the covetous ones, which is near Kedes.

12 And it was told Sisara that Barac the son of Abineem was gone up to mount Thabor.

13 And Sisara summoned all his chariots, nine hundred chariots of iron and all the people with him, from Arisoth of the Gentiles to the brook of Kison.

14 And Debbora said to Barac, Rise up, for this is the day on which the Lord has delivered Sisara into your hand, for the Lord shall go forth before you: and Barac went down from mount Thabor, and ten thousand men after him.

15 And the Lord discomfited Sisara, and all his chariots, and all his army, with the edge of the sword before Barac: and Sisara descended from off his chariot, and fled on his feet.

16 And Barac pursued after the chariots and after the army, into Arisoth of the Gentiles; and the whole army of Sisara fell by the edge of the sword, there was not one left.

17 And Sisara fled on his feet to the tent of Jael the wife of Chaber the Kenite his friend: for there was peace between Jabin king of Asor and the house of Chaber the Kenite.

18 And Jael went out to meet Sisara, and said to him, Turn aside, my lord, turn aside to me, fear not: and he turned aside to her into the tent; and she covered him with a mantle.

19 And Sisara said to her, Give me, I pray you, a little water to drink, for I am thirsty: and she opened a bottle of milk, and gave him to drink, and covered him.

20 And Sisara said to her, Stand now by the door of the tent, and it shall come to pass if any man come to you, and ask of you, and say, Is there any man here? then you shall say, There is not.

21 And Jael the wife of Chaber took a pin of the tent, and took a hammer in her hand, and went secretly to him, and fastened the pin in his temple, and it went through to the earth, and he fainted away, and darkness fell upon him and he died.

22 And, behold, Barac was pursuing Sisara: and Jael went out to meet him, and she said to him, Come, and I will shew you the man whom you seek: and he went in to her; and, behold, Sisara was fallen dead, and the pin was in his temple.

23 So God routed Jabin king of Canaan in that day before the children of Israel.

24 And the hand of the children of Israel prevailed more and more against Jabin king of Canaan, until they utterly destroyed Jabin king of Canaan.

Chapter 5

1 And Debbora and Barac son of Abineem sang in that day, saying,

2 A revelation was made in Israel when the people were made willing: Praise you the Lord.

3 Hear, you kings, and hearken, rulers: I will sing, it is I who will sing to the Lord, it is I, I will sing a psalm to the Lord the God of Israel.

4 O Lord, in your going forth on Seir, when you went forth out of the land of Edom, the earth quaked and the heaven dropped dews, and the clouds dropped water.

5 The mountains were shaken before the face of the Lord Eloi, this Sinai before the face of the Lord God of Israel.

6 In the days of Samegar son of Anath, in the days of Jael, they deserted the ways, and went in by-ways; they went in crooked paths.

7 The mighty men in Israel failed, they failed until Debbora arose, until she arose a mother in Israel.

8 They chose new gods; then the cities of rulers fought; there was not a shield or spear seen among forty thousand in Israel.

9 My heart inclines to the orders given in Israel; you that are willing among the people, bless the Lord.

10 You that mount a she-ass at noon-day, you that sit on the judgment-seat, and walk by the roads of them that sit in judgment by the way; declare

11 you that are delivered from the noise of disturbers among the drawers of water; there shall they relate righteous acts: O Lord, increase righteous acts in Israel: then the people of the Lord went down to the cities.

12 Awake, awake, Debbora; awake, awake, utter a song: arise, Barac, and lead your captivity captive, son of Abineem.

13 Then went down the remnant to the strong, the people of the Lord went down for him among the mighty ones from me.

14 Ephraim rooted them out in Amalec, behind you was Benjamin among your people: the inhabitants of Machir came down with me searching out the enemy, and from Zebulun came they that draw with the scribe's pen of record.

15 And princes in Issachar were with Debbora and Barac, thus she sent Barac on his feet in the valleys into the portions of Reuben; great pangs reached to the heart.

16 Why did they sit between the sheep-folds to hear the bleating of flocks for the divisions of Reuben? there were great searchings of heart.

17 Gilead is on the other side of Jordan where he pitched his tents; and why does Dan remain in ships? Aser sat down on the sea-coasts, and he will tabernacle at his ports.

18 The people Zebulun exposed their soul to death, and Naphtali came to the high places of their land.

19 Kings set themselves in array, then the kings of Canaan fought in Thanaach at the water of Megiddo; they took no gift of money.

20 The stars from heaven set themselves in array, they set themselves to fight with Sisara out of their paths.

21 The brook of Kison swept them away, the ancient brook, the brook Kison: my mighty soul will trample him down.

22 When the hoofs of the horse were entangled, his mighty ones earnestly hasted

23 to curse Meroz: Curse you it, said the angel of the Lord; cursed is every one that dwells in it, because they came not to the help of the Lord, to his help among the mighty.

24 Blessed among women be Jael wife of Chaber the Kenite; let her be blessed above women in tents.

25 He asked for water, she gave him milk in a dish; she brought butter of princes.

26 She stretched forth her left hand to the nail, and her right hand to the workman's hammer, and she smote Sisara with it, she nailed through his head and smote him; she nailed through his temples.

27 He rolled down between her feet; he fell and lay between her feet; he bowed and fell: where he bowed, there he fell dead.

28 The mother of Sisara looked down through the window out of the loophole, saying, Why was his chariot ashamed? why did the wheels of his chariots tarry?

29 Her wise ladies answered her, and she returned answers to herself, saying,

30 Will they not find him dividing the spoil? he will surely be gracious to every man: there are spoils of dyed garments for Sisara, spoils of various dyed garments, dyed embroidered garments, they are the spoils for his neck.

31 Thus let all your enemies perish, O Lord: and they that love him shall be as the going forth of the sun in his strength. And the land had rest forty years.

Chapter 6

1 And the children of Israel did evil in the sight of the Lord, and the Lord gave them into the hand of Midian seven years.

2 And the hand of Midian prevailed against Israel: and the children of Israel made for themselves because of Midian

the caves in the mountains, and the dens, and the holes in the rocks.

3 And it came to pass when the children of Israel sowed, that Midian and Amalec went up, and the children of the east went up together with them.

4 And they encamped against them, and destroyed their fruits until they came to Gaza; and they left not the support of life in the land of Israel, not even ox or ass among the herds.

5 For they and their stock came up, and their tents were with them, as the locust in multitude, and there was no number to them and their camels; and they came to the land of Israel, and laid it waste.

6 And Israel was greatly impoverished because of Midian.

7 And the children of Israel cried to the Lord because of Midian.

8 And the Lord sent a prophet to the children of Israel; and he said to them, Thus says the Lord God of Israel, I am he that brought you up out of the land of Egypt, and I brought you up out of the house of your bondage.

9 And I delivered you out of the hand of Egypt, and out of the hand of all that afflicted you, and I cast them out before you; and I gave you their land.

10 And I said to you, I am the Lord your God: you shall not fear the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you dwell; but you hearkened not to my voice.

11 And an angel of the Lord came, and sat down under the fir tree, which was in Ephratha in the land of Joas father of Esdri; and Gedeon his son was threshing wheat in a wine-press in order to escape from the face of Midian.

12 And the angel of the Lord appeared to him and said to him, The Lord is with you, you mighty in strength.

13 And Gedeon said to him, Be gracious with me, my Lord: but if the Lord is with us, why have these evils found us? and where are all his miracles, which our fathers have related to us, saying, Did not the Lord bring us up out of Egypt? and now he has cast us out, and given us into the hand of Midian.

14 And the angel of the Lord turned to him, and said, Go in this your strength, and you shall save Israel out of the hand of Midian: behold, I have sent you.

15 And Gedeon said to him, Be gracious with me, my Lord: whereby shall I save Israel? behold, my thousand is weakened in Manasseh, and I am the least in my father's house.

16 And the angel of the Lord said to him, The Lord shall be with you, and you shall smite Midian as one man.

17 And Gedeon said to him, If now I have found mercy in your eyes, and you will do this day for me all that you have spoken of with me,

18 depart not hence until I come to you, and I will bring forth an offering and offer it before you: and he said, I will remain until you return.

19 And Gedeon went in, and prepared a kid of the goats, and an ephah of fine flour unleavened; and he put the flesh in the basket, and poured the broth into the pot, and brought them forth to him under the turpentine tree, and drew nigh.

20 And the angel of God said to him, Take the flesh and the unleavened cakes, and put them on that rock, and pour out the broth close by: and he did so.

21 And the angel of the Lord stretched out the end of the rod that was in his hand, and touched the flesh and the unleavened bread; and fire came up out of the rock, and consumed the flesh and the unleavened bread, and the angel of the Lord vanished from his sight.

22 And Gedeon saw that he was an angel of the Lord; and Gedeon said, Ah, ah, Lord my God! for I have seen the angel of the Lord face to face.

23 And the Lord said to him, Peace be to you, fear not, you shall not die.

24 And Gedeon built there an altar to the Lord, and called it The peace of the Lord, until this day, as it is still in Ephratha of the father of Esdri.

25 And it came to pass in that night, that the Lord said to him, Take the young bullock which your father has, even the second bullock of seven years old, and you shall destroy the altar of Baal which your father has, and the grove which is by it you shall destroy.

26 And you shall build an altar to the Lord your God on the top of this Maozi in the ordering it, and you shall take the second bullock, and shall offer up whole-burnt-offerings with the wood of the grove, which you shall destroy.

27 And Gedeon took ten men of his servants, and did as the Lord spoke to him: and it came to pass, as he feared the house of his father and the men of the city if he should do it by day, that he did it by night.

28 And the men of the city rose up early in the morning; and behold, the altar of Baal had been demolished, and the grove by it had been destroyed; and they saw the second bullock, which Gedeon offered on the altar that had been built.

29 And a man said to his neighbour, Who has done this thing? and they enquired and searched, and learnt that Gedeon the son of Joas had done this thing.

30 And the men of the city said to Joas, Bring out your son, and let him die, because he has destroyed the altar of Baal, and because he has destroyed the grove that is by it.

31 And Gedeon the son of Joas said to all the men who rose up against him, Do you now plead for Baal, or will you save him? whoever will plead for him, let him be slain this

morning: if he be a god let him plead for himself, because one has thrown down his altar.

32 And he called it in that day Jerobaal, saying, Let Baal plead thereby, because his altar has been thrown down.

33 And all Midian, and Amalek, and the sons of the east gathered themselves together, and encamped in the valley of Jezreel.

34 And the Spirit of the Lord came upon Gedeon, and he blew with the horn, and Abiezer came to help after him.

35 And Gedeon sent messengers into all Manasseh, and into Aser, and into Zebulun, and into Naphtali; and he went up to meet them.

36 And Gedeon said to God, If you will save Israel by my hand, as you have said,

37 behold, I put the fleece of wool in the threshing-floor: if there be dew on the fleece only, and drought on all the ground, I shall know that you will save Israel by my hand, as you have said.

38 And it was so: and he rose up early in the morning, and wrung the fleece, and dew dropped from the fleece, a bowl full of water.

39 And Gedeon said to God, Let not, I pray you, your anger be kindled with me, and I will speak yet once; I will even yet make one trial more with the fleece: let now the drought be upon the fleece only, and let there be dew on all the ground.

40 And God did so in that night; and there was drought on the fleece only, and on all the ground there was dew.

Chapter 7

1 And Jerobaal rose early, the same is Gedeon, and all the people with him, and encamped at the fountain of Arad; and the camp of Midian was to the north of him, reaching from Gabaathamorai, in the valley.

2 And the Lord said to Gedeon, The people with you are many, so that I may not deliver Midian into their hand, lest at any time Israel boast against me, saying, My hand has saved me.

3 And now speak in the ears of the people, saying, Who is afraid and fearful? let him turn and depart from mount Gilead: and there returned of the people twenty-two thousand, and ten thousand were left.

4 And the Lord said to Gedeon, The people is yet numerous; bring them down to the water, and I will purge them there for you: and it shall come to pass that of whomsoever I shall say to you, This one shall go with you, even he shall go with you; and of whomsoever I shall say to you, This one shall not go with you, even he shall not go with you.

5 And he brought the people down to the water; and the Lord said to Gedeon, Whosoever shall lap of the water with his tongue as if a dog should lap, you shall set him apart, and also whosoever shall bow down upon his knees to drink.

6 And the number of those that lapped with their hand to their mouth was three hundred men; and all the rest of the people bowed upon their knees to drink water.

7 And the Lord said to Gedeon, I will save you by the three hundred men that lapped, and I will give Midian into your hand; and all the rest of the people shall go every one to his place.

8 And they took the provision of the people in their hand, and their horns; and he sent away every man of Israel each to his tent, and he strengthened the three hundred; and the army of Midian were beneath him in the valley.

9 And it came to pass in that night that the Lord said to him, Arise, go down into the camp, for I have delivered it into your hand.

10 And if you are afraid to go down, go down you and your servant Phara into the camp.

11 And you shall hear what they shall say, and afterwards your hands shall be strong, and you shall go down into the camp: and he went down and Phara his servant to the extremity of the companies of fifty, which were in the camp.

12 And Midian and Amalec and all the children of the east were scattered in the valley, as the locust for multitude; and there was no number to their camels, but they were as the sand on the seashore for multitude.

13 And Gedeon came, and behold a man was relating to his neighbour a dream, and he said, Behold, I have dreamed a dream, and behold, a cake of barley bread rolling into the camp of Midian, and it came as far as a tent, and smote it, and it fell, and it turned it up, and the tent fell.

14 And his neighbour answered and said, This is none other than the sword of Gedeon, son of Joas, a man of Israel: God has delivered Midian and all the host into his hand.

15 And it came to pass when Gedeon heard the account of the dream and the interpretation of it, that he worshipped the Lord, and returned to the camp of Israel, and said, Rise, for the Lord has delivered the camp of Midian into our hand.

16 And he divided the three hundred men into three companies, and put horns in the hands of all, and empty pitchers, and torches in the pitchers:

17 and he said to them, You shall look at me, and so shall you do; and behold, I will go into the beginning of the host, and it shall come to pass that as I do, so shall you do.

18 And I will sound with the horn, and all you with me shall sound with the horn round about the whole camp, and you shall say, For the Lord and Gedeon.

19 And Gedeon and the hundred men that were with him came to the extremity of the army in the beginning of the middle watch; and they completely roused the guards, and sounded with the horns, and they broke the pitchers that were in their hands,

20 and the three companies sounded with the horns, and broke the pitchers, and held the torches in their left hands, and in their right hands their horns to sound with; and they cried out, A sword for the Lord and for Gedeon.

21 And every man stood in his place round about the host; and all the host ran, and sounded an alarm, and fled.

22 And they sounded with the three hundred horns; and the Lord set every man's sword in all the host against his neighbour.

23 And the host fled as far as Bethseed Tagaragatha Abel-meula to Tabath; and the men of Israel from Naphtali, and from Aser, and from all Manasseh, came to help, and followed after Midian.

24 And Gedeon sent messengers into all mount Ephraim, saying, Come down to meet Midian, and take to yourselves the water as far as Bæthera and Jordan: and every man of Ephraim cried out, and they took the water before hand unto Bæthera and Jordan.

25 And they took the princes of Midian, even Oreb and Zeb; and they slew Oreb in Sur Oreb, and they slew Zeb in Jakephzeph; and they pursued Midian, and brought the heads of Oreb and Zeb to Gedeon from beyond Jordan.

Chapter 8

1 And the men of Ephraim said to Gedeon, What is this that you have done to us, in that you did not call us when you went to fight with Midian? and they chode with him sharply.

2 And he said to them, What have I now done in comparison of you? is not the gleaning of Ephraim better than the vintage of Abiezer?

3 The Lord has delivered into your hand the princes of Midian, Oreb and Zeb; and what could I do in comparison of you? Then was their spirit calmed toward him, when he spoke this word.

4 And Gedeon came to Jordan, and went over, himself and the three hundred with him, hungry, yet pursuing.

5 And he said to the men of Succoth, Give, I pray you, bread to feed this people that follow me; because they are faint, and behold, I am following after Zebee and Salmana, kings of Midian.

6 And the princes of Succoth said, Are the hands of Zebee and Salmana now in your hand, that we should give bread to your host?

7 And Gedeon said, Therefore when the Lord gives Zebee and Salmana into my hand, then will I tear your flesh with the thorns of the wilderness, and the Barkenim.

8 And he went up thence to Phanuel, and spoke to them likewise: and the men of Phanuel answered him as the men of Succoth had answered him.

9 And Gedeon said to the men of Phanuel, When I return in peace, I will break down this tower.

10 And Zebee and Salmana were in Carcar, and their host was with them, about fifteen thousand, all that were left of all the host of the aliens; and they that fell were a hundred and twenty thousand men that drew the sword.

11 And Gedeon went up by the way of them that dwelt in tents, eastward of Nabai and Jegebal; and he smote the host, and the host was secure.

12 And Zebee and Salmana fled; and he pursued after them, and took the two kings of Midian, Zebee and Salmana, and discomfited all the army.

13 And Gedeon the son of Joas returned from the battle, down from the battle of Ares.

14 And he took prisoner a young lad of the men of Succoth, and questioned him; and he wrote to him the names of the princes of Succoth and of their elders, seventy-seven men.

15 And Gedeon came to the princes of Succoth, and said, Behold Zebee and Salmana, about whom you reproached me, saying, Are the hands of Zebee and Salmana now in your hand, that we should give bread to your men that are faint?

16 And he took the elders of the city with the thorns of the wilderness and the Barkenim, and with them he tore the men of the city.

17 And he overthrew the tower of Phanuel, and slew the men of the city.

18 And he said to Zebee and Salmana, Where are the men whom you slew in Thabor? and they said, As you, so were they, according to the likeness of the son of a king.

19 And Gedeon said, They were my brethren and the sons of my mother: as the Lord lives, if you had preserved them alive, I would not have slain you.

20 And he said to Jether his first-born, Rise and slay them; but the lad drew not his sword, for he was afraid, for he was yet very young.

21 And Zebee and Salmana said, Rise you and fall upon us, for your power is as that of a man; and Gedeon arose, and slew Zebee and Salmana; and he took the round ornaments that were on the necks of their camels.

22 And the men of Israel said to Gedeon, Rule, my lord, over us, both you, and your son, and your son's son; for you have saved us out of the hand of Midian.

23 And Gedeon said to them, I will not rule, and my son shall not rule among you; the Lord shall rule over you.

24 And Gedeon said to them, I will make a request of you, and do you give me every man an earring out of his spoils: for they had golden earrings, for they were Ismaelites.

25 And they said, We will certainly give them: and he opened his garment, and each man cast therein an earring of his spoils.

26 And the weight of the golden earrings which he asked, was a thousand and seven hundred pieces of gold, besides the crescents, and the chains, and the garments, and the purple cloths that were on the kings of Midian, and besides the chains that were on the necks of their camels.

27 And Gedeon made an ephod of it, and set it in his city in Ephratha; and all Israel went thither a whoring after it, and it became a stumbling-block to Gedeon and his house.

28 And Midian was straitened before the children of Israel, and they did not lift up their head any more; and the land had rest forty years in the days of Gedeon.

29 And Jerobaal the son of Joas went and sat in his house.

30 And Gedeon had seventy sons begotten of his body, for he had many wives.

31 And his concubine was in Shechem, and she also bore him a son, and gave him the name Abimelech.

32 And Gedeon son of Joas died in his city, and was buried in the sepulchre of Joas his father in Ephratha of Abi-Esdri.

33 And it came to pass when Gedeon was dead, that the children of Israel turned, and went a whoring after Baalim, and made for themselves a covenant with Baal that he should be their god.

34 And the children of Israel remembered not the Lord their God who had delivered them out of the hand of all that afflicted them round about.

35 And they did not deal mercifully with the house of Jerobaal, (the same is Gedeon) according to all the good which he did to Israel.

Chapter 9

1 And Abimelech son of Jerobaal went to Shechem to his mother's brethren; and he spoke to them and to all the kindred of the house of his mother's father, saying,

2 Speak, I pray you, in the ears of all the men of Shechem, saying, Which is better for you, that seventy men, even all the sons of Jerobaal, should reign over you, or that one man should reign over you? and remember that I am your bone and your flesh.

3 And his mother's brethren spoke concerning him in the ears of all the men of Shechem all these words; and their heart turned after Abimelech, for they said, He is our brother.

4 And they gave him seventy pieces of silver out of the house of Baalberith; and Abimelech hired for himself vain and cowardly men, and they went after him.

5 And he went to the house of his father to Ephratha, and slew his brethren the sons of Jerobaal, seventy men upon one stone; but Jotham the youngest son of Jerobaal was left, for he hid himself.

6 And all the men of Sicima, and all the house of Bethmaalo, were gathered together, and they went and made Abimelech king by the oak of Sedition, which was at Sicima.

7 And it was reported to Jotham, and he went and stood on the top of mount Garizin, and lifted up his voice, and wept, and said to them, Hear me, you men of Sicima, and God shall hear you.

8 The trees went forth on a time to anoint a king over them; and they said to the olive, Reign over us.

9 But the olive said to them, Shall I leave my fatness, with which men shall glorify God, and go to be promoted over the trees?

10 And the trees said to the fig-tree, Come, reign over us.

11 But the fig-tree said to them, Shall I leave my sweetness and my good fruits, and go to be promoted over the trees?

12 And the trees said to the vine, Come, reign over us.

13 And the vine said to them, Shall I leave my wine that cheers God and men, and go to be promoted over the trees?

14 Then all the trees said to the bramble, Come you and reign over us.

15 And the bramble said to the trees, If you in truth anoint me to reign over you, come, stand under my shadow; and if not, let fire come out from me and devour the cedars of Lebanon.

16 And now, if you have done it in truth and integrity, and have made Abimelech king, and if you have wrought well with Jerobaal, and with his house, and if you have done to him according to the reward of his hand,

17 as my father fought for you, and put his life in jeopardy, and delivered you out of the hand of Midian;

18 and you are risen up this day against the house of my father, and have slain his sons, being seventy men, upon one stone, and have made Abimelech the son of his bondwoman king over the men of Sicima, because he is your brother:

19 if then you have done truly and faithfully with Jerobaal, and with his house this day, rejoice you in Abimelech, and let him also rejoice over you:

20 but if not, let fire come out from Abimelech, and devour the men of Sicima, and the house of Beth-maalo; and let fire come out from the men of Sicima and from the house of Beth-maalo, and devour Abimelech.

21 And Jotham fled, and ran away, and went as far as Bær, and dwelt there out of the way of his brother Abimelech.

22 And Abimelech reigned over Israel three years.

23 And God sent an evil spirit between Abimelech and the men of Sicima; and the men of Sicima dealt treacherously with the house of Abimelech:

24 to bring the injury done to the seventy sons of Jerobaal, and to lay their blood upon their brother Abimelech, who slew them, and upon the men of Sicima, because they strengthened his hands to slay his brethren.

25 And the men of Sicima set liers in wait against him on the top of the mountains, and robbed every one who passed by them on the way; and it was reported to the king Abimelech.

26 And Gaal son of Jobel came, and his brethren, and passed by Sicima, and the men of Sicima trusted in him.

27 And they went out into the field, and gathered their grapes, and trod them, and made merry; and they brought the grapes into the house of their god, and ate and drank, and cursed Abimelech.

28 And Gaal the son of Jobel said, Who is Abimelech, and who is the son of Shechem, that we should serve him? Is he not the son of Jerobaal, and is not Zebul his steward, his servant with the son of Emmor the father of Shechem? and why should we serve him?

29 And would that this people were under my hand! then would I remove Abimelech, and I would say to him, Multiply your host, and come out.

30 And Zebul the ruler of the city heard the words of Gaal the son of Jobel, and he was very angry.

31 And he sent messengers to Abimelech secretly, saying, Behold, Gaal the son of Jobel and his brethren are come to Shechem; and behold, they have besieged the city against you.

32 And now rise up by night, you and the people with you, and lay wait in the field.

33 And it shall come to pass in the morning at sunrising, you shall rise up early and draw toward the city; and behold, he and the people with him will come forth against you, and you shall do to him according to your power.

34 And Abimelech and all the people with him rose up by night, and formed an ambuscade against Shechem in four companies.

35 And Gaal the son of Jobel went forth, and stood by the door of the gate of the city: and Abimelech and the people with him rose up from the ambuscade.

36 And Gaal the son of Jobel saw the people, and said to Zebul, Behold, a people comes down from the top of the mountains: and Zebul said to him, You see the shadow of the mountains as men.

37 And Gaal continued to speak and said, Behold, a people comes down westward from the part bordering on the middle of the land, and another company comes by the way of Helon Maonenim.

38 And Zebul said to him, And where is your mouth as you spoke, Who is Abimelech that we should serve him? Is not this the people whom you despisedst? go forth now, and set the battle in array against him.

39 And Gaal went forth before the men of Shechem, and set the battle in array against Abimelech.

40 And Abimelech pursued him, and he fled from before him; and many fell down slain as far as the door of the gate.

41 And Abimelech entered into Arema, and Zebul cast out Gaal and his brethren, so that they should not dwell in Shechem.

42 And it came to pass on the second day that the people went out into the field, and one brought word to Abimelech.

43 And he took the people, and divided them into three companies, and formed an ambush in the field; and he looked, and, behold, the people went forth out of the city, and he rose up against them, and smote them.

44 And Abimelech and the chiefs of companies that were with him rushed forward, and stood by the door of the gate of the city; and the two other companies rushed forward upon all that were in the field, and smote them.

45 And Abimelech fought against the city all that day, and took the city, and slew the people that were in it, and destroyed the city, and sowed it with salt.

46 And all the men of the tower of Shechem heard, and came to the gathering of Bethel-berith.

47 And it was reported to Abimelech, that all the men of the tower of Shechem were gathered together.

48 And Abimelech went up to the mount of Selmon, and all the people that were with him; and Abimelech took an axe in his hand, and cut down a branch of a tree, and took it, and laid it on his shoulders; and said to the people that were with him, What you see me doing, do quickly as I.

49 And they cut down likewise even every man a branch, and went after Abimelech, and laid them against the place of gathering, and burnt the place of gathering over them with fire; and they died, even all the men of the tower of Sicima, about a thousand men and women.

50 And Abimelech went out of Bethel-berith, and encamped against Thebes, and took it.

51 And there was a strong tower in the midst of the city; and thither all the men and the women of the city fled, and shut the door without them, and went up on the roof of the tower.

52 And Abimelech drew near to the tower, and they besieged it; and Abimelech drew near to the door of the tower to burn it with fire.

53 And a woman cast a piece of a millstone upon the head of Abimelech, and broke his skull.

54 And he cried out quickly to the young man his armour-bearer, and said to him, Draw your sword, and slay me, lest at any time they should say, A woman slew him: and his young man thrust him through and he died.

55 And the men of Israel saw that Abimelech was dead; and they went each to his place.

56 So God requited the wickedness of Abimelech, which he wrought against his father, in slaying his seventy brethren.

57 And all the wickedness of the men of Shechem God requited upon their head; and the curse of Jotham the son of Jerobaal came upon them.

Chapter 10

1 And after Abimelech Thola the son of Phua rose up to save Israel, being the son of his father's brother, a man of Issachar; and he dwelt in Samir in mount Ephraim.

2 And he judged Israel twenty-three years, and died, and was buried in Samir.

3 And after him arose Jair of Gilead, and he judged Israel twenty-two years.

4 And he had thirty-two sons riding on thirty-two colts, and they had thirty-two cities; and they called them Jair's towns until this day in the land of Gilead.

5 And Jair died, and was buried in Rhamnon.

6 And the children of Israel did evil again in the sight of the Lord, and served Baalim, and Astaroth, and the gods of Aram, and the gods of Sidon, and the gods of Moab, and the gods of the children of Ammon, and the gods of the Phylistines; and they forsook the Lord, and did not serve him.

7 And the Lord was very angry with Israel, and sold them into the hand of the Phylistines, and into the hand of the children of Ammon.

8 And they afflicted and bruised the children of Israel at that time eighteen years, all the children of Israel beyond Jordan in the land of the Amorite in Gilead.

9 And the children of Ammon went over Jordan to fight with Judah, and Benjamin, and with Ephraim; and the children of Israel were greatly afflicted.

10 And the children of Israel cried to the Lord, saying, We have sinned against you, because we have forsaken God, and served Baalim.

11 And the Lord said to the children of Israel, Did I not save you from Egypt and from the Amorite, and from the children of Ammon, and from the Phylistines,

12 and from the Sidonians, and Amalec, and Midian, who afflicted you? and you cried to me, and I saved you out of their hand?

13 Yet you forsook me and served other gods; therefore I will not save you any more.

14 Go, and cry to the gods whom you have chosen to yourselves, and let them save you in the time of your affliction.

15 And the children of Israel said to the Lord, We have sinned: do you to us according to all that is good in your eyes; only deliver us this day.

16 And they put away the strange gods from the midst of them, and served the Lord only, and his soul was pained for the trouble of Israel.

17 And the children of Ammon went up, and encamped in Gilead; and the children of Israel were gathered together and encamped on the hill.

18 And the people the princes of Gilead said every man to his neighbour, Who is he that shall begin to fight against the children of Ammon? he shall even be head over all that dwell in Gilead.

Chapter 11

1 And Jephthae the Galaadite was a mighty man; and he was the son of a harlot, who bore Jephthae to Gilead.

2 And the wife of Gilead bore him sons; and the sons of his wife grew up, and they cast out Jephthae, and said to him, You shall not inherit in the house of our father, for you are the son of a concubine.

3 And Jephthae fled from the face of his brethren, and dwelt in the land of Tob; and vain men gathered to Jephthae, and went out with him.

4 And it came to pass when the children of Ammon prepared to fight with Israel,

5 that the elders of Gilead went to fetch Jephthae from the land of Tob.

6 And they said to Jephthae, Come, and be our head, and we will fight with the sons of Ammon.

7 And Jephthae said to the elders of Gilead, Did you not hate me, and cast me out of my father's house, and banish me from you? and wherefore are you come to me now when you want me?

8 And the elders of Gilead said to Jephthae, Therefore have we now turned to you, that you should go with us, and fight against the sons of Ammon, and be our head over all the inhabitants of Gilead.

9 And Jephthae said to the elders of Gilead, If you turn me back to fight with the children of Ammon, and the Lord should deliver them before me, then will I be your head.

10 And the elders of Gilead said to Jephthae, The Lord be witness between us, if we shall not do according to your word.

11 And Jephthae went with the elders of Gilead, and the people made him head and ruler over them: and Jephthae spoke all his words before the Lord in Mizpah.

12 And Jephthae sent messengers to the king of the children of Ammon, saying, What have I to do with you, that you have come against me to fight in my land?

13 And the king of the children of Ammon said to the messengers of Jephthae, Because Israel took my land when he went up out of Egypt, from Arnon to Jaboc, and to Jordan: now then return them peaceably and I will depart.

14 And Jephthae again sent messengers to the king of the children of Ammon,

15 and said to him, Thus says Jephthae, Israel took not the land of Moab, nor the land of the children of Ammon;

16 for in their going up out of Egypt Israel went in the wilderness as far as the sea of Siph, and came to Kadesh.

17 And Israel sent messengers to the king of Edom, saying, I will pass, if it please you, by your land: and the king of Edom complied not: and Israel also sent to the king of Moab, and he did not consent; and Israel sojourned in Kadesh.

18 And they journeyed in the wilderness, and compassed the land of Edom and the land of Moab: and they came by the east of the land of Moab, and encamped in the country beyond Arnon, and came not within the borders of Moab, for Arnon is the border of Moab.

19 And Israel sent messengers to Seon king of the Amorite, king of Heshbon, and Israel said to him, Let us pass, we pray you, by your land to our place.

20 And Seon did not trust Israel to pass by his coast; and Seon gathered all his people, and they encamped at Jasa; and he set the battle in array against Israel.

21 And the Lord God of Israel delivered Seon and all his people into the hand of Israel, and they smote him; and Israel inherited all the land of the Amorite who dwelt in that land,

22 from Arnon and to Jaboc, and from the wilderness to Jordan.

23 And now the Lord God of Israel has removed the Amorite from before his people Israel, and shall you inherit his land?

24 Will you not inherit those possessions which Chamos your god shall cause you to inherit; and shall not we inherit the land of all those whom the Lord our God has removed from before you?

25 And now are you any better than Balac son of Sepphor, king of Moab? Did he indeed fight with Israel, or indeed make war with him,

26 when Israel dwelt in Heshbon and in its coasts, and in the land of Aroer and in its coasts, and in all the cities by Jordan, three hundred years? and wherefore did you not recover them in that time?

27 And now I have not sinned against you, but you wrong me in preparing war against me: may the Lord the Judge judge this day between the children of Israel and the children of Ammon.

28 But the king of the children of Ammon hearkened not to the words of Jephthae, which he sent to him.

29 And the Spirit of the Lord came upon Jephthae, and he passed over Gilead, and Manasseh, and passed by the watch-tower of Gilead to the other side of the children of Ammon.

30 And Jephthae vowed a vow to the Lord, and said, If you will indeed deliver the children of Ammon into my hand,

31 then it shall come to pass that whosoever shall first come out of the door of my house to meet me when I return in peace from the children of Ammon, he shall be the Lord's: I will offer him up for a whole-burnt-offering.

32 And Jephthae advanced to meet the sons of Ammon to fight against them; and the Lord delivered them into his hand.

33 And he smote them from Aroer till one comes to Arnon, in number twenty cities, and as far as Ebelcharmim, with a very great destruction: and the children of Ammon were straitened before the children of Israel.

34 And Jephthae came to Mizpah to his house; and behold, his daughter came forth to meet him with timbrels and dances; and she was his only child, he had not another son or daughter.

35 And it came to pass when he saw her, that he rent his garments, and said, Ah, ah, my daughter, you have indeed troubled me, and you were the cause of my trouble; and I have opened my mouth against you to the Lord, and I shall not be able to return from it.

36 And she said to him, Father, have you opened your mouth to the Lord? Do to me accordingly as the word went out of your mouth, in that the Lord has wrought vengeance for you on your enemies of the children of Ammon.

37 And she said to her father, Let my father now do this thing: let me alone for two months, and I will go up and down on the mountains, and I will bewail my virginity, I and my companions.

38 And he said, Go: and he sent her away for two months; and she went, and her companions, and she bewailed her virginity on the mountains.

39 And it came to pass at the end of the two months that she returned to her father; and he performed upon her his vow which he vowed; and she knew no man:

40 and it was an ordinance in Israel, That the daughters of Israel went from year to year to bewail the daughter of Jephthae the Galaadite for four days in a year.

Chapter 12

1 And the men of Ephraim assembled themselves, and passed on to the north, and said to Jephthae, Wherefore did you go over to fight with the children of Ammon, and did not call us to go with you? we will burn your house over you with fire.

2 And Jephthae said to them, I and my people and the children of Ammon were very much engaged in war; and I called for you, and you did not save me out of their hand.

3 And I saw that you were no helper, and I put my life in my hand, and passed on to the sons of Ammon; and the Lord delivered them into my hand: and wherefore are you come up against me this day to fight with me?

4 And Jephthae gathered all the men of Gilead, and fought with Ephraim; and the men of Gilead smote Ephraim, because they that were escaped of Ephraim said, You are of Gilead in the midst of Ephraim and in the midst of Manasseh.

5 And Gilead took the fords of Jordan before Ephraim; and they that escaped of Ephraim said to them, Let us go over: and the men of Gilead said, Are you an Ephrathite? and he said, No.

6 Then they said to him, Say now Stachys; and he did not rightly pronounce it so: and they took him, and slew him at the fords of Jordan; and there fell at that time of Ephraim two and forty thousand.

7 And Jephthae judged Israel six years; and Jephthae the Galaadite died, and was buried in his city Gilead.

8 And after him Abaissan of Bethlehem judged Israel.

9 And he had thirty sons, and thirty daughters, whom he sent forth; and he brought in thirty daughters for his sons from without; and he judged Israel seven years.

10 And Abaissan died, and was buried in Bethlehem.

11 And after him Ælom of Zebulun judged Israel ten years.

12 And Ælom of Zebulun died, and was buried in Ælom in the land of Zebulun.

13 And after him Abdon the son of Ellel, the Pharathonite, judged Israel.

14 And he had forty sons, and thirty grandsons, that rode upon seventy colts: and he judged Israel eight years.

15 And Abdon the son of Ellel, the Pharathonite, died, and was buried in Pharathon in the land of Ephraim in the mount of Amalec.

Chapter 13

1 And the children of Israel yet again committed iniquity before the Lord; and the Lord delivered them into the hand of the Phylistines forty years.

2 And there was a man of Saraa, of the family of the kindred of Dan, and his name was Manoë, and his wife was barren, and bore not.

3 And an angel of the Lord appeared to the woman, and said to her, Behold, you are barren and have not born; yet you shall conceive a son.

4 And now be very cautious, and drink no wine nor strong drink, and eat no unclean thing;

5 for behold, you are with child, and shall bring forth a son; and there shall come no razor upon his head, for the child shall be a Nazarite to God from the womb; and he shall begin to save Israel from the hand of the Phylistines.

6 And the woman went in, and spoke to her husband, saying, A man of God came to me, and his appearance was as of an angel of God, very dreadful; and I did not ask him whence he was, and he did not tell me his name.

7 And he said to me, Behold, you are with child, and shall bring forth a son; and now drink no wine nor strong drink, and eat no unclean thing; for the child shall be holy to God from the womb until the day of his death.

8 And Manoë prayed to the Lord and said, I pray you, O Lord my Lord, concerning the man of God whom you sent; let him now come to us once more, and teach us what we shall do to the child about to be born.

9 And the Lord heard the voice of Manoë, and the angel of God came yet again to the woman; and she sat in the field, and Manoë her husband was not with her.

10 And the woman hasted, and ran, and brought word to her husband, and said to him, Behold the man who came in the other day to me has appeared to me.

11 And Manoë arose and followed his wife, and came to the man, and said to him, Are you the man that spoke to the woman? and the angel said, I am.

12 And Manoë said, Now shall your word come to pass: what shall be the ordering of the child, and our dealings with him?

13 And the angel of the Lord said to Manoë, Of all things concerning which I spoke to the woman, she shall beware.

14 She shall eat of nothing that comes of the vine yielding wine, and let her not drink wine or strong liquor, and let her not eat anything unclean: all things that I have charged her she shall observe.

15 And Manoë said to the angel of the Lord, Let us detain you here, and prepare before you a kid of the goats.

16 And the angel of the Lord said to Manoë, If you should detain me, I will not eat of your bread; and if you would offer a whole-burnt-offering, to the Lord you shall offer it: for Manoë knew not that he was an angel of the Lord.

17 And Manoë said to the angel of the Lord, What is your name, that when your word shall come to pass, we may glorify you?

18 And the angel of the Lord said to him, Why do you thus ask after my name; whereas it is wonderful?

19 And Manoë took a kid of the goats and its meat-offering, and offered it on the rock to the Lord; and the angel wrought a distinct work, and Manoë and his wife were looking on.

20 And it came to pass when the flame went up above the altar toward heaven, that the angel of the Lord went up in the flame; and Manoë and his wife were looking, and they fell upon their face to the earth.

21 And the angel appeared no more to Manoë and to his wife: then Manoë knew that this was an angel of the Lord.

22 And Manoë said to his wife, We shall surely die, because we have seen God.

23 But his wife said to him, If the Lord were pleased to slay us, he would not have received of our hand a whole-burnt-offering and a meat-offering; and he would not have shewn us all these things, neither would he have caused us to hear all these things as at this time.

24 And the woman brought forth a son, and she called his name Sampson; and the child grew, and the Lord blessed him.

25 And the Spirit of the Lord began to go out with him in the camp of Dan, and between Saraa and Esthaol.

Chapter 14

1 And Sampson went down to Thamnatha, and saw a woman in Thamnatha of the daughters of the Philistines.

2 And he went up and told his father and his mother, and said, I have seen a woman in Thamnatha of the daughters of the Phylistines; and now take her to me for a wife.

3 And his father and his mother said to him, Are there no daughters of your brethren, and is there not a woman of all my people, that you go to take a wife of the uncircumcised Philistines? And Sampson said to his father, Take her for me, for she is right in my eyes.

4 And his father and his mother knew not that it was of the Lord, that he sought to be revenged on the Philistines: and at that time the Philistines lorded it over Israel.

5 And Sampson and his father and his mother went down to Thamnatha, and he came to the vineyard of Thamnatha; and behold, a young lion roared in meeting him.

6 And the Spirit of the Lord came powerfully upon him, and he crushed him as he would have crushed a kid of the goats, and there was nothing in his hands: and he told not his father and his mother what he had done.

7 And they went down and spoke to the woman, and she was pleasing in the eyes of Sampson.

8 And after some time he returned to take her, and he turned aside to see the carcase of the lion; and behold, a swarm of bees, and honey were in the mouth of the lion.

9 And he took it into his hands, and went on eating, and he went to his father and his mother, and gave to them, and they did eat; but he told them not that he took the honey out of the mouth of the lion.

10 And his father went down to the woman, and Sampson made there a banquet for seven days, for so the young men are used to do.

11 And it came to pass when they saw him, that they took thirty guests, and they were with him.

12 And Sampson said to them, I propound you a riddle: if you will indeed tell it me, and discover it within the seven days of the feast, I will give you thirty sheets and thirty changes of raiment.

13 And if you cannot tell it me, you shall give me thirty napkins and thirty changes of apparel: and they said to him, Propound your riddle, and we will hear it.

14 And he said to them, Meat came forth of the eater, and sweetness out of the strong: and they could not tell the riddle for three days.

15 And it came to pass on the fourth day, that they said to the wife of Sampson, Deceive now your husband, and let him tell you the riddle, lest we burn you and your father's house with fire: did you invite us to do us violence?

16 And Sampson's wife wept before him, and said, You do but hate me, and love me not; for the riddle which you have propounded to the children of my people, you have not told me: and Sampson said to her, If I have not told it to my father and my mother, shall I tell it to you?

17 And she wept before him the seven days, during which their banquet lasted: and it came to pass on the seventh

day, that he told her, because she troubled him; and she told it to the children of her people.

18 And the men of the city said to him on the seventh day, before sunrise, What is sweeter than honey? and what is stronger than a lion? and Sampson said to them, If you had not ploughed with my heifer, you would not have known my riddle.

19 And the Spirit of the Lord came upon him powerfully, and he went down to Ashkelon, and destroyed of the inhabitants thirty men, and took their garments, and gave the changes of raiment to them that told the riddle; and Sampson was very angry, and went up to the house of his father.

20 And the wife of Sampson was given to one of his friends, with whom he was on terms of friendship.

Chapter 15

1 And it came to pass after a time, in the days of wheat harvest, that Sampson visited his wife with a kid, and said, I will go in to my wife even into the chamber: but her father did not suffer him to go in.

2 And her father spoke, saying, I said that you did surely hate her, and I gave her to one of your friends: is not her younger sister better than she? let her be to you instead of her.

3 And Sampson said to them, Even for once am I guiltless with regard to the Philistines, in that I do mischief among them.

4 And Sampson went and caught three hundred foxes, and took torches, and turned tail to tail, and put a torch between two tails, and fastened it.

5 And he set fire to the torches, and sent the foxes into the corn of the Philistines; and every thing was burnt from the threshing floor to the standing corn, and even to the vineyard and olives.

6 And the Philistines said, Who has done these things? and they said, Sampson the son-in-law of the Thamnite, because he has taken his wife, and given her to one of his friends; and the Philistines went up, and burnt her and her father's house with fire.

7 And Sampson said to them, Though you may have dealt thus with her, verily I will be avenged of you, and afterwards I will cease.

8 And he smote them leg on thigh with a great overthrow; and went down and dwelt in a cave of the rock Etam.

9 And the Philistines went up, and encamped in Judah, and spread themselves abroad in Lechi.

10 And the men of Judah said, Why are you come up against us? and the Philistines said, We are come up to bind Sampson, and to do to him as he has done to us.

11 And the three thousand men of Judah went down to the hole of the rock Etam, and they said to Sampson, Know you not that the Philistines rule over us? and what is this that you have done to us? and Sampson said to them, As they did to me, so have I done to them.

12 And they said to him, We are come down to bind you to deliver you into the hand of the Philistines: and Sampson said to them, Swear to me that you will not fall upon me yourselves.

13 And they spoke to him, saying, Nay, but we will only bind you fast, and deliver you into their hand, and will by no means slay you: and they bound him with two new ropes, and brought him from that rock.

14 And they came to Lechi: and the Philistines shouted, and ran to meet him: and the Spirit of the Lord came mightily upon him, and the ropes that were upon his arms became as tow which is burnt with fire; and his bonds were consumed from off his hands.

15 And he found the jaw-bone of an ass that had been cast away, and he put forth his hand and took it, and smote with it a thousand men.

16 And Sampson said, With the jaw-bone of an ass I have utterly destroyed them, for with the jaw-bone of an ass I have smitten a thousand men.

17 And it came to pass when he ceased speaking, that he cast the jaw-bone out of his hand; and he called that place the Lifting of the jaw-bone.

18 And he was very thirsty, and wept before the Lord, and said, You have been well pleased to grant this great deliverance by the hand of your servant, and now shall I die for thirst, and fall into the hand of the uncircumcised?

19 And God broke open a hollow place in the jaw, and there came thence water, and he drank; and his spirit returned and he revived: therefore the name of the fountain was called ‘The well of the invoker,’ which is in Lechi, until this day.

20 And he judged Israel in the days of the Philistines twenty years.

Chapter 16

1 And Sampson went to Gaza, and saw there a harlot, and went in to her.

2 And it was reported to the Gazites, saying, Sampson is come hither: and they compassed him and laid wait for him all night in the gate of the city, and they were quiet all the night, saying, Let us wait till the dawn appear, and we will slay him.

3 And Sampson slept till midnight, and rose up at midnight, and took hold of the doors of the gate of the city with the two posts, and lifted them up with the bar, and

laid them on his shoulders, and he went up to the top of the mountain that is before Hebron, and laid them there.

4 And it came to pass after this that he loved a woman in Alsorech, and her name was Dalida.

5 And the princes of the Philistines came up to her, and said to her, Beguile him, and see wherein his great strength is, and wherewith we shall prevail against him, and bind him to humble him; and we will give you each eleven hundred pieces of silver.

6 And Dalida said to Sampson, Tell me, I pray you, wherein is your great strength, and wherewith you shall be bound that you may be humbled.

7 And Sampson said to her, If they bind me with seven moist cords that have not been spoiled, then shall I be weak and be as one of ordinary men.

8 And the princes of the Philistines brought to her seven moist cords that had not been spoiled, and she bound him with them.

9 And the liers in wait remained with her in the chamber; and she said to him, The Philistines are upon you, Sampson: and he broke the cords as if any one should break a thread of tow when it has touched the fire, and his strength was not known.

10 And Dalida said to Sampson, Behold, you have cheated me, and told me lies; now then tell me wherewith you shall be bound.

11 And he said to her, If they should bind me fast with new ropes with which work has not been done, then shall I be weak, and shall be as another man.

12 And Dalida took new ropes, and bound him with them, and the liers in wait came out of the chamber, and she said, The Philistines are upon you, Sampson: and he broke them off his arms like a thread.

13 And Dalida said to Sampson, Behold, you have deceived me, and told me lies; tell me, I intreat you, wherewith you may be bound: and he said to her, If you should weave the seven locks of my head with the web, and should fasten them with the pin into the wall, then shall I be weak as another man.

14 And it came to pass when he was asleep, that Dalida took the seven locks of his head, and wove them with the web, and fastened them with the pin into the wall, and she said, The Philistines are upon you, Sampson: and he awoke out of his sleep, and carried away the pin of the web out of the wall.

15 And Dalida said to Sampson, How say you, I love you, when your heart is not with me? this third time you have deceived me, and have not told me wherein is your great strength.

16 And it came to pass as she pressed him sore with her words continually, and straitened him, that his spirit failed almost to death.

17 Then he told her all his heart, and said to her, A razor has not come upon my head, because I have been a holy one of God from my mother's womb; if then I should be shaven, my strength will depart from me, and I shall be weak, and I shall be as all other men.

18 And Dalida saw that he told her all his heart, and she sent and called the princes of the Philistines, saying, Come up yet this once; for he has told me all his heart. And the chiefs of the Philistines went up to her, and brought the money in their hands.

19 And Dalida made Sampson sleep upon her knees; and she called a man, and he shaved the seven locks of his head, and she began to humble him, and his strength departed from him.

20 And Dalida said, The Philistines are upon you, Sampson: and he awoke out of his sleep and said, I will go out as at former times, and shake myself; and he knew not that the Lord was departed from him.

21 And the Philistines took him, and put out his eyes, and brought him down to Gaza, and bound him with fetters of brass; and he ground in the prison-house.

22 And the hair of his head began to grow as before it was shaven.

23 And the chiefs of the Philistines met to offer a great sacrifice to their god Dagon, and to make merry; and they said, God has given into our hand our enemy Sampson.

24 And the people saw him, and sang praises to their god; for our god, said they, has delivered into our hand our enemy, who wasted our land, and who multiplied our slain.

25 And when their heart was merry, then they said, Call Sampson out of the prison-house, and let him play before us: and they called Sampson out of the prison-house, and he played before them; and they smote him with the palms of their hands, and set him between the pillars.

26 And Sampson said to the young man that held his hand, Suffer me to feel the pillars on which the house rests, and I will stay myself upon them.

27 And the house was full of men and women, and there were all the chiefs of the Philistines, and on the roof were about three thousand men and women looking at the sports of Sampson.

28 And Sampson wept before the Lord, and said, O Lord, my Lord, remember me, I pray you, and strengthen me, O God, yet this once, and I will requite one recompense to the Philistines for my two eyes.

29 And Sampson took hold of the two pillars of the house on which the house stood, and leaned on them, and laid hold of one with his right hand, and the other with his left.

30 And Sampson said, Let my life perish with the Philistines: and he bowed himself mightily; and the house fell upon the princes, and upon all the people that were in it: and the dead whom Sampson slew in his death were more than those whom he slew in his life.

31 And his brethren and his father's house went down, and they took him; and they went up and buried him between Saraa and Esthaol in the sepulchre of his father Manoë; and he judged Israel twenty years.

Chapter 17

1 And there was a man of mount Ephraim, and his name was Michaias.

2 And he said to his mother, The eleven hundred pieces of silver which you took to yourself, and about which you cursedst me, and spoke in my ears, behold, the silver is with me; I took it: and his mother said, Blessed be my son of the Lord.

3 And he restored the eleven hundred pieces of silver to his mother; and his mother said, I had wholly consecrated the money to the Lord out of my hand for my son, to make a graven and a molten image, and now I will restore it to you.

4 But he returned the silver to his mother, and his mother took two hundred pieces of silver, and gave them to a silversmith, and he made it a graven and a molten image; and it was in the house of Michaias.

5 And the house of Michaias was to him the house of God, and he made an ephod and theraphin, and he consecrated one of his sons, and he became to him a priest.

6 And in those days there was no king in Israel; every man did that which was right in his own eyes.

7 And there was a young man in Bethlehem of the tribe of Judah, and he was a Levite, and he was sojourning there.

8 And the man departed from Bethlehem the city of Judah to sojourn in whatever place he might find; and he came as far as mount Ephraim, and to the house of Michaias to accomplish his journey.

9 And Michaias said to him, Whence come you? and he said to him, I am a Levite of Bethlehem Judah, and I go to sojourn in any place I may find.

10 And Michaias said to him, Dwell with me, and be to me a father and a priest; and I will give you ten pieces of silver by the year, and a change of raiment, and your living.

11 And the Levite went and began to dwell with the man; and the young man was to him as one of his sons.

12 And Michaias consecrated the Levite, and he became to him a priest, and he was in the house of Michaias.

13 And Michaias said, Now I know that the Lord will do me good, because a Levite has become my priest.

Chapter 18

1 In those days there was no king in Israel; and in those days the tribe of Dan sought for itself an inheritance to inhabit, because no inheritance had fallen to it until that day in the midst of the tribes of the children of Israel.

2 And the sons of Dan sent from their families five men of valour, from Saraa and from Esthaol, to spy out the land and to search it; and they said to them, Go and search out the land. And they came as far as the mount of Ephraim to the house of Michaias and they lodged there,

3 in the house of Michaias, and they recognised the voice of the young man the Levite, and turned in thither; and said to him, Who brought you in hither? and what do you in this place? and what have you here?

4 And he said to them, Thus and thus did Michaias to me, and he hired me, and I became his priest.

5 And they said to him, Enquire now of God, and we shall know whether our way will prosper, on which we are going.

6 And the priest said to them, Go in peace; your way in which you go, is before the Lord.

7 And the five men went on, and came to Laisa; and they saw the people in the midst of it dwelling securely, at ease as is the manner of the Sidonians, and there is no one perverting or shaming a matter in the land, no heir extorting treasures; and they are far from the Sidonians, and they have no intercourse with any one.

8 And the five men came to their brethren to Saraa and Esthaol, and said to their brethren, Why sit you here idle?

9 And they said, Arise, and let us go up against them, for we have seen the land, and, behold, it is very good, yet you are still: delay not to go, and to enter in to possess the land.

10 And whensoever you shall go, you shall come in upon a people secure, and the land is extensive, for God has given it into your hand; a place where there is no want of anything that the earth affords.

11 And there departed thence of the families of Dan, from Saraa and from Esthaol, six hundred men, girded with weapons of war.

12 And they went up, and encamped in Cariathiarim in Judah; therefore it was called in that place the camp of Dan, until this day: behold, it is behind Cariathiarim.

13 And they went on thence to the mount of Ephraim, and came to the house of Michaias.

14 And the five men who went to spy out the land of Laisa answered, and said to their brethren, You know that there

is in this place an ephod, and theraphin, and a graven and a molten image; and now consider what you shall do.

15 And they turned aside there, and went into the house of the young man, the Levite, even into the house of Michaias, and asked him how he was.

16 And the six hundred men of the sons of Dan who were girded with their weapons of war stood by the door of the gate.

17 And the five men who went to spy out the land went up, and entered into the house of Michaias, and the priest stood.

18 And they took the graven image, and the ephod, and the theraphin, and the molten image; and the priest said to them, What are you doing?

19 And they said to him, Be silent, lay yours hand upon your mouth, and come with us, and be to us a father and a priest: is it better for you to be the priest of the house of one man, or to be the priest of a tribe and house for a family of Israel?

20 And the heart of the priest was glad, and he took the ephod, and the theraphin, and the graven image, and the molten image, and went in the midst of the people.

21 So they turned and departed, and put their children and their property and their baggage before them.

22 They went some distance from the house of Michaias, and, behold, Michaias and the men in the houses near Michaias' house, cried out, and overtook the children of Dan.

23 And the children of Dan turned their face, and said to Michaias, What is the matter with you that you have cried out?

24 And Michaias said, Because you have taken my graven image which I made, and my priest, and are gone; and what have I remaining? and what is this that you say to me, Why cry you?

25 And the children of Dan said to him, Let not your voice be heard with us, lest angry men run upon you, and take away your life, and the lives of your house.

26 And the children of Dan went their way; and Michaias saw that they were stronger than himself, and he returned to his house.

27 And the children of Dan took what Michaias had made, and the priest that he had, and they came to Laisa, to a people quiet and secure; and they smote them with the edge of the sword, and burnt the city with fire.

28 And there was no deliverer, because the city is far from the Sidonians, and they have no intercourse with men, and it is in the valley of the house of Raab; and they built the city, and dwelt in it.

29 And they called the name of the city Dan, after the name of Dan their father, who was born to Israel; and the name of the city was Ulamais before.

30 And the children of Dan set up the graven image for themselves; and Jonathan son of Gerson son of Manasseh, he and his sons were priests to the tribe of Dan till the time of the carrying away of the nation.

31 And they set up for themselves the graven image which Michaias made, all the days that the house of God was in Selom; and it was so in those days that there was no king in Israel.

Chapter 19

1 And there was a Levite sojourning in the sides of mount Ephraim, and he took to himself a concubine from Bethlehem Judah.

2 And his concubine departed from him, and went away from him to the house of her father to Bethlehem Judah, and she was there four months.

3 And her husband rose up, and went after her to speak kindly to her, to recover her to himself; and he had his young man with him, and a pair of asses; and she brought him into the house of her father; and the father of the damsel saw him, and was well pleased to meet him.

4 And his father-in-law, the father of the damsel, constrained him, and he staid with him for three days; and they ate and drank, and lodged there.

5 And it came to pass on the fourth day that they rose early, and he stood up to depart; and the father of the damsel said to his son-in-law, Strengthen your heart with a morsel of bread, and afterwards you shall go.

6 So they two sat down together and ate and drank: and the father of the damsel said to her husband, Tarry now the night, and let your heart be merry.

7 And the man rose up to depart; but his father-in-law constrained him, and he staid and lodged there.

8 And he rose early in the morning on the fifth day to depart; and the father of the damsel said, Strengthen now yours heart, and quit yourself as a soldier till the day decline; and the two ate.

9 And the man rose up to depart, he and his concubine, and his young man; but his father-in-law the father of the damsel said to him, Behold now, the day has declined toward evening; lodge here, and let your heart rejoice; and you shall rise early to-morrow for your journey, and you shall go to your habitation.

10 But the man would not lodge there, but he arose and departed, and came to the part opposite Jebus, (this is Jerusalem,) and there was with him a pair of asses saddled, and his concubine was with him.

11 And they came as far as Jebus: and the day had far advanced, and the young man said to his master, Come, I pray you, and let us turn aside to this city of the Jebusites, and let us lodge in it.

12 And his master said to him, We will not turn aside to a strange city, where there is not one of the children of Israel, but we will pass on as far as Gibeah.

13 And he said to his young man, Come, and let us draw nigh to one of the places, and we will lodge in Gibeah or in Ramah.

14 And they passed by and went on, and the sun went down upon them near to Gibeah, which is in Benjamin.

15 And they turned aside thence to go in to lodge in Gibeah; and they went in, and sat down in the street of the city, and there was no one who conducted them into a house to lodge.

16 And behold, an old man came out of the field from his work in the evening; and the man was of mount Ephraim, and he sojourned in Gibeah, and the men of the place were sons of Benjamin.

17 And he lifted up his eyes, and saw a traveller in the street of the city; and the old man said to him, Whither go you, and whence come you?

18 And he said to him, We are passing by from Bethlehem Judah to the sides of mount Ephraim: I am from thence, and I went as far as Bethlehem Judah, and I am going home, and there is no man to take me into his house.

19 Yet is there straw and food for our asses, and bread and wine for me and my handmaid and the young man with your servants; there is no want of anything.

20 And the old man said, Peace be to you; only be every want of your upon me, only do you by no means lodge in the street.

21 And he brought him into his house, and made room for his asses; and they washed their feet, and ate and drank.

22 And they were comforting their heart, when, behold, the men of the city, sons of transgressors, compassed the house, knocking at the door: and they spoke to the old man the owner of the house, saying, Bring out the man who came into your house, that we may know him.

23 And the master of the house came out to them, and said, Nay, brethren, do not you wrong, I pray you, after this man has come into my house; do not you this folly.

24 Behold my daughter a virgin, and the man's concubine: I will bring them out, and humble you them, and do to them that which is good in your eyes; but to this man do not this folly.

25 But the men would not consent to hearken to him; so the man laid hold of his concubine, and brought her out to them; and they knew her, and abused her all night till the morning, and let her go when the morning dawned.

26 And the woman came toward morning, and fell down at the door of the house where her husband was, until it was light.

27 And her husband rose up in the morning, and opened the doors of the house, and went forth to go on his journey; and, behold, the woman his concubine had fallen down by the doors of the house, and her hands were on the threshold.

28 And he said to her, Rise, and let us go; and she answered not, for she was dead: and he took her upon his ass, and went to his place.

29 And he took his sword, and laid hold of his concubine, and divided her into twelve parts, and sent them to every coast of Israel.

30 And it was so, that every one who saw it said, Such a day as this has not happened nor has been seen from the day of the going up of the children of Israel out of the land of Egypt until this day: take you counsel concerning it, and speak.

Chapter 20

1 And all the children of Israel went out, and all the congregation was gathered as one man, from Dan even to Beersheba, and in the land of Gilead, to the Lord at Mizpah.

2 And all the tribes of Israel stood before the Lord in the assembly of the people of God, four hundred thousand footmen that drew sword.

3 And the children of Benjamin heard that the children of Israel were gone up to Mizpah: and the children of Israel came and said, Tell us, where did this wickedness take place?

4 And the Levite, the husband of the woman that was slain, answered and said, I and my concubine went to Gibeah of Benjamin to lodge.

5 And the men of Gibeah rose up against me, and compassed the house by night against me; they wished to slay me, and they have humbled my concubine, and she is dead.

6 And I laid hold of my concubine, and divided her in pieces, and sent the parts into every coast of the inheritance of the children of Israel; for they have wrought lewdness and abomination in Israel.

7 Behold, all you are children of Israel; and consider and take counsel here among yourselves.

8 And all the people rose up as one man, saying, No one of us shall return to his tent, and no one of us shall return to his house.

9 And now this is the thing which shall be done in Gibeah; we will go up against it by lot.

10 Moreover we will take ten men for a hundred for all the tribes of Israel, and a hundred for a thousand, and a thousand for ten thousand, to take provision, to cause them to come to Gibeah of Benjamin, to do to it according to all the abomination, which they wrought in Israel.

11 And all the men of Israel were gathered to the city as one man.

12 And the tribes of Israel sent men through the whole tribe of Benjamin, saying, What is this wickedness that has been wrought among you?

13 Now then give up the men the sons of transgressors that are in Gibeah, and we will put them to death, and purge out wickedness from Israel: but the children of Benjamin consented not to hearken to the voice of their brethren the children of Israel.

14 And the children of Benjamin were gathered from their cities to Gibeah, to go forth to fight with the children of Israel.

15 And the children of Benjamin from their cities were numbered in that day, twenty-three thousand, every man drawing a sword, besides the inhabitants of Gibeah, who were numbered seven hundred chosen men of all the people, able to use both hands alike;

16 all these could sling with stones at a hair, and not miss.

17 And the men of Israel, exclusive of Benjamin, were numbered four hundred thousand men that drew sword; all these were men of war.

18 And they arose and went up to Bethel, and enquired of God: and the children of Israel said, Who shall go up for us first to fight with the children of Benjamin? And the Lord said, Judah shall go up first as leader.

19 And the children of Israel rose up in the morning, and encamped against Gibeah.

20 And they went out, all the men of Israel, to fight with Benjamin, and engaged with them at Gibeah.

21 And the sons of Benjamin went forth from Gibeah, and they destroyed in Israel on that day two and twenty thousand men down to the ground.

22 And the men of Israel strengthened themselves, and again engaged in battle in the place where they had engaged on the first day.

23 And the children of Israel went up, and wept before the Lord till evening, and enquired of the Lord, saying, Shall we again draw nigh to battle with our brethren the children of Benjamin? and the Lord said, Go up against them.

24 And the children of Israel advanced against the children of Benjamin on the second day.

25 And the children of Benjamin went forth to meet them from Gibeah on the second day, and destroyed of the children of Israel yet further eighteen thousand men down to the ground: all these drew sword.

26 And the children of Israel and all the people went up, and came to Bethel; and they wept, and sat there before the Lord; and they fasted on that day until evening, and offered whole-burnt-offerings and perfect sacrifices, before the Lord,

27 for the ark of the Lord God was there in those days,

28 and Phinees the son of Eleazar the son of Aaron stood before it in those days; and the children of Israel enquired of the Lord, saying, Shall we yet again go forth to fight with our brethren the sons of Benjamin? and the Lord said, Go up, to-morrow I will give them into your hands.

29 And the children of Israel set an ambush against Gibeah round about it.

30 And the children of Israel went up against the children of Benjamin on the third day, and arrayed themselves against Gibeah as before.

31 And the children of Benjamin went out to meet the people, and were all drawn out of the city, and began to smite and slay the people as before in the roads, whereof one goes up to Bethel, and one to Gibeah in the field, about thirty men of Israel.

32 And the children of Benjamin said, They fall before us as at the first: but the children of Israel said, Let us flee, and draw them out from the city into the roads; and they did so.

33 And all the men rose up out of their places, and engaged in Baal Thamar; and the liers in wait of Israel advanced from their place from Maraagabe.

34 And there came over against Gibeah ten thousand chosen men out of all Israel; and the fight was severe; and they knew not that evil was coming upon them.

35 And the Lord smote Benjamin before the children of Israel; and the children of Israel destroyed of Benjamin in that day a hundred and twenty-five thousand men: all these drew sword.

36 And the children of Benjamin saw that they were smitten; and the men of Israel gave place to Benjamin, because they trusted in the ambuscade which they had prepared against Gibeah.

37 And when they retreated, then the liers in wait rose up, and they moved on toward Gibeah, and the whole ambush came forth, and they smote the city with the edge of the sword.

38 And the children of Israel had a signal of battle with the liers in wait, that they should send up a signal of smoke from the city.

39 And the children of Israel saw that the liers in wait had seized Gibeah, and they stood in line of battle; and Benjamin began to smite down wounded ones among the

men of Israel about thirty men; for they said, Surely they fall again before us, as in the first battle.

40 And the signal went up increasingly over the city as a pillar of smoke; and Benjamin looked behind him, and behold the destruction of the city went up to heaven.

41 And the men of Israel turned back, and the men of Benjamin hasted, because they saw that evil had come upon them.

42 And they turned to the way of the wilderness from before the children of Israel, and fled: but the battle overtook them, and they from the cities destroyed them in the midst of them.

43 And they cut down Benjamin, and pursued him from Nua closely till they came opposite Gibeah on the east.

44 And there fell of Benjamin eighteen thousand men: all these were men of might.

45 And the rest turned, and fled to the wilderness to the rock of Remmon; and the children of Israel picked off of them five thousand men; and the children of Israel went down after them as far as Gedan, and they smote of them two thousand men.

46 And all that fell of Benjamin were twenty-five thousand men that drew sword in that day: all these were men of might.

47 And the rest turned, and fled to the wilderness to the rock of Remmon, even six hundred men; and they sojourned four months in the rock of Remmon.

48 And the children of Israel returned to the children of Benjamin, and smote them with the edge of the sword from the city of Methla, even to the cattle, and every thing that was found in all the cities: and they burnt with fire the cities they found.

Chapter 21

1 Now the children of Israel swore in Massephath, saying, No man of us shall give his daughter to Benjamin for a wife.

2 And the people came to Bethel, and sat there until evening before God: and they lifted up their voice and wept with a great weeping;

3 and said, Wherefore, O Lord God of Israel, has this come to pass, that to-day one tribe should be counted as missing from Israel?

4 And it came to pass on the morrow that the people rose up early, and built there an altar, and offered up whole-burnt-offerings and peace-offerings.

5 And the children of Israel said, Who of all the tribes of Israel, went not up in the congregation to the Lord? for there was a great oath concerning those who went not up to the Lord to Massephath, saying, He shall surely be put to death.

6 And the children of Israel relented toward Benjamin their brother, and said, To-day one tribe is cut off from Israel.

7 What shall we do for wives for the rest that remain? whereas we have sworn by the Lord, not to give them of our daughters for wives.

8 And they said, What one man is there of the tribes of Israel, who went not up to the Lord to Massephath? and, behold, no man came to the camp from Jabesh Gilead to the assembly.

9 And the people were numbered, and there was not there a man from the inhabitants of Jabesh Gilead.

10 And the congregation sent thither twelve thousand men of the strongest, and they charged them, saying, Go you and smite the inhabitants of Jabesh Gilead with the edge of the sword.

11 And this shall you do: every male and every woman that has known the lying with man you shall devote to destruction, but the virgins you shall save alive: and they did so.

12 And they found among the inhabitants of Jabesh Gilead four hundred young virgins, who had not known man by lying with him; and they brought them to Selom in the land of Canaan.

13 And all the congregation sent and spoke to the children of Benjamin in the rock Remmon, and invited them to make peace.

14 And Benjamin returned to the children of Israel at that time, and the children of Israel gave them the women whom they had saved alive of the daughters of Jabesh Gilead; and they were content.

15 And the people relented for Benjamin, because the Lord had made a breach in the tribes of Israel.

16 And the elders of the congregation said, What shall we do for wives for them that remain? for the women have been destroyed out of Benjamin.

17 And they said, There must be an inheritance of them that are escaped of Benjamin; and so a tribe shall not be destroyed out of Israel.

18 For we shall not be able to give them wives of our daughters, because we swore among the children of Israel, saying, Cursed is he that gives a wife to Benjamin.

19 And they said, Lo! now there is a feast of the Lord from year to year in Selom, which is on the north of Bethel, eastward on the way that goes up from Bethel to Shechem, and from the south of Lebona.

20 And they charged the children of Benjamin, saying, Go and lie in wait in the vineyards;

21 and you shall see; and lo! if there come out the daughters
of the inhabitants of Selom to dance in dances, then shall
you go out of the vineyards and seize for yourselves every
man a wife of the daughters of Selom, and go you into the
land of Benjamin.

22 And it shall come to pass, when their fathers or their
brethren come to dispute with us, that we will say to them,
Grant them freely to us, for we have not taken every man
his wife in the battle: because you did not give to them
according to the occasion, you transgressed.

23 And the children of Benjamin did so; and they took
wives according to their number from the dancers whom
they seized: and they went and returned to their
inheritance, and built the cities, and dwelt in them.

24 And the children of Israel went thence at that time every
man to his tribe and his kindred; and they went thence
every man to his inheritance.

25 And in those days there was no king in Israel; every man
did that which was right in his own sight.

Ruth

Chapter 1

1 AND it came to pass when the judges ruled, that there was a famine in the land: and a man went from Bethlehem Judah to sojourn in the land of Moab, he, and his wife, and his two sons.

2 And the man's name was Elimelech, and his wife's name Noemin, and the names of his two sons Maalon and Chelaion, Ephrathites of Bethlehem of Judah: and they came to the land of Moab, and remained there.

3 And Elimelech the husband of Noemin died; and she was left, and her two sons.

4 And they took to themselves wives, women of Moab; the name of the one was Orpha, and the name of the second Ruth; and they dwelt there about ten years.

5 And both Maalon and Chelaion died also; and the woman was left of her husband and her two sons.

6 And she rose up and her two daughters-in-law, and they returned out of the country of Moab, for she heard in the country of Moab that the Lord had visited his people to give them bread.

7 And she went forth out of the place where she was, and her two daughters-in-law with her: and they went by the way to return to the land of Judah.

8 And Noemin said to her daughters-in-law, Go now, return each to the house of her mother: the Lord deal mercifully with you, as you have dealt with the dead, and with me.

9 The Lord grant you that you may find rest each of you in the house of her husband: and she kissed them; and they lifted up their voice, and wept.

10 And they said to her, We will return with you to your people.

11 And Noemin said, Return now, my daughters; and why do you go with me? have I yet sons in my womb to be your husbands?

12 Turn now, my daughters, for I am too old to be married: for I said, Suppose I were married, and should bear sons;

13 would you wait for them till they should be grown? or would you refrain from being married for their sakes? Not so, my daughters; for I am grieved for you, that the hand of the Lord has gone forth against me.

14 And they lifted up their voice, and wept again; and Orpha kissed her mother-in-law and returned to her people; but Ruth followed her.

15 And Noemin said to Ruth, Behold, your sister-in-law has returned to her people and to her gods; turn now you also after your sister-in-law.

16 And Ruth said, Intreat me not to leave you, or to return from following you; for whithersoever you go, I will go, and wheresoever you lodge, I will lodge; your people shall be my people, and your God my God.

17 And wherever you die, I will die, and there will I be buried: the Lord do so to me, and more also, if I leave you, for death only shall divide between me and you.

18 And Noemin seeing that she was determined to go with her, ceased to speak to her any more.

19 And they went both of them until they came to Bethlehem: and it came to pass, when they arrived at Bethlehem, that all the city rang with them, and they said, Is this Noemin?

20 And she said to them, Nay, do not call me Noemin; call me ‘Bitter,’ for the Mighty One has dealt very bitterly with me.

21 I went out full, and the Lord has brought me back empty: and why call you me Noemin, whereas the Lord has humbled me, and the Mighty One has afflicted me?

22 So Noemin and Ruth the Moabitess, her daughter-in-law, returned from the country of Moab; and they came to Bethlehem in the beginning of barley harvest.

Chapter 2

1 And Noemin had a friend an acquaintance of her husband, and the man was a mighty man of the kindred of Elimelech, and his name was Booz.

2 And Ruth the Moabitess said to Noemin, Let me go now to the field, and I will glean among the ears behind the man with whomsoever I shall find favour: and she said to her, Go, daughter.

3 And she went; and came and gleaned in the field behind the reapers; and she happened by chance to come on a portion of the land of Booz, of the kindred of Elimelech.

4 And, behold, Booz came from Bethlehem, and said to the reapers, The Lord be with you: and they said to him, The Lord bless you.

5 And Booz said to his servant who was set over the reapers, Whose is this damsel?

6 And his servant who was set over the reapers answered and said, It is the Moabitish damsel who returned with Noemin out of the land of Moab.

7 And she said, I pray you, let me glean and gather among the sheaves after the reapers: and she came and stood from morning till evening, and rested not even a little in the field.

8 And Booz said to Ruth, Have you not heard, my daughter? go not to glean in another field; and depart not you hence, join yourself here with my damsels.

9 Let your eyes be on the field where my men shall reap, and you shall go after them: behold, I have charged the young men not to touch you: and when you shall thirst, then you shall go to the vessels, and drink of that which the young men shall have drawn.

10 And she fell upon her face, and did reverence to the ground, and said to him, How is it that I have found grace in your eyes, that you should take notice of me, whereas I am a stranger?

11 And Booz answered and said to her, It has fully been told me how you have dealt with your mother-in-law after the death of your husband; and how you did leave your father and your mother, and the land of your birth, and came to a people whom you knew not before.

12 The Lord recompense your work: may a full reward be given you of the Lord God of Israel, to whom you have come to trust under his wings.

13 And she said, Let me find grace in your sight, my lord, because you have comforted me, and because you have spoken kindly to your handmaid, and behold, I shall be as one of your servants.

14 And Booz said to her, Now it is time to eat; come hither, and you shall eat of the bread, and you shall dip your morsel in the vinegar: and Ruth sat by the side of the reapers, and Booz handed her meal, and she ate, and was satisfied, and left.

15 And she rose up to glean; and Booz charged his young men, saying, Let her even glean among the sheaves, and reproach her not.

16 And do you by all means carry it for her, and you shall surely let fall for her some of that which is heaped up; and let her eat, and glean, and rebuke her not.

17 So she gleaned in the field till evening, and beat out that she had gleaned, and it was about an ephah of barley.

18 And she took it up, and went into the city: and her mother-in-law saw what she had gleaned, and Ruth brought forth and gave to her the food which she had left from what she had been satisfied with.

19 And her mother-in-law said to her, Where have you gleaned to-day, and where have you wrought? blessed be he that took notice of you. And Ruth told her mother-in-law where she had wrought, and said, The name of the man with whom I wrought to-day is Booz.

20 And Noemin said to her daughter-in-law, Blessed is he of the Lord, because he has not failed in his mercy with the living and with the dead: and Noemin said to her, The man is near akin to us, he is one of our relations.

21 And Ruth said to her mother-in-law, Yea, he said also to me, Keep close to my damsels, until the men shall have finished all my reaping.

22 And Noemin said to Ruth her daughter-in-law, It is well, daughter, that you went out with his damsels; thus they shall not meet you in another field.

23 And Ruth joined herself to the damsels of Booz to glean until they had finished the barley-harvest and the wheat-harvest.

Chapter 3

1 And she lodged with her mother-in-law: and Noemin her mother-in-law said to her, My daughter, shall I not seek rest for you, that it may be well with you?

2 And now is not Booz our kinsman, with whose damsels you were? behold, he winnows barley this night in the floor.

3 But do you wash, and anoint yourself, and put your raiment upon you, and go up to the threshing-floor: do not discover yourself to the man until he has done eating and drinking.

4 And it shall come to pass when he lies down, that you shall mark the place where he lies down, and shall come and lift up the covering of his feet, and shall lie down; and he shall tell you what you shall do.

5 And Ruth said to her, All that you shall say, I will do.

6 And she went down to the threshing-floor, and did according to all that her mother-in-law enjoined her.

7 And Booz ate and drank, and his heart was glad, and he came to lie down by the side of the heap of corn; and she came secretly, and lifted up the covering of his feet.

8 And it came to pass at midnight that the man was amazed, and troubled, and behold, a woman lay at his feet.

9 And he said, Who are you? and she said, I am yours handmaid Ruth; spread therefore your skirt over yours handmaid, for you are a near relation.

10 And Booz said, Blessed be you of the Lord God, my daughter, for you have made your latter kindness greater than the former, in that you follow not after young men, whether any be poor or rich.

11 And now fear not, my daughter, whatever you shall say I will do to you; for all the tribe of my people knows that you are a virtuous woman.

12 And now I am truly akin to you; nevertheless there is a kinsman nearer than I.

13 Lodge here for the night, and it shall be in the morning, if he will do the part of a kinsman to you, well—let him do it: but if he will not do the part of a kinsman to you, I will

do the kinsman's part to you, as the Lord lives; lie down till the morning.

14 And she lay at his feet until the morning; and she rose up before a man could know his neighbour; and Booz said, Let it not be known that a woman came into the floor.

15 And he said to her, Bring the apron that is upon you: and she held it, and he measured six measures of barley, and put them upon her, and she went into the city.

16 And Ruth went in to her mother-in-law, and she said to her, My daughter! and Ruth told her all that the man had done to her.

17 And she said to her, He gave me these six measures of barley, for he said to me, Go not empty to your mother-in-law.

18 And she said, Sit still, my daughter, until you shall know how the matter will fall out; for the man will not rest until the matter be accomplished this day.

Chapter 4

1 And Booz went up to the gate, and sat there; and behold, the relative passed by, of whom Booz spoke: and Booz said to him, Turn aside, sit down here, such a one: and he turned aside and sat down.

2 And Booz took ten men of the elders of the city, and said, Sit you here; and they sat down.

3 And Booz said to the relative, The matter regards the portion of the field which was our brother Elimelech's which was given to Noemin, now returning out of the land of Moab;

4 and I said, I will inform you, saying, Buy it before those that sit, and before the elders of my people: if you will redeem it, redeem it, but if you will not redeem it, tell me, and I shall know; for there is no one beside you to do the office of a kinsman, and I am after you: and he said, I am here, I will redeem it.

5 And Booz said, In the day of your buying the field of the hand of Noemin and of Ruth the Moabitess the wife of the deceased, you must also buy her, so as to raise up the name of the dead upon his inheritance.

6 And the kinsman said, I shall not be able to redeem it for myself, lest I mar my own inheritance; do you redeem my right for yourself, for I shall not be able to redeem it.

7 And this was in former time the ordinance in Israel for redemption, and for a bargain, to confirm every word: A man loosed his shoe, and gave it to his neighbour that redeemed his right; and this was a testimony in Israel.

8 And the kinsman said to Booz, Buy my right for yourself: and he took off his shoe and gave it to him.

9 And Booz said to the elders and to all the people, You are this day witnesses, that I have bought all that was Elimelech's, and all that belonged to Chelaion and Maalon, of the hand of Noemin.

10 Moreover I have bought for myself for a wife Ruth the Moabitess, the wife of Maalon, to raise up the name of the dead upon his inheritance; so the name of the dead shall not be destroyed from among his brethren, and from the tribe of his people: you are this day witnesses.

11 And all the people who were in the gate said, We are witnesses: and the elders said, The Lord make your wife who goes into your house, as Rachel and as Lia, who both together built the house of Israel, and wrought mightily in Ephratha, and there shall be a name to you in Bethlehem.

12 And let your house be as the house of Phares, whom Thamar bore to Judah, of the seed which the Lord shall give you of this handmaid.

13 And Booz took Ruth, and she became his wife, and he went in to her; and the Lord gave her conception, and she bore a son.

14 And the women said to Noemin, Blessed is the Lord, who has not suffered a redeemer to fail you this day, even to make your name famous in Israel.

15 And he shall be to you a restorer of your soul, and one to cherish your old age; for your daughter-in-law which has loved you, who is better to you than seven sons, has born him.

16 And Noemin took the child and laid it in her bosom, and became a nurse to it.

17 And the neighbours gave it a name, saying, A son has been born to Noemin; and they called his name Obed; this is the father of Jessæ the father of David.

18 And these are the generations of Phares: Phares begot Esrom:

19 Esrom begot Aram; and Aram begot Aminadab.

20 And Aminadab begot Naasson; and Naasson begot Salmon.

21 And Salmon begot Booz; and Booz begot Obed.

22 And Obed begot Jessæ; and Jessæ begot David.

1 Samuel

Chapter 1

1 THERE was a man of Ramah Sipha, of mount Ephraim, and his name was Helkana, a son of Jeremeel the son of Elijah the son of Thoke, in Nasib Ephraim.

2 And he had two wives; the name of the one was Anna, and the name of the second Phennana. And Phennana had children, but Anna had no child.

3 And the man went up from year to year from his city, from Ramah, to worship and sacrifice to the Lord God of Sabaoth at Selom: and there were Heli and his two sons Ophni and Phinees, the priests of the Lord.

4 And the day came, and Helkana sacrificed, and gave portions to his wife Phennana and her children.

5 And to Anna he gave a prime portion, because she had no child, only Helkana loved Anna more than the other; but the Lord had closed her womb.

6 For the Lord gave her no child in her affliction, and according to the despondency of her affliction; and she was dispirited on this account, that the Lord shut up her womb so as not to give her a child.

7 So she did year by year, in going up to the house of the Lord; and she was dispirited, and wept, and did not eat.

8 And Helkana her husband said to her, Anna: and she said to him, Here am I, my lord: and he said to her, What ails you that you weep? and why do you not eat? and why does your heart smite you? am I not better to you than ten children?

9 And Anna rose up after they had eaten in Selom, and stood before the Lord: and Heli the priest was on a seat by the threshold of the temple of the Lord.

10 And she was very much grieved in spirit, and prayed to the Lord, and wept abundantly.

11 And she vowed a vow to the Lord, saying, O Lord God of Sabaoth, if you will indeed look upon the humiliation of yours handmaid, and remember me, and give to yours handmaid a man-child, then will I indeed dedicate him to you till the day of his death; and he shall drink no wine nor strong drink, and no razor shall come upon his head.

12 And it came to pass, while she was long praying before the Lord, that Heli the priest marked her mouth.

13 And she was speaking in her heart, and her lips moved, but her voice was not heard: and Heli accounted her a drunken woman.

14 And the servant of Heli said to her, How long will you be drunken? take away your wine from you, and go out from the presence of the Lord.

15 And Anna answered and said, Nay, my lord, I live in a hard day, and I have not drunk wine or strong drink, and I pour out my soul before the Lord.

16 Count not your handmaid for a pestilent woman, for by reason of the abundance of my importunity I have continued my prayer until now.

17 And Heli answered and said to her, Go in peace: the God of Israel give you all your petition, which you have asked of him.

18 And she said, Yours handmaid has found favour in your eyes: and the woman went her way, and entered into her lodging, and ate and drank with her husband, and her countenance was no more sad.

19 And they rise early in the morning, and worship the Lord, and they go their way: and Helkana went into his house at Ramah, and knew his wife Anna; and the Lord remembered her, and she conceived.

20 And it came to pass when the time was come, that she brought forth a son, and called his name Samuel, and said, Because I asked him of the Lord God of Sabaoth.

21 And the man Helkana and all his house went up to offer in Selom the yearly sacrifice, and his vows, and all the tithes of his land.

22 But Anna did not go up with him, for she said to her husband, I will not go up until the child goes up, when I have weaned him, and he shall be presented before the Lord, and he shall abide there continually.

23 And Helkana her husband said to her, Do that which is good in your eyes, abide still until you shall have weaned him; but may the Lord establish that which comes out of your mouth: and the woman tarried, and suckled her son until she had weaned him.

24 And she went up with him to Selom with a calf of three years old, and loaves, and an ephah of fine flour, and a bottle of wine: and she entered into the house of the Lord in Selom, and the child with them.

25 And they brought him before the Lord; and his father slew his offering which he offered from year to year to the Lord; and he brought near the child, and slew the calf; and Anna the mother of the child brought him to Heli.

26 And she said, I pray you, my lord, as your soul lives, I am the woman that stood in your presence with you while praying to the Lord.

27 For this child I prayed; and the Lord has given me my request that I asked of him.

28 And I lend him to the Lord all his days that he lives, a loan to the Lord: and she said,

Chapter 2

1 My heart is established in the Lord, my horn is exalted in my God; my mouth is enlarged over my enemies, I have rejoiced in your salvation.

2 For there is none holy as the Lord, and there is none righteous as our God: there is none holy beside you.

3 Boast not, and utter not high things; let not high-sounding words come out of your mouth, for the Lord is a God of knowledge, and God prepares his own designs.

4 The bow of the mighty has waxed feeble, and the weak have girded themselves with strength.

5 They that were full of bread are brought low; and the hungry have forsaken the land; for the barren has born seven, and she that abounded in children has waxed feeble.

6 The Lord kills and makes alive; he brings down to the grave, and brings up.

7 The Lord makes poor, and makes rich; he brings low, and lifts up.

8 He lifts up the poor from the earth, and raises the needy from the dunghill; to seat him with the princes of the people, and causing them to inherit the throne of glory:

9 granting his petition to him that prays; and he blesses the years of the righteous, for by strength cannot man prevail.

10 The Lord will weaken his adversary; the Lord is holy. Let not the wise man boast in his wisdom, nor let the mighty man boast in his strength, and let not the rich man boast in his wealth; but let him that boasts boast in this, to understand and know the Lord, and to execute judgment and justice in the midst of the earth. The Lord has gone up to the heavens, and has thundered: he will judge the extremities of the earth, and he gives strength to our kings, and will exalt the horn of his Christ. And she left him there before the Lord,

11 and departed to Ramah: and the child ministered in the presence of the Lord before Heli the priest.

12 And the sons of Heli the priest were evil sons, not knowing the Lord.

13 And the priest's claim from every one of the people that sacrificed was this: the servant of the priest came when the flesh was in seething, and a flesh-hook of three teeth was in his hand.

14 And he struck it into the great caldron, or into the brazen vessel, or into the pot, and whatever came up with the flesh-hook, the priest took for himself: so they did to all Israel that came to sacrifice to the Lord in Selom.

15 And before the fat was burnt for a sweet savour, the servant of the priest would come, and say to the man that sacrificed, Give flesh to roast for the priest, and I will by no means take of you sodden flesh out of the caldron.

16 And if the man that sacrificed said, First let the fat be burned, as it is fit, and take for yourself of all things which your soul desires: then he would say, Nay, for you shall give it me now; and if not, I will take it by force.

17 So the sin of the young men was very great before the Lord, for they set at nought the offering of the Lord.

18 And Samuel ministered before the Lord, a child girt with a linen ephod.

19 And his mother made him a little doublet, and brought it to him from year to year, in her going up in company with her husband to offer the yearly sacrifice.

20 And Heli blessed Helcana and his wife, saying, The Lord recompense to you seed of this woman, in return for the loan which you have lent to the Lord: and the man returned to his place.

21 And the Lord visited Anna, and she bore yet three sons, and two daughters. And the child Samuel grew before the Lord.

22 And Heli was very old, and he heard what his sons did to the children of Israel.

23 And he said to them, Why do you according to this thing, which I hear from the mouth of all the people of the Lord?

24 Nay my sons, for the report which I hear is not good; do not so, for the reports which I hear are not good, so that the people do not serve God.

25 If a man should at all sin against another, then shall they pray for him to the Lord; but if a man sin against the Lord, who shall intreat for him? But they hearkened not to the voice of their father, because the Lord would by all means destroy them.

26 And the child Samuel advanced, and was in favour with God and with men.

27 And a man of God came to Heli, and said, Thus says the Lord, I plainly revealed myself to the house of your father, when they were servants in Egypt to the house of Pharaoh.

28 And I chose the house of your father out of all the tribes of Israel to minister to me in the priest's office, to go up to my altar, and to burn incense, and to wear an ephod. And I gave to the house of your father all the offerings by fire of the children of Israel for food.

29 And wherefore have you looked upon my incense-offering and my meat-offering with a shameless eye, and have honoured your sons above me, so that they should bless themselves with the first-fruits of every sacrifice of Israel before me?

30 Therefore thus says the Lord God of Israel, I said, Your house and the house of your father shall pass before me for

ever: but now the Lord says, That be far from me; for I will only honour them that honour me, and he that sets me at nought shall be despised.

31 Behold, the days come when I will destroy your seed and the seed of your father's house.

32 And you shall not have an old man in my house for ever.

33 And if I do not destroy a man of yours from my altar, it shall be that his eyes may fail and his soul may perish; and every one that remains in your house shall fall by the sword of men.

34 And this which shall come upon your two sons Ophni and Phinees shall be a sign to you; in one day they shall both die.

35 And I will raise up to myself a faithful priest, who shall do all that is in my heart and in my soul; and I will build him a sure house, and he shall walk before my Christ for ever.

36 And it shall come to pass that he that survives in your house, shall come to do obeisance before him for a little piece of silver, saying, Put me into one of your priests' offices to eat bread.

Chapter 3

1 And the child Samuel ministered to the Lord before Heli the priest: and the word of the Lord was precious in those days, there was no distinct vision.

2 And it came to pass at that time that Heli was sleeping in his place; and his eyes began to fail, and could not see.

3 And the lamp of God was burning before it was trimmed, and Samuel slept in the temple, where was the ark of God.

4 And the Lord called, Samuel, Samuel; and he said, Behold, here am I.

5 And he ran to Heli, and said, Here am I, for you did call me: and he said, I did not call you; return, go to sleep; and he returned and went to sleep.

6 And the Lord called again, Samuel, Samuel: and he went to Heli the second time, and said, Behold here am I, for you did call me: and he said, I called you not; return, go to sleep.

7 And it was before Samuel knew the Lord, and before the word of the Lord was revealed to him.

8 And the Lord called Samuel again for the third time: and he arose and went to Heli, and said, Behold, I am here, for you did call me: and Heli perceived that the Lord had called the child.

9 And he said, Return, child, go to sleep; and it shall come to pass if he shall call you, that you shall say, Speak, for your servant hears: and Samuel went and lay down in his place.

10 And the Lord came, and stood, and called him as before: and Samuel said, Speak, for your servant hears.

11 And the Lord said to Samuel, Behold, I execute my words in Israel; whoever hears them, both his ears shall tingle.

12 In that day I will raise up against Heli all things that I have said against his house; I will begin, and I will make an end.

13 And I have told him that I will be avenged on his house perpetually for the iniquities of his sons, because his sons spoke evil against God, and he did not admonish them.

14 And it shall not go on so; I have sworn to the house of Eli, the iniquity of the house of Eli shall not be atoned for with incense or sacrifices for ever.

15 And Samuel slept till morning, and rose early in the morning, and opened the doors of the house of the Lord; and Samuel feared to tell Heli the vision.

16 And Heli said to Samuel, Samuel, my son; and he said, Behold, here am

17 And he said, What was the word that was spoken to you? I pray you hide it not from me: may God do these things to you, and more also, if you hide from me any thing of all the words that were spoken to you in your ears.

18 And Samuel reported all the words, and hid them not from him. And Heli said, He is the Lord, he shall do that which is good in his sight.

19 And Samuel grew, and the Lord was with him, and there did not fall one of his words to the ground.

20 And all Israel knew from Dan even to Beersheba, that Samuel was faithful as a prophet to the Lord.

21 And the Lord manifested himself again in Selom, for the Lord revealed himself to Samuel; and Samuel was accredited to all Israel as a prophet to the Lord from one end of the land to the other: and Heli was very old, and his sons kept advancing in wickedness, and their way was evil before the Lord.

Chapter 4

1 And it came to pass in those days that the Philistines gathered themselves together against Israel to war; and Israel went out to meet them and encamped at Aben-ezer, and the Philistines encamped in Aphec.

2 And the Philistines prepare to fight with Israel, and the battle was turned against them; and the men of Israel fell before the Philistines, and there were smitten in the battle in the field four thousand men.

3 And the people came to the camp, and the elders of Israel said, Why has the Lord caused us to fall this day before the Philistines? let us take the ark of our God out of Selom, and

let it proceed from the midst of us, and it shall save us from the hand of our enemies.

4 And the people sent to Selom, and they take thence the ark of the Lord who dwells between the cherubs: and both the sons of Heli, Ophni and Phinees, were with the ark.

5 And it came to pass when the ark of the Lord entered into the camp, that all Israel cried out with a loud voice, and the earth resounded.

6 And the Philistines heard the cry, and the Philistines said, What is this great cry in the camp of the Hebrews: and they understood that the ark of the Lord was come into the camp.

7 And the Philistines feared, and said, These are the Gods that are come to them into the camp.

8 Woe to us, O Lord, deliver us to-day, for such a thing has not happened aforetime: woe to us, who shall deliver us out of the hand of these mighty Gods? these are the Gods that smote Egypt with every plague, and in the wilderness.

9 Strengthen yourselves and behave yourselves like men, O you Philistines, that you may not serve the Hebrews as they have served us, but be you men and fight with them.

10 And they fought with them; and the men of Israel fall, and they fled every man to his tent; and there was a very great slaughter; and there fell of Israel thirty thousand fighting men.

11 And the ark of God was taken, and both the sons of Heli, Ophni and Phinees, died.

12 And there ran a man of Benjamin out of the battle, and he came to Selom on that day: and his clothes were rent, and earth was upon his head.

13 And he came, and behold, Heli was upon the seat by the gate looking along the way, for his heart was greatly alarmed for the ark of God: and the man entered into the city to bring tidings; and the city cried out.

14 And Heli heard the sound of the cry, and said, What is the voice of this cry? and the man hasted and went in, and reported to Heli.

15 Now Heli was ninety years old, and his eyes were fixed, and he saw not.

16 And Heli said to them that stood round about him, What is the voice of this sound? And the man hasted and advanced to Heli, and said to him, I am he that is come out of the camp, and I have fled from the battle to-day: and Heli said, What is the event, my son?

17 And the young man answered and said, The men of Israel fled from the face of the Philistines, and there was a great slaughter among the people, and both your sons are dead, and the ark of God is taken.

18 And it came to pass, when he mentioned the ark of God, that he fell from the seat backward near the gate, and his back was broken, and he died, for he was an old man and heavy: and he judged Israel twenty years.

19 And his daughter-in-law the wife of Phinees was with child, about to bring forth; and she heard the tidings, that the ark of God was taken, and that her father-in-law and her husband were dead; and she wept and was delivered, for her pains came upon her.

20 And in her time she was at the point of death; and the women that stood by her, said to her, Fear not, for you have born a son: but she answered not, and her heart did not regard it.

21 And she called the child Uæbarchaboth, because of the ark of God, and because of her father-in-law, and because of her husband.

22 And they said, The glory of Israel is departed, forasmuch as the ark of the Lord is taken.

Chapter 5

1 And the Philistines took the ark of God, and brought it from Abenezer to Ashdod.

2 And the Philistines took the ark of the Lord, and brought it into the house of Dagon, and set it by Dagon.

3 And the people of Ashdod rose early, and entered into the house of Dagon; and looked, and behold, Dagon had fallen on his face before the ark of the Lord: and they lifted up Dagon, and set him in his place. And the hand of the Lord was heavy upon the Azotians, and he plagued them, and he smote them in their secret parts, Ashdod and her coasts.

4 And it came to pass when they rose early in the morning, behold, Dagon had fallen on his face before the ark of the covenant of the Lord; and the head of Dagon and both the palms of his hands were cut off each before the threshold, and both the wrists of his hands had fallen on the floor of the porch; only the stump of Dagon was left.

5 Therefore the priests of Dagon, and every one that enters into the house of Dagon, do not tread upon the threshold of the house of Dagon in Ashdod until this day, for they step over.

6 And the hand of the Lord was heavy upon Ashdod, and he brought evil upon them, and it burst out upon them into the ships, and mice sprang up in the midst of their country, and there was a great and indiscriminate mortality in the city.

7 And the men of Ashdod saw that it was so, and they said, The ark of the God of Israel shall not abide with us, for his hand is heavy upon us and upon Dagon our god.

8 And they send and gather the lords of the Philistines to them, and say, What shall we do to the ark of the God of Israel? and the Gittites say, Let the ark of God come over to us; and the ark of the God of Israel came to Gath.

9 And it came to pass after it went about to Gath, that the hand of the Lord comes upon the city, a very great confusion; and he smote the men of the city small and great, and smote them in their secret parts: and the Gittites made to themselves images of emerods.

10 And they send away the ark of God to Ashkelon; and it came to pass when the ark of God went into Ashkelon, that the men of Ashkelon cried out, saying, Why have you brought back the ark of the God of Israel to us, to kill us and our people?

11 And they send and gather the lords of the Philistines, and they said, Send away the ark of the God of Israel, and let it lodge in its place; and let it not slay us and our people.

12 For there was a very great confusion in all the city, when the ark of the God of Israel entered there; and those who lived and died not were smitten with emerods; and the cry of the city went up to heaven.

Chapter 6

1 And the ark was seven months in the country of the Philistines, and their land brought forth swarms of mice.

2 And the Philistines call their priests, and their prophets, and their enchanters, saying, What shall we do to the ark of the Lord? teach us wherewith we shall send it away to its place.

3 And they said, If you send away the ark of the covenant of the Lord God of Israel, do not on any account send it away empty, but by all means render to it an offering for the plague; and then shall you be healed, and an atonement shall be made for you: should not his hand be thus stayed from off you?

4 And they say, What is the offering for the plague which we shall return to it? and they said,

5 According to the number of the lords of the Philistines, five golden emerods, for the plague was on you, and on your rulers, and on the people; and golden mice, the likeness of the mice that destroy your land: and you shall give glory to the Lord, that he may lighten his hand from off you, and from off your gods, and from off your land.

6 And why do you harden your hearts, as Egypt and Pharaoh hardened their hearts? was it not so when he mocked them, that they let the people go, and they departed?

7 And now take wood and make a new waggon, and take two cows, that have calved for the first time, without their calves; and do you yoke the cows to the waggon, and lead away the calves from behind them home.

8 And you shall take the ark and put it on the waggon; and you shall restore to it the golden articles for the trespass-offering in a coffer by the side of it: and you shall let it go, and send it away, and you shall depart.

9 And you shall see, if it shall go the way of its coasts along by Bæthsamys, he has brought upon us this great affliction; and if not, then shall we know that his hand has not touched us, but this is a chance which has happened to us.

10 And the Philistines did so; and they took two cows that had calved for the first time, and yoked them to the waggon, and shut up their calves at home.

11 And they set the ark of the Lord, and the coffer, and the golden mice, on the waggon.

12 And the cows went straight on the way to the way of Bæthsamys, they went along one track; and laboured, and turned not aside to the right hand or to the left, and the lords of the Philistines went after it as far as the coasts of Bæthsamys.

13 And the men of Bæthsamys were reaping the wheat harvest in the valley; and they lifted up their eyes, and saw the ark of the Lord, and rejoiced to meet it.

14 And the waggon entered into the field of Hosea, which was in Bæthsamys, and they set there by it a great stone; and they split the wood of the waggon, and offered up the cows for a whole-burnt-offering to the Lord.

15 And the Levites brought up the ark of the Lord, and the coffer with it, and the golden articles upon it, and placed them on the great stone, and the men of Bæthsamys offered whole-burnt-offerings and meat-offerings on that day to the Lord.

16 And the five lords of the Philistines saw, and returned to Ashkelon in that day.

17 And these are the golden emerods which the lords of the Philistines gave as a trespass-offering to the Lord; for Ashdod one, for Gaza one, for Ashkelon one, for Gath one, for Ekron one.

18 And the golden mice according to the number of all the cities of the Philistines, belonging to the five lords, from the fenced city to the village of the Pherezite, and to the great stone, on which they placed the ark of the covenant of the Lord, that was in the field of Hosea the Bæthsamysite.

19 And the sons of Jeconiah were not pleased with the men of Bæthsamys, because they saw the ark of the Lord; and the Lord smote among them seventy men, and fifty thousand men: and the people mourned, because the Lord had inflicted on the people a very great plague.

20 And the men of Bæthsamys said, Who shall be able to pass before this holy Lord God? and to whom shall the ark of the Lord go up from us?

21 And they send messengers to the inhabitants of Cariathiarim, saying, The Philistines have brought back the ark of the Lord, go down and take it home to yourselves.

Chapter 7

1 And the men of Cariathiarim come, and bring up the ark of the covenant of the Lord: and they bring it into the house of Aminadab in the hill; and they sanctified Eleazar his son to keep the ark of the covenant of the Lord.

2 And it came to pass from the time that the ark was in Cariathiarim, the days were multiplied, and the time was twenty years; and all the house of Israel looked after the Lord.

3 And Samuel spoke to all the house of Israel, saying, If you do with all your heart return to the Lord, take away the strange gods from the midst of you, and the groves, and prepare your hearts to serve the Lord, and serve him only; and he shall deliver you from the hand of the Philistines.

4 And the children of Israel took away Baalim and the groves of Astaroth, and served the Lord only.

5 And Samuel said, Gather all Israel to Massephath, and I will pray for you to the Lord.

6 And they were gathered together to Massephath, and they drew water, and poured it out upon the earth before the Lord. And they fasted on that day, and said, We have sinned before the Lord. And Samuel judged the children of Israel in Massephath.

7 And the Philistines heard that all the children of Israel were gathered together to Massephath: and the lords of the Philistines went up against Israel: and the children of Israel heard, and they feared before the Philistines.

8 And the children of Israel said to Samuel, Cease not to cry to the Lord your God for us, and he shall save us out of the hand of the Philistines.

9 And Samuel took a sucking lamb, and offered it up as a whole-burnt-offering with all the people to the Lord: and Samuel cried to the Lord for Israel, and the Lord heard him.

10 And Samuel was offering the whole-burnt-offering; and the Philistines drew near to war against Israel; and the Lord thundered with a mighty sound in that day upon the Philistines, and they were confounded and overthrown before Israel.

11 And the men of Israel went forth out of Massephath, and pursued the Philistines, and smote them to the parts under Bæthchor.

12 And Samuel took a stone, and set it up between Massephath and the old city; and he called the name of it Abenezer, stone of the helper; and he said, Hitherto has the Lord helped us.

13 So the Lord humbled the Philistines, and they did not any more come into the border of Israel; and the hand of the Lord was against the Philistines all the days of Samuel.

14 And the cities which the Philistines took from the children of Israel were restored; and they restored them to Israel from Ashkelon to Azob: and they took the coast of Israel out of the hand of the Philistines; and there was peace between Israel and the Amorite.

15 And Samuel judged Israel all the days of his life.

16 And he went year by year, and went round Bethel, and Gilgal, and Massephath; and he judged Israel in all these consecrated places.

17 And his return was to Ramah, because there was his house; and there he judged Israel, and built there an altar to the Lord.

Chapter 8

1 And it came to pass when Samuel was old, that he made his sons judges over Israel.

2 And these are the names of his sons; Joel the first-born, and the name of the second Abijah, judges in Beersheba.

3 And his sons did not walk in his way; and they turned aside after gain, and took gifts, and perverted judgments.

4 And the men of Israel gather themselves together, and come to Ramah to Samuel,

5 and they said to him, Behold, you are grown old, and your sons walk not in your way; and now set over us a king to judge us, as also the other nations have.

6 And the thing was evil in the eyes of Samuel, when they said, Give us a king to judge us: and Samuel prayed to the Lord.

7 And the Lord said to Samuel, Hear the voice of the people, in whatever they shall say to you; for they have not rejected you, but they have rejected me from reigning over them.

8 According to all their doings which they have done to me, from the day that I brought them out of Egypt until this day, even as they have deserted me, and served other gods, so they do also to you.

9 And now hearken to their voice; only you shall solemnly testify to them, and you shall describe to them the manner of the king who shall reign over them.

10 And Samuel spoke every word of the Lord to the people who asked of him a king.

11 And he said, This shall be the manner of the king that shall rule over you: he shall take your sons, and put them in his chariots, and among his horsemen, and running before his chariots,

12 and his manner shall be to make them to himself captains of hundreds and captains of thousands; and to reap his harvest, and gather his vintage, and prepare his instruments of war, and the implements of his chariots.

13 And he will take your daughters to be perfumers, and cooks, and bakers.

14 And he will take your fields, and your vineyards, and your good oliveyards, and give them to his servants.

15 And he will take the tithe of your seeds and your vineyards, and give it to his eunuchs, and to his servants.

16 And he will take your servants, and your handmaids, and your good herds and your asses, and will take the tenth of them for his works.

17 And he will tithe your flocks; and you shall be his servants.

18 And you shall cry out in that day because of your king whom you have chosen to yourselves, and the Lord shall not hear you in those days, because you have chosen to yourselves a king.

19 But the people would not hearken to Samuel; and they said to him, Nay, but there shall be a king over us.

20 And we also will be like all the nations; and our king shall judge us, and shall go out before us, and fight our battles.

21 And Samuel heard all the words of the people, and spoke them in the ears of the Lord.

22 And the Lord said to Samuel, Hearken to their voice, and appoint them a king. And Samuel said to the men of Israel, Let each man depart to his city.

Chapter 9

1 And there was a man of the sons of Benjamin, and his name was Kis, the son of Abiel, the son of Jared, the son of Bachir, the son of Aphec, the son of a Benjamite, a man of might.

2 And this man had a son, and his name was Saul, of great stature, a goodly man; and there was not among the sons of Israel a goodlier than he, high above all the people from his shoulders and upward.

3 And the asses of Kis the father of Saul were lost; and Kis said to Saul his son, Take with you one of the young men, and arise you, and go and seek the asses.

4 And they went through mount Ephraim, and they went through the land of Selcha, and found them not: and they passed through the land of Segalim, and they were not there: and they passed through the land of Jamin, and found them not.

5 And when they came to Siph, then Saul said to his young man that was with him, Come and let us return, lest my father leave the asses, and take care for us.

6 And the young man said to him, Behold now, there is a man of God in this city, and the man is of high repute; all that he shall speak will surely come to pass: now then let us go, that he may tell us our way on which we have set out.

7 And Saul said to his young man that was with him, Lo, then, we will go; but what shall we bring the man of God? for the loaves are spent out of our vessels, and we have nothing more with us that belongs to us to bring to the man of God.

8 And the young man answered Saul again, and said, Behold, there is found in my hand a fourth part of a shekel of silver; and you shall give it to the man of God, and he shall tell us our way.

9 Now beforetime in Israel every one in going to enquire of God said, Come and let us go to the seer; for the people beforetime called the prophet, the seer.

10 And Saul said to his servant, Well said, come and let us go: and they went to the city where the man of God was.

11 As they went up the ascent to the city, they find damsels come out to draw water, and they say to them, Is the seer here?

12 And the virgins answered them, and they say to them, He is: behold, he is before you: now he is coming to the city, because of the day, for to-day there is a sacrifice for the people in Bama.

13 As soon as you shall enter into the city, so shall you find him in the city, before he goes up to Bama to eat; for the people will not eat until he comes in, for he blesses the sacrifice, and afterwards the guests eat; now then go up, for you shall find him because of the holiday.

14 And they go up to the city; and as they were entering into the midst of the city, behold, Samuel came out to meet them, to go up to Bama.

15 And the Lord uncovered the ear of Samuel one day before Saul came to him, saying,

16 At this time to-morrow I will send to you a man out of the land of Benjamin, and you shall anoint him to be ruler over my people Israel, and he shall save my people out of the hand of the Philistines; for I have looked upon the humiliation of my people, for their cry is come unto me.

17 And Samuel looked upon Saul, and the Lord answered him, Behold the man of whom I spoke to you, This one shall rule over my people.

18 And Saul drew near to Samuel into the midst of the city, and said, Tell me now which is the house of the seer?

19 And Samuel answered Saul, and said, I am he: go up before me to Bama, and eat with me to-day, and I will send you away in the morning, and I will tell you all that is in yours heart.

20 And concerning your asses that have been lost now these three days, care not for them, for they are found. And to whom does the excellency of Israel belong? does it not to you and to your father's house?

21 And Saul answered and said, Am not I the son of a Benjamite, the least tribe of the people of Israel? and of the

least family of the whole tribe of Benjamin? and why have you spoken to me according to this word?

22 And Samuel took Saul and his servant, and brought them to the inn, and set them there a place among the chief of those that were called, about seventy men.

23 And Samuel said to the cook, Give me the portion which I gave you, which I told you to set by you.

24 Now the cook had boiled the shoulder, and he set it before Saul; and Samuel said to Saul, Behold that which is left: set it before you, and eat; for it is set you for a testimony in preference to the others; take of it: and Saul ate with Samuel on that day.

25 And he went down from Bama into the city; and they prepared a lodging for Saul on the roof, and he lay down.

26 And it came to pass when the morning dawned, that Samuel called Saul on the roof, saying, Rise up, and I will dismiss you. And Saul arose, and he and Samuel went out.

27 As they went down to a part of the city, Samuel said to Saul, Speak to the young man, and let him pass on before us; and do you stand as to-day, and hearken to the word of God.

Chapter 10

1 And Samuel took a vial of oil, and poured it on his head, and kissed him, and said to him, Has not the Lord anointed you for a ruler over his people, over Israel? and you shall rule among the people of the Lord, and you shall save them out of the hand of their enemies; and this shall be the sign to you that the Lord has anointed you for a ruler over his inheritance.

2 As soon as you shall have departed this day from me, you shall find two men by the burial-place of Rachel on the mount of Benjamin, exulting greatly; and they shall say to you, The asses are found which you went to seek; and, behold, your father has given up the matter of the asses, and he is anxious for you, saying, What shall I do for my son?

3 And you shall depart thence, and shall go beyond that as far as the oak of Thabor, and you shall find there three men going up to God to Bethel, one bearing three kids, and another bearing three vessels of bread, and another bearing a bottle of wine.

4 And they shall ask you how you do, and shall give you two presents of bread, and you shall receive them of their hand.

5 And afterward you shall go to the hill of God, where is the encampment of the Philistines; there is Nasib the Philistine: and it shall come to pass when you shall have entered into the city, that you shall meet a band of prophets coming down from the Bama; and before them will be lutes, and a drum, and a pipe, and a harp, and they shall prophesy.

6 And the Spirit of the Lord shall come upon you, and you shall prophesy with them, and shall be turned into another man.

7 And it shall come to pass when these signs shall come upon you,—then do you whatsoever your hand shall find, because God is with you.

8 And you shall go down in front of Galgal, and behold, I come down to you to offer a whole-burnt-offering and peace-offerings: seven days shall you wait until I shall come to you, and I will make known to you what you shall do.

9 And it came to pass when he turned his back to depart from Samuel, God gave him another heart; and all these signs came to pass in that day.

10 And he comes thence to the hill, and behold a band of prophets opposite to him; and the Spirit of God came upon him, and he prophesied in the midst of them.

11 And all that had known him before came, and saw, and, behold, he was in the midst of the prophets: and the people said every one to his neighbour, What is this that has happened to the son of Kis? is Saul also among the prophets?

12 And one of them answered and said, And who is his father? and therefore it became a proverb, Is Saul also among the prophets?

13 And he ceased prophesying, and comes to the hill.

14 And his kinsman said to him and to his servant, Whither went you? and they said, To seek the asses; and we saw that they were lost, and we went in to Samuel.

15 And his kinsman said to Saul, Tell me, I pray you, What did Samuel say to you?

16 And Saul said to his kinsman, He verily told me that the asses were found. But the matter of the kingdom he told him not.

17 And Samuel summoned all the people before the Lord to Massephath.

18 And he said to the children of Israel, Thus has the Lord God of Israel spoken, saying, I brought up the children of Israel out of Egypt, and I rescued you out of the hand of Pharaoh king of Egypt, and out of all the kingdoms that afflicted you.

19 And you have this day rejected God, who is himself your Deliverer out of all your evils and afflictions; and you said, Nay, but you shall set a king over us: and now stand before the Lord according to your tribes, and according to your families.

20 And Samuel brought nigh all the tribes of Israel, and the tribe of Benjamin is taken by lot.

21 And he brings near the tribe of Benjamin by families, and the family of Mattari is taken by lot: and they bring near the family of Mattari, man by man, and Saul the son of Kis is taken; and he sought him, but he was not found.

22 And Samuel asked yet again of the Lord, Will the man come hither? and the Lord said, Behold, he is hid among the stuff.

23 And he ran and took him thence, and he set him in the midst of the people; and he was higher than all the people by his shoulders and upwards.

24 And Samuel said to all the people, Have you seen whom the Lord has chosen to himself, that there is none like to him among you all? And all the people took notice, and said, Let the king live!

25 And Samuel told to the people the manner of the king, and wrote it in a book, and set it before the Lord: and Samuel sent away all the people, and each went to his place.

26 And Saul departed to his house to Gibeah; and there went with Saul mighty men whose hearts God had touched.

27 But evil men said, Who is this man that shall save us? and they despised him, and brought him no gifts.

Chapter 11

1 And it came to pass about a month after this, that Naas the Ammanite went up, and encamped against Jabesh Gilead: and all the men of Jabesh said to Naas the Ammanite, Make a covenant with us, and we will serve you.

2 And Naas the Ammanite said to them, On these terms will I make a covenant with you, that I should put out all your right eyes, and I will lay a reproach upon Israel.

3 And the men of Jabesh say to him, Allow us seven days, and we will send messengers into all the coasts of Israel: if there should be no one to deliver us, we will come out to you.

4 And the messengers came to Gibeah to Saul, and they speak the words into the ears of the people; and all the people lifted up their voice, and wept.

5 And, behold, Saul came after the early morning out of the field: and Saul said, Why does the people weep? and they tell him the words of the men of Jabesh.

6 And the Spirit of the Lord came upon Saul when he heard these words, and his anger was greatly kindled against them.

7 And he took two cows, and cut them in pieces, and sent them into all the coasts of Israel by the hand of messengers, saying, Whoso comes not forth after Saul and after Samuel, so shall they do to his oxen: and a transport from the Lord came upon the people of Israel, and they came out to battle as one man.

8 And he reviews them at Bezec in Bama, every man of Israel six hundred thousand, and the men of Judah seventy thousand.

9 And he said to the messengers that came, Thus shall you say to the men of Jabesh, To-morrow you shall have deliverance when the sun is hot; and the messengers came to the city, and told the men of Jabesh, and they rejoiced.

10 And the men of Jabesh said to Naas the Ammanite, To-morrow we will come forth to you, and you shall do to us what seems good in your sight.

11 And it came to pass on the morrow, that Saul divided the people into three companies, and they go into the midst of the camp in the morning watch, and they smote the children of Ammon until the day was hot; and it came to pass that those who were left were scattered, and there were not left among them two together.

12 And the people said to Samuel, Who has said that Saul shall not reign over us? Give up the men, and we will put them to death.

13 And Saul said, No man shall die this day, for to-day the Lord has wrought deliverance in Israel.

14 And Samuel spoke to the people, saying, Let us go to Gilgal, and there renew the kingdom.

15 And all the people went to Gilgal, and Samuel anointed Saul there to be king before the Lord in Gilgal, and there he offered meat-offerings and peace-offerings before the Lord: and Samuel and all Israel rejoiced exceedingly.

Chapter 12

1 And Samuel said to all Israel, Behold, I have hearkened to your voice in all things that you have said to me, and I have set a king over you.

2 And now, behold, the king goes before you; and I am grown old and shall rest; and, behold, my sons are among you; and, behold, I have gone about before you from my youth to this day.

3 Behold, here am I, answer against me before the Lord and before his anointed: whose calf have I taken? or whose ass have I taken? or whom of you have I oppressed? or whom have I been violent with? or from whose hand have I taken a bribe, even to a sandal? bear witness against me, and I will make restitution to you.

4 And they said to Samuel, You have not injured us, and you have not oppressed us; and you have not afflicted us, and you have not taken anything from any one's hand.

5 And Samuel said to the people, The Lord is witness among you, and his anointed is witness this day, that you

have not found anything in my hand: and they said, He is witness.

6 And Samuel spoke to the people, saying, The Lord who appointed Moses and Aaron is witness, who brought our fathers up out of Egypt.

7 And now stand still, and I will judge you before the Lord; and I will relate to you all the righteousness of the Lord, the things which he has wrought among you and your fathers.

8 When Jacob and his sons went into Egypt, and Egypt humbled them, then our fathers cried to the Lord, and the Lord sent Moses and Aaron; and they brought our fathers out of Egypt, and he made them to dwell in this place.

9 And they forgot the Lord their God, and he sold them into the hands of Sisara captain of the host of Jabesh king of Asor, and into the hands of the Philistines, and into the hands of the king of Moab; and he fought with them.

10 And they cried to the Lord, and said, We have sinned, for we have forsaken the Lord, and have served Baalim and the groves: and now deliver us out of the hand of our enemies, and we will serve you.

11 And he sent Jerobaal, and Barac, and Jephthae, and Samuel, and rescued us out of the hand of our enemies round about, and you dwelt in security.

12 And you saw that Naas king of the children of Ammon came against you, and you said, Nay, none but a king shall reign over us; whereas the Lord our God is our king.

13 And now behold the king whom you have chosen; and behold, the Lord has set a king over you.

14 If you should fear the Lord, and serve him, and hearken to his voice, and not resist the mouth of the Lord, and you and your king that reigns over you should follow the Lord, well.

15 But if you should not hearken to the voice of the Lord, and you should resist the mouth of the Lord, then shall the hand of the Lord be upon you and upon your king.

16 And now stand still, and see this great thing, which the Lord will do before your eyes.

17 Is it not wheat-harvest to-day? I will call upon the Lord, and he shall send thunder and rain; and know you and see, that your wickedness is great which you have wrought before the Lord, having asked for yourselves a king.

18 And Samuel called upon the Lord, and the Lord sent thunders and rain in that day; and all the people feared greatly the Lord and Samuel.

19 And all the people said to Samuel, Pray for your servants to the Lord your God, and let us not die; for we have added to all our sins this iniquity, in asking for us a king.

20 And Samuel said to the people, Fear not: you have indeed wrought all this iniquity; only turn not from following the Lord, and serve the Lord with all your heart.

21 And turn not aside after the gods that are nothing, who will do nothing, and will not deliver you, because they are nothing.

22 For the Lord will not cast off his people for his great name's sake, because the Lord graciously took you to himself for a people.

23 And far be it from me to sin against the Lord in ceasing to pray for you: but I will serve the Lord, and shew you the good and the right way.

24 Only fear the Lord, and serve him in truth and with all your heart, for you see what great things he has wrought with you.

25 But if you continue to do evil, then shall you and your king be consumed.

Chapter 13

2 And Saul chooses for himself three thousand men of the men of Israel: and there were with Saul two thousand who were in Machmas, and in mount Bethel, and a thousand were with Jonathan in Gibeah of Benjamin: and he sent the rest of the people every man to his tent.

3 And Jonathan smote Nasib the Philistine that dwelt in the hill; and the Philistines hear of it, and Saul sounds the trumpet through all the land, saying, The servants have despised us.

4 And all Israel heard say, Saul has smitten Nasib the Philistine; now Israel had been put to shame before the Philistines; and the children of Israel went up after Saul in Gilgal.

5 And the Philistines gather together to war with Israel; and then come up against Israel thirty thousand chariots, and six thousand horsemen, and people as the sand by the seashore for multitude: and they come up, and encamp in Machmas, opposite Bæthoron southward.

6 And the men of Israel saw that they were in a strait so that they could not draw nigh, and the people hid themselves in caves, and sheepfolds, and rocks, and ditches, and pits.

7 And they that went over went over Jordan to the land of Gad and Gilead: and Saul was yet in Gilgal, and all the people followed after him in amazement.

8 And he continued seven days for the appointed testimony, as Samuel told him, and Samuel came not to Gilgal, and his people were dispersed from him.

9 And Saul said, Bring hither victims, that I may offer whole-burnt-offerings and peace-offerings: and he offered the whole-burnt-offering.

10 And it came to pass when he had finished offering the whole-burnt-offering, that Samuel arrived, and Saul went out to meet him, and to bless him.

11 And Samuel said, What have you done? and Saul said, Because I saw how the people were scattered from me, and you were not present as you purposedst according to the set time of the days, and the Philistines were gathered to Machmas.

12 Then I said, Now will the Philistines come down to me to Gilgal, and I have not sought the face of the Lord: so I forced myself and offered the whole-burnt-offering.

13 And Samuel said to Saul, You have done foolishly; for you have not kept my command, which the Lord commanded you, as now the Lord would have confirmed your kingdom over Israel for ever.

14 But now your kingdom shall not stand to you, and the Lord shall seek for himself a man after his own heart; and the Lord shall appoint him to be a ruler over his people, because you have not kept all that the Lord commanded you.

15 And Samuel arose, and departed from Gilgal, and the remnant of the people went after Saul to meet him after the men of war, when they had come out of Gilgal to Gibeah of Benjamin. And Saul numbered the people that were found with him, about six hundred men.

16 And Saul and Jonathan his son, and the people that were found with them, halted in Gibeah of Benjamin; and they wept: and the Philistines had encamped in Machmas.

17 And men came forth to destroy out of the land of the Philistines in three companies; one company turning by the way of Gophera toward the land of Sogal,

18 and another company turning the way of Bæthoron, and another company turning by the way of Gabae that turns aside to Gai of Sabim.

19 And there was not found a smith in all the land of Israel, for the Philistines said, Lest the Hebrews make themselves sword or spear.

20 And all Israel went down to the land of the Philistines to forge every one his reaping-hook and his tool, and every one his axe and his sickle.

21 And it was near the time of vintage: and their tools were valued at three shekels for a ploughshare, and there was the same rate for the axe and the sickle.

22 And it came to pass in the days of the war of Machmas, that there was not a sword or spear found in the hand of all the people, that were with Saul and Jonathan; but with Saul and Jonathan his son was there found.

23 And there went out some from the camp of the Philistines to the place beyond Machmas.

Chapter 14

1 And when a certain day arrived, Jonathan the son of Saul said to the young man that bore his armour, Come, and let us go over to Messab of the Philistines that is on the other side yonder; but he told not his father.

2 And Saul sat on the top of the hill under the pomegranate tree that is in Magdon, and there were with him about six hundred men.

3 And Achia son of Achitob, the brother of Jochabed the son of Phinees, the son of Heli, was the priest of God in Selom wearing an ephod: and the people knew not that Jonathan was gone.

4 And in the midst of the passage whereby Jonathan sought to pass over to the encampment of the Philistines, there was both a sharp rock on this side, and a sharp rock on the other side: the name of the one was Bases, and the name of the other Senna.

5 The one way was northward to one coming to Machmas, and the other way was southward to one coming to Gabae.

6 And Jonathan said to the young man that bore his armour, Come, let us go over to Messab of these uncircumcised, if peradventure the Lord may do something for us; for the Lord is not straitened to save by many or by few.

7 And his armour-bearer said to him, Do all that yours heart inclines toward: behold, I am with you, my heart is as your heart.

8 And Jonathan said, Behold, we will go over to the men, and will come down suddenly upon them.

9 If they should say thus to us, Stand aloof there until we shall send you word; then we will stand still by ourselves, and will not go up against them.

10 But if they should say thus to us, Come up to us; then will we go up, for the Lord has delivered them into our hands; this shall be a sign to us.

11 And they both went in to Messab of the Philistines; and the Philistines said, Behold, the Hebrews come forth out of their caves, where they had hidden themselves.

12 And the men of Messab answered Jonathan and his armour-bearer, and said, Come up to us, and we will shew you a thing: and Jonathan said to his armour-bearer, Come up after me, for the Lord has delivered them into the hands of Israel.

13 And Jonathan went up on his hands and feet, and his armour-bearer with him; and they looked on the face of Jonathan, and he smote them, and his armour-bearer did smite them after him.

14 And the first slaughter which Jonathan and his armour-bearer effected was twenty men, with darts and slings, and pebbles of the field.

15 And there was dismay in the camp, and in the field; and all the people in Messab, and the spoilers were amazed; and they would not act, and the land was terror-struck, and there was dismay from the Lord.

16 And the watchmen of Saul beheld in Gibeah of Benjamin, and, behold, the army was thrown into confusion on every side.

17 And Saul said to the people with him, Number yourselves now, and see who has gone out from you: and they numbered themselves, and behold, Jonathan and his armour-bearer were not found.

18 And Saul said to Achia, Bring the ephod; for he wore the ephod in that day before Israel.

19 And it came to pass while Saul was speaking to the priest, that the sound in the camp of the Philistines continued to increase greatly; and Saul said to the priest, Withdraw your hands.

20 And Saul went up and all the people that were with him, and they come to the battle: and, behold, every man's sword was against his neighbour, a very great confusion.

21 And the servants who had been before with the Philistines, who had gone up to the army, turned themselves also to be with the Israelites who were with Saul and Jonathan.

22 And all the Israelites who were hidden in mount Ephraim heard also that the Philistines fled; and they also gather themselves after them to battle: and the Lord saved Israel in that day; and the war passed through Bamoth; and all the people with Saul were about ten thousand men.

23 And the battle extended itself to every city in the mount Ephraim.

24 And Saul committed a great trespass of ignorance in that day, and he lays a curse on the people, saying, Cursed is the man who shall eat bread before the evening; so I will avenge myself on my enemy: and none of the people tasted bread, though all the land was dining.

25 And Jaal was a wood abounding in swarms of bees on the face of the ground.

26 And the people went into the place of the bees, and, behold, they continued speaking; and, behold, there was none that put his hand to his mouth, for the people feared the oath of the Lord.

27 And Jonathan had not heard when his father adjured the people; and he reached forth the end of the staff that was in his hand, and dipped it into the honeycomb, and returned his hand to his mouth, and his eyes recovered their sight.

28 And one of the people answered and said, Your father solemnly adjured the people, saying, Cursed is the man who shall eat bread to-day. And the people were very faint,

29 and Jonathan knew it, and said, My father has destroyed the land: see how my eyes have received sight now that I have tasted a little of this honey.

30 Surely if the people had this day eaten freely of the spoils of their enemies which they found, the slaughter among the Philistines would have been greater.

31 And on that day he smote some of the Philistines in Machmas; and the people were very weary.

32 And the people turned to the spoil; and the people took flocks, and herds, and calves, and slew them on the ground, and the people ate with the blood.

33 And it was reported to Saul, saying, The people have sinned against the Lord, eating with the blood: and Saul said, Out of Getthaim roll a great stone to me hither.

34 And Saul said, Disperse yourselves among the people, and tell them to bring hither every one his calf, and every one his sheep: and let them slay it on this stone and sin not against the Lord in eating with the blood: and the people brought each one that which was in his hand, and they slew them there.

35 And Saul built an altar there to the Lord: this was the first altar that Saul built to the Lord.

36 And Saul said, Let us go down after the Philistines this night, and let us plunder among them till the day break, and let us not leave a man among them. And they said, Do all that is good in your sight: and the priest said, Let us draw nigh hither to God.

37 And Saul enquired of God, If I go down after the Philistines, will you deliver them into the hands of Israel? And he answered him not in that day.

38 And Saul said, Bring hither all the chiefs of Israel, and know and see by whom this sin has been committed this day.

39 For as the Lord lives who has saved Israel, if answer should be against my son Jonathan, he shall surely die. And there was no one that answered out of all the people.

40 And he said to all the men of Israel, You shall be under subjection, and I and Jonathan my son will be under subjection: and the people said to Saul, Do that which is good in your sight.

41 And Saul said, O Lord God of Israel, why have you not answered your servant this day? is the iniquity in me, or in Jonathan my son? Lord God of Israel, give clear manifestations; and if the lot should declare this, give, I pray you, to your people Israel, give, I pray, holiness. And Jonathan and Saul are taken, and the people escaped.

42 And Saul said, Cast lots between me and my son Jonathan: whomsoever the Lord shall cause to be taken by

lot, let him die: and the people said to Saul, This thing is not to be done: and Saul prevailed against the people, and they cast lots between him and Jonathan his son, and Jonathan is taken by lot.

43 And Saul said to Jonathan, Tell me what you have done: and Jonathan told him, and said, I did indeed taste a little honey, with the end of my staff that was in my hand, and, lo! I am to die.

44 And Saul said to him, God do so to me, and more also, you shall surely die to-day.

45 And the people said to Saul, Shall he that has wrought this great salvation in Israel be put to death this day? As the Lord lives, there shall not fall to the ground one of the hairs of his head; for the people of God have wrought successfully this day. And the people prayed for Jonathan in that day, and he died not.

46 And Saul went up from following the Philistines; and the Philistines departed to their place.

47 And Saul received the kingdom, by lot he inherits the office of ruling over Israel: and he fought against all his enemies round about, against Moab, and against the children of Ammon, and against the children of Edom, and against Bæthæor, and against the king of Suba, and against the Philistines: whithersoever he turned, he was victorious.

48 And he wrought valiantly, and smote Amalec, and rescued Israel out of the hand of them that trampled on him.

49 And the sons of Saul were Jonathan, and Jessiu, and Melchisa: and these were the names of his two daughters, the name of the first-born Merob, and the name of the second Melchol.

50 And the name of his wife was Achinoom, the daughter of Achimaa: and the name of his captain of the host was Abenner, the son of Ner, son of a kinsman of Saul.

51 And Kis was the father of Saul, and Ner, the father of Abenner, was son of Jamin, son of Abiel.

52 And the war was vehement against the Philistines all the days of Saul; and when Saul saw any mighty man, and any valiant man, then he took them to himself.

Chapter 15

1 And Samuel said to Saul, The Lord sent me to anoint you king over Israel: and now hear the voice of the Lord.

2 Thus said the Lord of hosts, Now will I take vengeance for what Amalec did to Israel, when he met him in the way as he came up out of Egypt.

3 And now go, and you shall smite Amalec and Hierim and all that belongs to him, and you shall not save anything of him alive, but you shall utterly destroy him: and you shall devote him and all his to destruction, and you shall spare nothing belonging to him; and you shall slay both man and woman, and infant and suckling, and calf and sheep, and camel and ass.

4 And Saul summoned the people, and he numbered them in Gilgal, four hundred thousand regular troops, and Judah thirty thousand regular troops.

5 And Saul came to the cities of Amalec, and laid wait in the valley.

6 And Saul said to the Kinite, Go, and depart out of the midst of the Amalekites, lest I put you with them; for you dealedst mercifully with the children of Israel when they went up out of Egypt. So the Kinite departed from the midst of Amalec.

7 And Saul smote Amalec from Evilat to Sur fronting Egypt.

8 And he took Agag the king of Amalec alive, and he slew all the people and Hierim with the edge of the sword.

9 And Saul and all the people saved Agag alive, and the best of the flocks, and of the herds, and of the fruits, of the vineyards, and of all the good things; and they would not destroy them: but every worthless and refuse thing they destroyed.

10 And the word of the Lord came to Samuel, saying,

11 I have repented that I have made Saul to be king: for he has turned back from following me, and has not kept my word. And Samuel was grieved, and cried to the Lord all night.

12 And Samuel rose early and went to meet Israel in the morning, and it was told Saul, saying, Samuel has come to Carmel, and he has raised up help for himself: and he turned his chariot, and came down to Gilgal to Saul; and, behold, he was offering up a whole-burnt-offering to the Lord, the chief of the spoils which he brought out of Amalec.

13 And Samuel came to Saul: and Saul said to him, Blessed are you of the Lord: I have performed all that the Lord said.

14 And Samuel said, What then is the bleating of this flock in my ears, and the sound of the oxen which I hear?

15 And Saul said, I have brought them out of Amalec, that which the people preserved, even the best of the sheep, and of the cattle, that it might be sacrificed to the Lord your God, and the rest have I utterly destroyed.

16 And Samuel said to Saul, Stay, and I will tell you what the Lord has said to me this night: and he said to him, Say on.

17 And Samuel said to Saul, Are you not little in his eyes, though a leader of one of the tribes of Israel? and yet the Lord anointed you to be king over Israel.

18 And the Lord sent you on a journey, and said to you, Go, and utterly destroy: you shall slay the sinners against me, even the Amalekites; and you shall war against them until you have consumed them.

19 And why did not you hearken to the voice of the Lord, but did haste to fasten upon the spoils, and did that which was evil in the sight of the Lord?

20 And Saul said to Samuel, Because I listened to the voice of the people: yet I went the way by which the Lord sent me, and I brought Agag the king of Amalec, and I destroyed Amalec.

21 But the people took of the spoils the best flocks and herds out of that which was destroyed, to sacrifice before the Lord our God in Galgal.

22 And Samuel said, Does the Lord take pleasure in whole-burnt-offerings and sacrifices, as in hearing the words of the Lord? behold, obedience is better than a good sacrifice, and hearkening than the fat of rams.

23 For sin is as divination; idols bring on pain and grief. Because you have rejected the word of the Lord, the Lord also shall reject you from being king over Israel.

24 And Saul said to Samuel, I have sinned, in that I have transgressed the word of the Lord and your direction; for I feared the people, and I hearkened to their voice.

25 And now remove, I pray you, my sin, and turn back with me, and I will worship the Lord your God.

26 And Samuel said to Saul, I will not turn back with you, for you have rejected the word of the Lord, and the Lord will reject you from being king over Israel.

27 And Samuel turned his face to depart, and Saul caught hold of the skirt of his garment, and tore it.

28 And Samuel said to him, The Lord has rent your kingdom from Israel out of your hand this day, and will give it to your neighbour who is better than you.

29 And Israel shall be divided to two: and God will not turn nor repent, for he is not as a man to repent.

30 And Saul said, I have sinned; yet honour me, I pray you, before the elders of Israel, and before my people; and turn back with me, and I will worship the Lord your God.

31 So Samuel turned back after Saul, and he worshipped the Lord.

32 And Samuel said, Bring me Agag the king of Amalec: and Agag came to him trembling; and Agag said, Is death thus bitter?

33 And Samuel said to Agag, As your sword has bereaved women of their children, so shall your mother be made childless among women: and Samuel slew Agag before the Lord in Galgal.

34 And Samuel departed to Ramah, and Saul went up to his house at Gibeah.

35 And Samuel did not see Saul again till the day of his death, for Samuel mourned after Saul, and the Lord repented that he had made Saul king over Israel.

Chapter 16

1 And the Lord said to Samuel, How long do you mourn for Saul, whereas I have rejected him from reigning over Israel? Fill your horn with oil, and come, I will send you to Jessæ, to Bethlehem; for I have seen among his sons a king for me.

2 And Samuel said, How can I go? whereas Saul will hear of it, and slay me: and the Lord said, Take a heifer in yours hand and you shall say, I am come to sacrifice to the Lord.

3 And you shall call Jessæ to the sacrifice, and I will make known to you what you shall do; and you shall anoint him whom I shall mention to you.

4 And Samuel did all that the Lord told him; and he came to Bethlehem: and the elders of the city were amazed at meeting him, and said, Do you come peaceably, you Seer?

5 And he said, Peaceably: I am come to sacrifice to the Lord. Sanctify yourselves, and rejoice with me this day: and he sanctified Jessæ and his sons, and he called them to the sacrifice.

6 And it came to pass when they came in, that he saw Eliab, and said, Surely the Lord's anointed is before him.

7 But the Lord said to Samuel, Look not on his appearance, nor on his stature, for I have rejected him; for God sees not as a man looks; for man looks at the outward appearance, but God looks at the heart.

8 And Jessæ called Aminadab, and he passed before Samuel: and he said, Neither has God chosen this one.

9 And Jessæ caused Sama to pass by: and he said, Neither has God chosen this one.

10 And Jessæ caused his seven sons to pass before Samuel: and Samuel said, The Lord has not chosen these.

11 And Samuel said to Jessæ, Have you no more sons? And Jessæ said, There is yet a little one; behold, he tends the flock. And Samuel said to Jessæ, Send and fetch him, for we may not sit down till he comes.

12 And he sent and fetched him: and he was ruddy, with beauty of eyes, and very goodly to behold. And the Lord said to Samuel, Arise, and anoint David, for he is good.

13 And Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the midst of his brethren: and the Spirit of the Lord came upon David from that day forward: and Samuel arose, and departed to Ramah.

14 And the Spirit of the Lord departed from Saul, and an evil spirit from the Lord tormented him.

15 And Saul's servants said to him, Behold now, an evil spirit from the Lord torments you.

16 Let now your servants speak before you, and let them seek for our lord a man skilled to play on the harp; and it shall come to pass when an evil spirit comes upon you and he shall play on his harp, that you shall be well, and he shall refresh you.

17 And Saul said to his servants, Look now out for me a skilful player, and bring him to me.

18 And one of his servants answered and said, Behold, I have seen a son of Jessæ the Bethleemite, and he understands playing on the harp, and the man is prudent, and a warrior, and wise in speech, and the man is handsome, and the Lord is with him.

19 And Saul sent messengers to Jessæ, saying, Send to me your son David who is with your flock.

20 And Jessæ took a homer of bread, and a bottle of wine, and one kid of the goats, and sent them by the hand of his son David to Saul.

21 And David went in to Saul, and stood before him; and he loved him greatly; and he became his armour-bearer.

22 And Saul sent to Jessæ, saying, Let David, I pray you, stand before me, for he has found grace in my eyes.

23 And it came to pass when the evil spirit was upon Saul, that David took his harp, and played with his hand: and Saul was refreshed, and it was well with him, and the evil spirit departed from him.

Chapter 17

1 And the Philistines gather their armies to battle, and gather themselves to Succoth of Judæa, and encamp between Succoth and Azeca Ephermen.

2 And Saul and the men of Israel gather together, and they encamp in the valley, and set the battle in array against the Philistines.

3 And the Philistines stand on the mountain on one side, and Israel stands on the mountain on the other side, and the valley was between them.

4 And there went forth a mighty man out of the army of the Philistines, Goliath by name, out of Gath, his height was four cubits and a span.

5 And he had a helmet upon his head, and he wore a breastplate of chain armour; and the weight of his breastplate was five thousand shekels of brass and iron.

6 And greaves of brass were upon his legs, and a brazen target was between his shoulders.

7 And the staff of his spear was like a weavers' beam, and the spear's head was formed of six hundred shekels of iron; and his armour-bearer went before him.

8 And he stood and cried to the army of Israel, and said to them, Why are you come forth to set yourselves in battle array against us? Am not I a Philistine, and you Hebrews of Saul? choose for yourselves a man, and let him come down to me.

9 And if he shall be able to fight against me, and shall smite me, then will we be your servants: but if I should prevail and smite him, you shall be our servants, and serve us.

10 And the Philistine said, Behold, I have defied the armies of Israel this very day: give me a man, and we will both of us fight in single combat.

11 And Saul and all Israel heard these words of the Philistine, and they were dismayed, and greatly terrified.

12 And David son of an Ephrathite said, this Ephrathite was of Bethlehem Judah, and his name was Jessae, and he had eight sons. And the man passed for an old man among men in the days of Saul.

13 And the three elder sons of Jessae went and followed Saul to the war, and the names of his sons that went to the war were, Eliab his first-born, and his second Aminadab, and his third son Samma.

14 And David himself was the younger son, and the three elder followed Saul.

15 And David departed and returned from Saul, to feed his father’s sheep in Bethlehem;

16 And the Philistine advanced morning and evening, and stood up forty days.

17 And Jessae said to David, Take now to your brethren an ephah of this meal, and these ten loaves, and run to the camp and give them to your brothers.

18 And you shall carry to the captain of the thousand these ten cheeses of milk, and you shall see how your brethren fare, and learn what they want.

19 And Saul himself and all the men of Israel were in the valley of the Oak, warring with the Philistines.

20 And David rose early in the morning, and left the sheep to a keeper, and took and went as Jessae commanded him, and he came to the trench and to the army as it was going out to fight, and they shouted for the battle.

21 And Israel and the Philistines formed their lines one opposite the other.

22 And David deposited his burden in the hand of a keeper, and ran to the line, and went and asked his brethren how they Were.

23 And while he was speaking with them, behold the Amessaean advanced, Goliath by name, the Philistine of Gath, of the armies of the Philistines, and he spoke as before, and David heard.

24 And all the men of Israel when they saw the man fled from before him, and they were greatly terrified.

25 And the men of Israel said, Have you seen this man that comes up? for he has reproached Israel and has come up; and it shall be that the man who shall smite him, the king shall enrich him with great wealth and shall give him his daughter, and shall make his father's house free in Israel.

26 and David spoke to the men who stood with him saying, Shall it indeed be done thus to the man who shall smite that Philistine, and take away reproach from Israel? for who is this uncircumcised Philistine that he has defied the army of the living God?

27 And the people spoke to him according to this Word, saying Thus shall it be done to the man Who shall smite him.

28 And Eliab his elder brother heard as he spoke to the men, and Eliab was very angry with David and said, Why have you thus come down, and with whom have you left those few sheep in the wilderness? I know your pride and the naughtiness of yours heart, for you are come down to see the battle.

29 And David said what have I done now? Have I no business here?

30 And he turned from him towards another, and he spoke after the same manner; and the people answered him after the former manner.

31 And the Words which David spoke were heard and were reported to Saul. And he took him to himself.

32 And David said to Saul, Let not, I pray you, the heart of my lord be dejected within him: your servant will go, and fight with this Philistine.

33 And Saul said to David, You will not in anywise be able to go against this Philistine to fight with him, for you are a mere youth, and he a man of war from his youth.

34 And David said to Saul, Your servant was tending the flock for his father; and when a lion came and a she-bear, and took a sheep out of the flock,

35 then I went forth after him, and smote him, and drew the spoil out of his mouth: and as he rose up against me, then I caught hold of his throat, and smote him, and slew him.

36 Your servant smote both the lion and the bear, and the uncircumcised Philistine shall be as one of them: shall I not go and smite him, and remove this day a reproach from Israel? for who is this uncircumcised one, who has defied the army of the living God?

37 The Lord who delivered me out of the paw of the lion and out of the paw of the bear, he will deliver me out of the hand of this uncircumcised Philistine. And Saul said to David, Go, and the Lord shall be with you.

38 And Saul clothed David with a military coat, and put his brazen helmet on his head.

39 And he girt David with his sword over his coat: and he made trial walking with them once and again: and David said to Saul, I shall not be able to go with these, for I have not proved them: so they remove them from him.

40 And he took his staff in his hand, and he chose for himself five smooth stones out of the brook, and put them in the shepherd's scrip which he had for his store, and his sling was in his hand; and he approached the Philistine.

42 And Goliath saw David, and despised him; for he was a lad, and ruddy, with a fair countenance.

43 And the Philistine said to David, Am I as a dog, that you come against me with a staff and stones? [and David said, Nay, but worse than a dog.] And the Philistine cursed David by his gods.

44 And the Philistine said to David, Come to me, and I will give your flesh to the birds of the air, and to the beasts of the earth.

45 And David said to the Philistine, You come to me with sword, and with spear, and with shield; but I come to you in the name of the Lord God of hosts of the army of Israel, which you have defied

46 this day. And the Lord shall deliver you this day into my hand; and I will slay you, and take away your head from off you, and will give your limbs and the limbs of the army of the Philistines this day to the birds of the sky, and to the wild beasts of the earth; and all the earth shall know that there is a God in Israel.

47 And all this assembly shall know that the Lord delivers not by sword or spear, for the battle is the Lord's, and the Lord will deliver you into our hands.

48 And the Philistine arose and went to meet David.

49 And David stretched out his hand to his scrip, and took thence a stone, and slang it, and smote the Philistine on his forehead, and the stone penetrated through the helmet into his forehead, and he fell upon his face to the ground.

51 And David ran, and stood upon him, and took his sword, and slew him, and cut off his head: and the Philistines saw that their champion was dead, and they fled.

52 And the men of Israel and Judah arose, and shouted and pursued them as far as the entrance to Gath, and as far as the gate of Ashkelon: and the slain men of the Philistines fell in the way of the gates, both to Gath, and to Ekron.

53 And the men of Israel returned from pursuing after the Philistines, and they destroyed their camp.

54 And David took the head of the Philistine, and brought it to Jerusalem; but he put his armour in his tent.

Chapter 18

6 And there came out women in dances to meet David out of all the cities of Israel, with timbrels, and with rejoicing, and with cymbals.

7 And the women began the strain, and said, Saul has smitten his thousands, and David his ten thousands.

8 And it seemed evil in the eyes of Saul concerning this matter, and he said, To David they have given ten thousands, and to me they have given thousands.

12 And Saul was alarmed on account of David.

13 And he removed him from him, and made him a captain of a thousand for himself; and he went out and came in before the people.

14 And David was prudent in all his ways, and the Lord was with him.

15 And Saul saw that he was very wise, and he was afraid of him.

16 And all Israel and Judah loved David, because he came in and went out before the people.

20 And Melchol the daughter of Saul loved David; and it was told Saul, and the thing was pleasing in his eyes.

21 And Saul said, I will give her to him, and she shall be a stumbling-block to him. Now the hand of the Philistines was against Saul.

22 And Saul charged his servants, saying, Speak you privately to David, saying, Behold, the king delights in you, and all his servants love you, and do you become the king's son-in-law.

23 And the servants of Saul spoke these words in the ears of David; and David said, Is it a light thing in your eyes to become son-in-law to the king? whereas I am an humble man, and not honourable?

24 And the servants of Saul reported to him according to these words, which David spoke.

25 And Saul said, Thus shall you speak to David, The king wants no gift but a hundred foreskins of the Philistines, to avenge himself on the king's enemies. Now Saul thought to cast him into the hands of the Philistines.

26 And the servants of Saul report these words to David, and David was well pleased to become the son-in-law to the king.

27 And David arose, and went, he and his men, and smote among the Philistines a hundred men: and he brought their foreskins, and he becomes the king's son-in-law, and Saul gives him Melchol his daughter to wife.

28 And Saul saw that the Lord was with David, and that all Israel loved him.

29 And he was yet more afraid of David.

Chapter 19

1 And Saul spoke to Jonathan his son, and to all his servants, to slay David.

2 And Jonathan, Saul's son, loved David much: and Jonathan told David, saying, Saul seeks to kill you: take heed to yourself therefore to-morrow morning, and hide yourself, and dwell in secret.

3 And I will go forth, and stand near my father in the field where you shall be, and I will speak concerning you to my father; and I will see what his answer may be, and I will tell you.

4 And Jonathan spoke favourably concerning David to Saul his father, and said to him, Let not the king sin against your servant David, for he has not sinned against you, and his deeds are very good.

5 And he put his life in his hand, and smote the Philistine, and the Lord wrought a great deliverance; and all Israel saw, and rejoiced: why then do you sin against innocent blood, to slay David without a cause?

6 And Saul hearkened to the voice of Jonathan; and Saul swore, saying, As the Lord lives, he shall not die.

7 And Jonathan called David, and told him all these words; and Jonathan brought David in to Saul, and he was before him as in former times.

8 And there was again war against Saul; and David did valiantly, and fought against the Philistines, and smote them with a very great slaughter, and they fled from before him.

9 And an evil spirit from God was upon Saul, and he was resting in his house, and a spear was in his hand, and David was playing on the harp with his hands.

10 And Saul sought to smite David with the spear; and David withdrew suddenly from the presence of Saul; and he drove the spear into the wall; and David retreated and escaped.

11 And it came to pass in that night, that Saul sent messengers to the house of David to watch him, in order to slay him in the morning; and Melchol David's wife told him, saying, Unless you save your life this night, to-morrow you shall be slain.

12 So Melchol lets David down by the window, and he departed, and fled, and escaped.

13 And Melchol took images, and laid them on the bed, and she put the liver of a goat by his head, and covered them with clothes.

14 And Saul sent messengers to take David; and they say that he is sick.

15 And he sends to David, saying, Bring him to me on the bed, that I may slay him.

16 And the messengers come, and, behold, the images were on the bed, and the goat's liver at his head.

17 And Saul said to Melchol, Why have you thus deceived me, and suffered my enemy to depart, and he has escaped? and Melchol said to Saul, He said, Let me go, and if not, I will slay you.

18 So David fled, and escaped, and comes to Samuel to Ramah, and tells him all that Saul had done to him: and Samuel and David went, and dwelt in Navath in Ramah.

19 And it was told Saul, saying, Behold, David is in Navath in Ramah.

20 And Saul sent messengers to take David, and they saw the assembly of the prophets, and Samuel stood as appointed over them; and the Spirit of God came upon the messengers of Saul, and they prophesy.

21 And it was told Saul, and he sent other messengers, and they also prophesied: and Saul sent again a third set of messengers, and they also prophesied.

22 And Saul was very angry, and went himself also to Ramah, and he comes as far as the well of the threshing-floor that is in Sephi; and he asked and said, Where are Samuel and David? and they said, Behold, in Navath in Ramah.

23 And he went thence to Navath in Ramah: and there came the Spirit of God upon him also, and he went on prophesying till he came to Navath in Ramah.

24 And he took off his clothes, and prophesied before them; and lay down naked all that day and all that night: therefore they said, Is Saul also among the prophets?

Chapter 20

1 And David fled from Navath in Ramah, and comes into the presence of Jonathan; and he said, What have I done, and what is my fault, and wherein have I sinned before your father, that he seeks my life?

2 And Jonathan said to him, Far be it from you: you shall not die: behold, my father will not do any thing great or small without discovering it to me; and why should my father hide this matter from me? this thing is not so.

3 And David answered Jonathan, and said, Your father knows surely that I have found grace in your sight, and he said, Let not Jonathan know this, lest he refuse his consent: but as the Lord lives and your soul lives, as I said, the space is filled up between me and death.

4 And Jonathan said to David, What does your soul desire, and what shall I do for you?

5 And David said to Jonathan, Behold, to-morrow is the new moon, and I shall not on any account sit down to eat, but you shall let me go, and I will hide in the plain till the evening.

6 And if your father do in anywise enquire for me, then shall you say, David earnestly asked leave of me to run to Bethlehem his city, for there is there a yearly sacrifice for all the family.

7 If he shall say thus, Well,— all is safe for your servant: but if he shall answer harshly to you, know that evil is determined by him.

8 And you shall deal mercifully with your servant; for you have brought your servant into a covenant of the Lord with yourself: and if there is iniquity in your servant, slay me yourself; but why do you thus bring me to your father?

9 And Jonathan said, That be far from you: for if I surely know that evil is determined by my father to come upon you, although it should not be against your cities, I will tell you.

10 And David said to Jonathan, Who can tell me if your father should answer roughly?

11 And Jonathan said to David, Go, and abide in the field. And they went out both into the field.

12 And Jonathan said to David, The Lord God of Israel knows that I will sound my father as I have an opportunity, three several times, and, behold, if good should be determined concerning David, and I do not send to you to the field,

13 God do so to Jonathan and more also: as I shall also report the evil to you, and make it known to you, and I will let you go; and you shall depart in peace, and the Lord shall be with you, as he was with my father.

14 And if indeed I continue to live, then shall you deal mercifully with me; and if I indeed die,

15 you shall not withdraw your mercy from my house for ever: and if you do not, when the Lord cuts off the enemies of David each from the face of the earth,

16 should it happen that the name of Jonathan be discovered by the house of David, then let the Lord seek out the enemies of David.

17 And Jonathan swore yet again to David, because he loved the soul of him that loved him.

18 And Jonathan said, To-morrow is the new moon, and you will be enquired for, because your seat will be observed as vacant.

19 And you shall stay three days, and watch an opportunity, and shall come to your place where you may hide yourself in the day of your business, and you shall wait by that ergab.

20 And I will shoot three arrows, aiming them at a mark.

21 And behold, I will send a lad, saying, Go find me the arrow.

22 If I should expressly say to the lad, The arrow is here, and on this side of you, take it; then come, for it is well with

you, and there is no reason for fear, as the Lord lives: but if I should say thus to the young man, The arrow is on that side of you, and beyond; go, for the Lord has sent you away.

23 And as for the word which you and I have spoken, behold, the Lord is witness between me and you for ever.

24 So David hides himself in the field, and the new month arrives, and the king comes to the table to eat.

25 And he sat upon his seat as in former times, even on his seat by the wall, and he went before Jonathan; and Abenner sat on one side of Saul, and the place of David was empty.

26 And Saul said nothing on that day, for he said, It seems to have fallen out that he is not clean, because he has not purified himself.

27 And it came to pass on the morrow, on the second day of the month, that the place of David was empty; and Saul said to Jonathan his son, Why has not the son of Jessæ attended both yesterday and to-day at the table?

28 And Jonathan answered Saul, and said to him, David asked leave of me to go as far as Bethlehem his city;

29 and he said, Let me go, I pray you, for we have a family sacrifice in the city, and my brethren have sent for me; and now, if I have found grace in your eyes, I will even go over and see my brethren: therefore he is not present at the table of the king.

30 And Saul was exceedingly angry with Jonathan, and said to him, You son of traitorous damsels! for do I not know that you are an accomplice with the son of Jessæ to your shame, and to the shame of your mother's nakedness?

31 For so long as the son of Jessæ lives upon the earth, your kingdom shall not be established: now then send and take the young man, for he shall surely die.

32 And Jonathan answered Saul, Why is he to die? what has he done?

33 And Saul lifted up his spear against Jonathan to slay him: so Jonathan knew that this evil was determined on by his father to slay David.

34 And Jonathan sprang up from the table in great anger, and did not eat bread on the second day of the month, for he grieved bitterly for David, because his father determined on mischief against him.

35 And morning came, and Jonathan went out to the field, as he appointed to do for a signal to David, and a little boy was with him.

36 And he said to the boy, Run, find me the arrows which I shoot: and the boy ran, and Jonathan shot an arrow, and sent it beyond him.

37 And the boy came to the place where the arrow was which Jonathan shot; and Jonathan cried out after the lad, and said, The arrow is on that side of you and beyond you.

38 And Jonathan cried out after his boy, saying, Make all speed, and stay not. And Jonathan's boy gathered up the arrows, and brought the arrows to his master.

39 And the boy knew nothing, only Jonathan and David knew.

40 And Jonathan gave his weapons to his boy, and said to his boy, Go, enter into the city.

41 And when the lad went in, then David arose from the argab, and fell upon his face, and did obeisance to him three times, and they kissed each other, and wept for each other, for a great while.

42 And Jonathan said to David, Go in peace, and as we have both sworn in the name of the Lord, saying, The Lord shall be witness between me and you, and between my seed and your seed for ever—even so let it be.

Chapter 21

1 And David arose and departed, and Jonathan went into the city.

2 And David comes to Nomba to Abimelech the priest: and Abimelech was amazed at meeting him, and said to him, Why are you alone, and nobody with you?

3 And David said to the priest, The king gave me a command to-day, and said to me, Let no one know the matter on which I send you, and concerning which I have charged you: and I have charged my servants to be in the place that is called, The faithfulness of God, phellani maemoni.

4 And now if there are under your hand five loaves, give into my hand what is ready.

5 And the priest answered David, and said, There are no common loaves under my hand, for I have none but holy loaves: if the young men have been kept at least from women, then they shall eat them.

6 And David answered the priest, and said to him, Yea, we have been kept from women for three days: when I came forth for the journey all the young men were purified; but this expedition is unclean, wherefore it shall be sanctified this day because of my weapons.

7 So Abimelech the priest gave him the shewbread; for there were no loaves there, but only the presence loaves which had been removed from the presence of the Lord, in order that hot bread should be set on, on the day on which he took them.

8 And there was there on that day one of Saul's servants detained before the Lord, and his name was Doec the Syrian, tending the mules of Saul.

9 And David said to Abimelech, See if there is here under your hand spear or sword, for I have not brought in my hand my sword or my weapons, for the word of the king was urgent.

10 And the priest said, Behold the sword of Goliath the Philistine, whom you smotest in the valley of Ela; and it is wrapt in a cloth: if you will take it, take it for yourself, for there is no other except it here. And David said, Behold, there is none like it; give it me.

11 And he gave it him; and David arose, and fled in that day from the presence of Saul: and David came to Anchus king of Gath.

12 And the servants of Anchus said to him, Is not this David the king of the land? Did not the dancing women begin the song to him, saying, Saul has smitten his thousands, and David his ten thousands?

13 And David laid up the words in his heart, and was greatly afraid of Anchus king of Gath.

14 And he changed his appearance before him, and feigned himself a false character in that day; and drummed upon the doors of the city, and used extravagant gestures with his hands, and fell against the doors of the gate, and his spittle ran down upon his beard.

15 And Anchus said to his servants, Lo! you see the man is mad: why have you brought him in to me?

16 Am I in want of madmen, that you have brought him in to me to play the madman? he shall not come into the house.

Chapter 22

1 And David departed thence, and escaped; and he comes to the cave of Odollam, and his brethren hear, and the house of his father, and they go down to him there.

2 And there gathered to him every one that was in distress, and every one that was in debt, and every one that was troubled in mind; and he was a leader over them, and there were with him about four hundred men.

3 And David departed thence to Massephath of Moab, and said to the king of Moab, Let, I pray you, my father and my mother be with you, until I know what God will do to me.

4 And he persuaded the king of Moab, and they dwelt with him continually, while David was in the hold.

5 And Gad the prophet said to David, Dwell not in the hold: go, and you shall enter the land of Judah. So David went, and came and dwelt in the city of Saric.

6 And Saul heard that David was discovered, and his men with him: now Saul dwelt in the hill below the field that is in Ramah, and his spear was in his hand, and all his servants stood near him.

7 And Saul said to his servants that stood by him, Hear now, you sons of Benjamin, will the son of Jessæ indeed give all of you fields and vineyards, and will he make you all captains of hundreds and captains of thousands?

8 that you are all conspiring against me, and there is no one that informs me, whereas my son has made a covenant with the son of Jessæ, and there is no one of you that is sorry for me, or informs me that my son has stirred up my servant against me for an enemy, as it is this day?

9 And Doec the Syrian who was over the mules of Saul answered and said, I saw the son of Jessæ as he came to Nomba to Abimelech son of Achitob the priest.

10 And the priest enquired of God for him, and gave him provisions, and gave him the sword of Goliath the Philistine.

11 And the king sent to call Abimelech son of Achitob and all his father's sons, the priests that were in Nomba; and they all came to the king.

12 And Saul said, Hear now, you son of Achitob. And he said, Lo! I am here, speak, my lord.

13 And Saul said to him, Why have you and the son of Jessæ conspired against me, that you should give him bread and a sword, and should enquire of God for him, to raise him up against me as an enemy, as he is this day?

14 And he answered the king, and said, And who is there among all your servants faithful as David, and he is a son-in-law of the king, and he is executor of all your commands, and is honourable in your house?

15 Have I begun to-day to enquire of God for him? by no means: let not the king bring a charge against his servant, and against the whole of my father's house; for your servant knew not in all these matters anything great or small.

16 And king Saul said, You shall surely die, Abimelech, you, and all your father's house.

17 And the king said to the footmen that attended on him, Draw nigh and slay the priests of the Lord, because their hand is with David, and because they knew that he fled, and they did not inform me. But the servants of the king would not lift their hands to fall upon the priests of the Lord.

18 And the king said to Doec, Turn you, and fall upon the priests: and Doec the Syrian turned, and slew the priests of the Lord in that day, three hundred and five men, all wearing an ephod.

19 And he smote Nomba the city of the priests with the edge of the sword, both man and woman, infant and suckling, and calf, and ox, and sheep.

20 And one son of Abimelech son of Achitob escapes, and his name was Abiathar, and he fled after David.

21 And Abiathar told David that Saul had slain all the priests of the Lord.

22 And David said to Abiathar, I knew it in that day, that Doec the Syrian would surely tell Saul: I am guilty of the death of the house of your father.

23 Dwell with me; fear not, for wherever I shall seek a place of safety for my life, I will also seek a place for your life, for you are safely guarded while with me.

Chapter 23

1 And it was told David, saying, Behold, the Philistines war in Keila, and they rob, they trample on the threshing-floors.

2 And David enquired of the Lord, saying, Shall I go and smite these Philistines? And the Lord said, Go, and you shall smite these Philistines, and shall save Keila.

3 And the men of David said to him, Behold, we are afraid here in Judea; and how shall it be if we go to Keila? shall we go after the spoils of the Philistines?

4 And David enquired yet again of the Lord; and the Lord answered him, and said to him, Arise and go down to Keila, for I will deliver the Philistines into your hands.

5 So David and his men with him went to Keila, and fought with the Philistines; and they fled from before him, and he carried off their cattle, and smote them with a great slaughter, and David rescued the inhabitants of Keila.

6 And it came to pass when Abiathar the son of Achimelech fled to David, that he went down with David to Keila, having an ephod in his hand.

7 And it was told Saul that David was come to Keila: and Saul said, God has sold him into my hands, for he is shut up, having entered into a city that has gates and bars.

8 And Saul charged all the people to go down to war to Keila, to besiege David and his men.

9 And David knew that Saul spoke openly of mischief against him: and David said to Abiathar the priest, Bring the ephod of the Lord.

10 And David said, Lord God of Israel, your servant has indeed heard, that Saul seeks to come against Keila to destroy the city on my account.

11 Will the place be shut up? and now will Saul come down, as your servant has heard? Lord God of Israel, tell your servant. And the Lord said, It will be shut up.

13 And David arose, and the men with him, in number about four hundred, and they went forth from Keila, and went whithersoever they could go: and it was told Saul that David had escaped from Keila, and he forbore to come.

14 And he dwelt in Maserem in the wilderness, in the narrow passes; and dwelt in the wilderness in mount Ziph, in the dry country. And Saul sought him continually, but the Lord delivered him not into his hands.

15 And David perceived that Saul went forth to seek David; and David was in the dry mountain in the New Ziph.

16 And Jonathan son of Saul rose, and went to David to Cæne, and strengthened his hands in the Lord.

17 And he said to him, Fear not, for the hand of Saul my father shall not find you; and you shall be king over Israel, and I shall be second to you; and Saul my father knows it.

18 So they both made a covenant before the Lord; and David dwelt in Cæne, and Jonathan went to his home.

19 And the Ziphites came up out of the dry country to Saul to the hill, saying, Behold, is not David hidden with us in Messara, in the narrows in Cæne in the hill of Echela, which is on the right of Jessæmon?

20 And now according to all the king's desire to come down, let him come down to us; they have shut him up into the hands of the king.

21 And Saul said to them, Blessed be you of the Lord, for you have been grieved on my account.

22 Go, I pray you, and make preparations yet, and notice his place where his foot shall be, quickly, in that place which you spoke of, lest by any means he should deal craftily.

23 Take notice, then, and learn, and I will go with you; and it shall come to pass that if he is in the land, I will search him out among all the thousands of Judah.

24 And the Ziphites arose, and went before Saul: and David and his men were in the wilderness of Maon, westward, to the right of Jessæmon.

25 And Saul and his men went to seek him: and they brought word to David, and he went down to the rock that was in the wilderness of Maon: and Saul heard, and followed after David to the wilderness of Maon.

26 And Saul and his men go on one side of the mountain, and David and his men are on the other side of the mountain: and David was hiding himself to escape from Saul: and Saul and his men encamped against David and his men, in order to take them.

27 And there came a messenger to Saul, saying, Haste you, and come hither, for the Philistines have invaded the land.

28 So Saul returned from following after David, and went to meet the Philistines: therefore that place was called The divided Rock.

Chapter 24

1 And David rose up from thence, and dwelt in the narrow passes of Engaddi.

2 And it came to pass when Saul returned from pursuing after the Philistines, that it was reported to him, saying, David is in the wilderness of Engaddi.

3 And he took with him three thousand men, chosen out of all Israel, and went to seek David and his men in front of Saddæem.

4 And he came to the flocks of sheep that were by the way, and there was a cave there; and Saul went in to make preparation, and David and his men were sitting in the inner part of the cave.

5 And the men of David said to him, Behold, this is the day of which the Lord spoke to you, that he would deliver your enemy into your hands; and you shall do to him as it is good in your sight. So David arose and cut off the skirt of Saul's garment secretly.

6 And it came to pass after this that David's heart smote him, because he had cut off the skirt of his garment.

7 And David said to his men, The Lord forbid it me, that I should do this thing to my lord the anointed of the Lord, to lift my hand against him; for he is the anointed of the Lord.

8 So David persuaded his men by his words, and did not suffer them to arise and slay Saul: and Saul arose and went his way.

9 And David rose up and went after him out of the cave: and David cried after Saul, saying, My lord, O king! and Saul looked behind him, and David bowed with his face to the ground, and did obeisance to him.

10 And David said to Saul, Why do you hearken to the words of the people, saying, Behold, David seeks your life?

11 Behold, your eyes have seen this day how that the Lord has delivered you this day into my hands in the cave; and I would not slay you, but spared you, and said, I will not lift up my hand against my lord, for he is the Lord's anointed.

12 And behold, the skirt of your mantle is in my hand, I cut off the skirt, and did not slay you: know then and see to-day, there is no evil in my hand, nor impiety, nor rebellion; and I have not sinned against you, yet you lay snares for my soul to take it.

13 The Lord judge between me and you, and the Lord requite you on yourself: but my hand shall not be upon you.

14 As the old proverb says, Transgression will proceed from the wicked ones: but my hand shall not be upon you.

15 And now after whom do you come forth, O king of Israel? after whom do you pursue? after a dead dog, and after a flea?

16 The Lord be judge and umpire between me and you, the Lord look upon and judge my cause, and rescue me out of your hand.

17 And it came to pass when David had finished speaking these words to Saul, that Saul said, Is this your voice, son David? and Saul lifted up his voice, and wept.

18 And Saul said to David, You are more righteous than I, for you have recompensed me good, but I have recompensed you evil.

19 And you have told me to-day what good you have done me, how the Lord shut me up into your hands to-day, and you did not slay me.

20 And if any one should find his enemy in distress, and should send him forth in a good way, then the Lord will reward him good, as you have done this day.

21 And now, behold, I know that you shall surely reign, and the kingdom of Israel shall be established in your hand.

22 Now then swear to me by the Lord, that you will not destroy my seed after me, that you will not blot out my name from the house of my father.

23 So David swore to Saul: and Saul departed to his place, and David and his men went up to the strong-hold of Messera.

Chapter 25

1 And Samuel died, and all Israel assembled, and bewailed him, and they bury him in his house in Ramah: and David arose, and went down to the wilderness of Maon.

2 And there was a man in Maon, and his flocks were in Carmel, and he was a very great man; and he had three thousand sheep, and a thousand she-goats: and he happened to be shearing his flock in Carmel.

3 And the man's name was Nabal, and his wife's name was Abigaia: and his wife was of good understanding and very beautiful in person: but the man was harsh and evil in his doings, and the man was churlish.

4 And David heard in the wilderness, that Nabal the Carmelite was shearing his sheep.

5 And David sent ten young men, and he said to the young men, Go up to Carmel, and go to Nabal, and ask him in my name how he is.

6 And thus shall you say, May you and your house seasonably prosper, and all yours be in prosperity.

7 And now, behold, I have heard that your shepherds who were with us in the wilderness are shearing your sheep, and we hindered them not, neither did we demand any thing from them all the time they were in Carmel.

8 Ask your servants, and they will tell you. Let then your servants find grace in your eyes, for we are come on a good day; give, we pray you, whatsoever your hand may find, to your son David.

9 So the servants come and speak these words to Nabal, according to all these words in the name of David.

10 And Nabal sprang up, and answered the servants of David, and said, Who is David? and who is the son of Jessæ? now-a-days there is abundance of servants who depart every one from his master.

11 And shall I take my bread, and my wine, and my beasts that I have slain for my shearers, and shall I give them to men of whom I know not whence they are?

12 So the servants of David turned back, and returned, and came and reported to David according to these words.

13 And David said to his men, Gird on every man his sword. And they went up after David, about four hundred men: and two hundred abode with the stuff.

14 And one of the servants reported to Abigaia the wife of Nabal, saying, Behold, David sent messengers out of the wilderness to salute our lord; but he turned away from them.

15 And the men were very good to us; they did not hinder us, neither did they demand from us any thing all the days that we were with them.

16 And when we were in the field, they were as a wall round about us, both by night and by day, all the days that we were with them feeding the flock.

17 And now do you consider, and see what you will do; for mischief is determined against our lord and against his house; and he is a vile character, and one cannot speak to him.

18 And Abigaia hasted, and took two hundred loaves, and two vessels of wine, and five sheep ready dressed, and five ephahs of fine flour, and one homer of dried grapes, and two hundred cakes of figs, and put them upon asses.

19 And she said to her servants, Go on before me, and behold I come after you: but she told not her husband.

20 And it came to pass when she had mounted her ass and was going down by the covert of the mountain, behold, David and his men came down to meet her, and she met them.

21 And David said, Perhaps I have kept all his possessions in the wilderness that he should wrong me, and we did not order the taking any thing of all his goods; yet he has rewarded me evil for good.

22 So God do to David and more also, if I leave one male of all that belong to Nabal until the morning.

23 And Abigaia saw David, and she hasted, and alighted from her ass; and she fell before David on her face, and did obeisance to him, bowing to the ground

24 even to his feet, and said, On me, my lord, be my wrong: let, I pray you, your servant speak in your ears, and hear you the words of your servant.

25 Let not my lord, I pray you, take to heart this pestilent man, for according to his name, so is he; Nabal is his name, and folly is with him: but I your handmaid saw not the servants of my lord whom you did send.

26 And now, my lord, as the Lord lives, and your soul lives, as the Lord has kept you from coming against innocent blood, and from executing vengeance for yourself, now therefore let your enemies, and those that seek evil against my lord, become as Nabal.

27 And now accept this token of goodwill, which your servant has brought to my lord, and you shall give it to the servants that wait on my lord.

28 Remove, I pray you, the trespass of your servant; for the Lord will surely make for my lord a sure house, for the Lord fights the battles of my lord, and there shall no evil be ever found in you.

29 And if a man shall rise up persecuting you and seeking your life, yet shall the life of my lord be bound up in the bundle of life with the Lord God, and you shall whirl the life of your enemies as in the midst of a sling.

30 And it shall be when the Lord shall have wrought for my lord all the good things he has spoken concerning you, and shall appoint you to be ruler over Israel;

31 then this shall not be an abomination and offence to my lord, to have shed innocent blood without cause, and for my lord to have avenged himself: and so may the Lord do good to my lord, and you shall remember yours handmaid to do her good.

32 And David said to Abigaia, Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, who sent you this very day to meet me:

33 and blessed be your conduct, and blessed be you, who have hindered me this very day from coming to shed blood, and from avenging myself.

34 But surely as the Lord God of Israel lives, who hindered me this day from doing you harm, if you had not hasted and come to meet me, then I said, There shall surely not be left to Nabal till the morning one male.

35 And David took of her hand all that she brought to him, and said to her, Go in peace to your house: see, I have hearkened to your voice, and accepted your petition.

36 And Abigaia came to Nabal: and, behold, he had a banquet in his house, as the banquet of a king, and the heart of Nabal was merry within him, and he was very drunken: and she told him nothing great or small till the morning light.

37 And it came to pass in the morning, when Nabal recovered from his wine, his wife told him these words; and his heart died within him, and he became as a stone.

38 And it came to pass after about ten days, that the Lord smote Nabal, and he died.

39 And David heard it and said, Blessed be the Lord, who has judged the cause of my reproach at the hand of Nabal, and has delivered his servant from the power of evil; and the Lord has returned the mischief of Nabal upon his own head. And David sent and spoke concerning Abigaia, to take her to himself for a wife.

40 So the servants of David came to Abigaia to Carmel, and spoke to her, saying, David has sent us to you, to take you to himself for a wife.

41 And she arose, and did reverence with her face to the earth, and said, Behold, your servant is for an handmaid to wash the feet of your servants.

42 And Abigaia arose, and mounted her ass, and five damsels followed her: and she went after the servants of David, and became his wife.

43 And David took Achinaam out of Jezreel, and they were both his wives.

44 And Saul gave Melchol his daughter, David's wife, to Phalti the son of Amis who was of Romma.

Chapter 26

1 And the Ziphites come out of the dry country to Saul to the hill, saying, Behold, David hides himself with us in the hill Echela, opposite Jessemon.

2 And Saul arose, and went down to the wilderness of Ziph, and with him went three thousand men chosen out of Israel, to seek David in the wilderness of Ziph.

3 And Saul encamped in the hill of Echela in front of Jessemon, by the way, and David dwelt in the wilderness: and David saw that Saul came after him into the wilderness.

4 And David sent spies, and ascertained that Saul was come prepared out of Keila.

5 And David arose secretly, and goes into the place where Saul was sleeping, and there was Abenner the son of Ner, the captain of his host: and Saul was sleeping in a chariot, and the people had encamped round about him.

6 And David answered and spoke to Abimelech the Chettite, and to Abessa the son of Saruia the brother of Joab, saying, Who will go in with me to Saul into the camp? And Abessa said, I will go in with you.

7 So David and Abessa go in among the people by night: and behold, Saul was fast asleep in the chariot, and his spear was stuck in the ground near his head, and Abenner and his people slept round about him.

8 And Abessa said to David, The Lord has this day shut up your enemy into yours hands, and now I will smite him to the earth with the spear to the ground once for all, and I will not smite him again.

9 And David said to Abessa, Do not lay him low, for who shall lift up his hand against the anointed of the Lord, and be guiltless?

10 And David said, As the Lord lives, if the Lord smite him not, or his day come and he die, or he go down to battle and be added to his fathers, do not so.

11 The Lord forbid it me that I should lift up my hand against the anointed of the Lord: and now take, I pray you, the spear from his bolster, and the pitcher of water, and let us return home.

12 So David took the spear, and the pitcher of water from his bolster, and they went home: and there was no one that saw, and no one that knew, and there was no one that awoke, all being asleep, for a stupor from the Lord had fallen upon them.

13 So David went over to the other side, and stood on the top of a hill afar off, and there was a good distance between them.

14 And David called to the people, and spoke to Abenner, saying, Will you not answer, Abenner? and Abenner answered and said, Who are you that call?

15 And David said to Abenner, Art not you a man? and who is like you in Israel? Why then do you not guard your lord the king? for one out of the people went in to destroy your lord the king.

16 And this thing is not good which you have done. As the Lord lives, you are worthy of death, you who guard your lord the king, the anointed of the Lord: and now behold, I pray you, the spear of the king, and the cruse of water: where are the articles that should be at his head?

17 And Saul recognised the voice of David, and said, Is this your voice, son David? and David said, I am your servant, my lord, O king.

18 And he said, Why does my lord thus pursue after his servant? for in what have I sinned? and what unrighteousness has been found in me?

19 And now let my lord the king hear the word of his servant. If God stirs you up against me, let your offering be acceptable: but if the sons of men, they are cursed before the Lord, for they have cast me out this day so that I should not be established in the inheritance of the Lord, saying, Go, serve other gods.

20 And now let not my blood fall to the ground before the Lord, for the king of Israel has come forth to seek your life, as the night hawk pursues its prey in the mountains.

21 And Saul said, I have sinned: turn, son David, for I will not hurt you, because my life was precious in your eyes; and to-day I have been foolish and have erred exceedingly.

22 And David answered and said, Behold, the spear of the king: let one of the servants come over and take it.

23 And the Lord shall recompense each according to his righteousness and his truth, since the Lord delivered you this day into my hands, and I would not lift my hand against the Lord's anointed.

24 And, behold, as your life has been precious this very day in my eyes, so let my life be precious before the Lord, and may he protect me, and deliver me out of all affliction.

25 And Saul said to David, Blessed be you, my son; and you shall surely do valiantly, and surely prevail. And David went on his way, and Saul returned to his place.

Chapter 27

1 And David said in his heart, Now shall I be one day delivered for death into the hands of Saul; and there is no good thing for me unless I should escape into the land of the Philistines, and Saul should cease from seeking me through every coast of Israel: so I shall escape out of his hand.

2 So David arose, and the six hundred men that were with him, and he went to Anchus, son of Ammach, king of Gath.

3 And David dwelt with Anchus, he and his men, each with his family; and David and both his wives, Achinaam the Jezraelitess, and Abigaia the wife of Nabal the Carmelite.

4 And it was told Saul that David had fled to Gath; and he no longer sought after him.

5 And David said to Anchus, If now your servant has found grace in your eyes, let them give me, I pray you, a place in one of the cities in the country, and I will dwell there: for why does your servant dwell with you in a royal city?

6 And he gave him Sekelac in that day: therefore Sekelac came into possession of the king of Judea to this day.

7 And the number of the days that David dwelt in the country of the Philistines was four months.

8 And David and his men went up, and made an attack on all the Gesirites and on the Amalekites: and behold, the land was inhabited, (even the land from Gelampsur) by those who come from the fortified cities even to the land of Egypt.

9 And he smote the land, and saved neither man nor woman alive; and they took flocks, and herds, and asses, and camels, and raiment; and they returned and came to Anchus.

10 And Anchus said to David, On whom have you made an attack to-day? And David said to Anchus, On the south of Judea, and on the south of Jesmega, and on the south of the Kenezite.

11 And I have not saved man or woman alive to bring them to Gath, saying, Lest they carry a report to Gath against us, saying, These things David does. And this was his manner all the days that David dwelt in the country of the Philistines.

12 So David had the full confidence of Anchus, who said, He is thoroughly disgraced among his people in Israel, and he shall be my servant for ever.

Chapter 28

1 And it came to pass in those days that the Philistines gathered themselves together with their armies to go out to fight with Israel; and Anchus said to David, Know surely, that you shall go forth to battle with me, you, and your men.

2 And David said to Anchus, Thus now you shall know what your servant will do. And Anchus said to David, So will I make you captain of my body-guard continually.

3 And Samuel died, and all Israel lamented for him, and they bury him in his city, in Ramah. And Saul had removed those who had in them divining spirits, and the wizards, out of the land.

4 And the Philistines assemble themselves, and come and encamp in Sonam: and Saul gathers all the men of Israel, and they encamp in Gelbue.

5 And Saul saw the camp of the Philistines, and he was alarmed, and his heart was greatly dismayed.

6 And Saul enquired of the Lord; and the Lord answered him not by dreams, nor by manifestations, nor by prophets.

7 Then Saul said to his servants, Seek for me a woman who has in her a divining spirit, and I will go to her, and enquire of her: and his servants said to him, Behold, there is a woman who has in her a divining spirit at Endor.

8 And Saul disguised himself, and put on other raiment, and he goes, and two men with him, and they come to the woman by night; and he said to her, Divine to me, I pray you, by the divining spirit within you, and bring up to me him whom I shall name to you.

9 And the woman said to him, Behold now, you know what Saul has done, how he has cut off those who had in them divining spirits, and the wizards from the land, and why do you spread a snare for my life to destroy it?

10 And Saul swore to her, and said, As the Lord lives, no injury shall come upon you on this account.

11 And the woman said, Whom shall I bring up to you? and he said, Bring up to me Samuel.

12 And the woman saw Samuel, and cried out with a loud voice: and the woman said to Saul, Why have you deceived me? for you are Saul.

13 And the king said to her, Fear not; tell me whom you have seen. And the woman said to him, I saw gods ascending out of the earth.

14 And he said to her, What did you perceive? and she said to him, An upright man ascending out of the earth, and he was clothed with a mantle. And Saul knew that this was Samuel, and he stooped with his face to the earth, and did obeisance to him.

15 And Samuel said, Why have you troubled me, that I should come up? And Saul said, I am greatly distressed, and the Philistines war against me, and God has departed from me, and no longer hearkens to me either by the hand of prophets or by dreams: and now I have called you to tell me what I shall do.

16 And Samuel said, Why ask you me, whereas the Lord has departed from you, and taken part with your neighbour?

17 And the Lord has done to you, as the Lord spoke by me; and the Lord will rend your kingdom out of your hand, and will give it to your neighbour David,

18 because you did not hearken to the voice of the Lord, and did not execute his fierce anger upon Amalec, therefore the Lord has done this thing to you this day.

19 And the Lord shall deliver Israel with you into the hands of the Philistines, and to-morrow you and your sons with you shall fall, and the Lord shall deliver the army of Israel into the hands of the Philistines.

20 And Saul instantly fell at his full length upon the earth, and was greatly afraid because of the words of Samuel; and there was no longer any strength in him, for he had eaten no bread all that day, and all that night.

21 And the woman went in to Saul, and saw that he was greatly disquieted, and said to him, Behold now, yours handmaid has hearkened to your voice, and I have put my life in my hand, and have heard the words which you have spoken to me.

22 And now hearken, I pray you, to the voice of yours handmaid, and I will set before you a morsel of bread, and eat, and you shall be strengthened, for you will be going on your way.

23 But he would not eat; so his servants and the woman constrained him, and he hearkened to their voice, and rose up from the earth, and sat upon a bench.

24 And the woman had a fat heifer in the house; and she hasted and slew it; and she took meal and kneaded it, and baked unleavened cakes.

25 And she brought the meat before Saul, and before his servants; and they ate, and rose up, and departed that night.

Chapter 29

1 And the Philistines gather all their armies to Aphec, and Israel encamped in Endor, which is in Jezreel.

2 And the lords of the Philistines went on by hundreds and thousands, and David and his men went on in the rear with Anchus.

3 And the lords of the Philistines said, Who are these that pass by? And Anchus said to the captains of the Philistines, Is not this David the servant of Saul king of Israel? he has been with us some time, even this second year, and I have not found any fault in him from the day that he attached himself to me even until this day.

4 And the captains of the Philistines were displeased at him, and they say to him, Send the man away, and let him return to his place, where you did set him; and let him not come with us to the war, and let him not be a traitor in the camp: and wherewith will he be reconciled to his master? will it not be with the heads of those men?

5 Is not this David whom they celebrated in dances, saying, Saul has smitten his thousands, and David his ten thousands?

6 And Anchus called David, and said to him, As the Lord lives, you are right and approved in my eyes, and so is your going out and your coming in with me in the army, and I have not found any evil to charge against you from the day that you came to me until this day: but you are not approved in the eyes of the lords.

7 Now then return and go in peace, thus you shall not do evil in the sight of the lords of the Philistines.

8 And David said to Anchus, What have I done to you? and what have you found in your servant from the first day that I was before you even until this day, that I should not come and war against the enemies of the lord my king?

9 And Anchus answered David, I know that you are good in my eyes, but the lords of the Philistines say, He shall not come with us to the war.

10 Now then rise up early in the morning, you and the servants of your lord that are come with you, and go to the place where I appointed you, and entertain no evil thought in your heart, for you are good in my sight: and rise early for your journey when it is light, and depart.

11 So David arose early, he and his men, to depart and guard the land of the Philistines: and the Philistines went up to Jezreel to battle.

Chapter 30

1 And it came to pass when David and his men had entered Sekelac on the third day, that Amalec had made an incursion upon the south, and upon Sekelac, and smitten Sekelac, and burnt it with fire.

2 And as to the women and all things that were in it, great and small, they slew neither man nor woman, but carried them captives, and went on their way.

3 And David and his men came into the city, and, behold, it was burnt with fire; and their wives, and their sons, and their daughters, were carried captive.

4 And David and his men lifted up their voice, and wept till there was no longer any power within them to weep.

5 And both the wives of David were carried captive, Achinaam the Jezraelitess, and Abigaia the wife of Nabal the Carmelite.

6 And David was greatly distressed, because the people spoke of stoning him, because the soul of all the people was grieved, each for his sons and his daughters: but David strengthened himself in the Lord his God.

7 And David said to Abiathar the priest the son of Achimelech, Bring near the ephod.

8 And David enquired of the Lord, saying, Shall I pursue after this troop? shall I overtake them? and he said to him, Pursue, for you shall surely overtake them, and you shall surely rescue the captives.

9 So David went, he and the six hundred men with him, and they come as far as the brook Bosor, and the superfluous ones stopped.

10 And he pursued them with four hundred men; and there remained behind two hundred men, who tarried on the other side of the brook Bosor.

11 And they find an Egyptian in the field, and they take him, and bring him to David; and they gave him bread and he ate, and they caused him to drink water.

12 And they gave him a piece of a cake of figs, and he ate, and his spirit was restored in him; for he had not eaten bread, and had not drunk water three days and three nights.

13 And David said to him, Whose are you? and whence are you? and the young man the Egyptian said, I am the servant of an Amalekite; and my master left me, because I was taken ill three days ago.

14 And we made an incursion on the south of the Chelethite, and on the parts of Judea, and on the south of Chelub, and we burnt Sekelac with fire.

15 And David said to him, Will you bring me down to this troop? and he said, Swear now to me by God, that you will not kill me, and that you will not deliver me into the hands of my master, and I will bring you down upon this troop.

16 So he brought him down thither, and behold, they were scattered abroad upon the surface of the whole land, eating and drinking, and feasting by reason of all the great spoils which they had taken out of the land of the Philistines, and out of the land of Judah.

17 And David came upon them, and smote them from the morning till the evening, and on the next day; and not one of them escaped, except four hundred young men, who were mounted on camels, and fled.

18 And David recovered all that the Amalekites had taken, and he rescued both his wives.

19 And nothing was wanting to them of great or small, either of the spoils, or the sons and daughters, or anything that they had taken of theirs; and David recovered all.

20 And he took all the flocks, and the herds, and led them away before the spoils: and it was said of these spoils, These are the spoils of David.

21 And David comes to the two hundred men who were left behind that they should not follow after David, and he had caused them to remain by the brook of Bosor; and they came forth to meet David, and to meet his people with him: and David drew near to the people, and they asked him how he did.

22 Then every ill-disposed and bad man of the soldiers who had gone with David, answered and said, Because they did not pursue together with us, we will not give them of the spoils which we have recovered, only let each one lead away with him his wife and his children, and let them return.

23 And David said, You shall not do so, after the Lord has delivered the enemy to us, and guarded us, and the Lord has delivered into our hands the troop that came against us.

24 And who will hearken to these your words? for they are not inferior to us; for according to the portion of him that went down to the battle, so shall be the portion of him that abides with the baggage; they shall share alike.

25 And it came to pass from that day forward, that it became an ordinance and a custom in Israel until this day.

26 And David came to Sekelac, and sent of the spoils to the elders of Judah, and to his friends, saying, Behold some of the spoils of the enemies of the Lord;

27 to those in Bæthsur, and to those in Ramah of the south, and to those in Gethor.

28 And to those in Aroer, and to those in Ammadi, and to those in Saphi, and to those in Esthie,

28a and to those in Gath, and to those in Cimath, and to those in Saphec, and to those in Themath,

29 and to those in Carmel, and to those in the cities of Jeremeel, and to those in the cities of the Kenezite;

30 and to those in Jerimuth, and to those in Beersheba, and to those in Nombe,

31 and to those in Hebron, and to all the places which David and his men had passed through.

Chapter 31

1 And the Philistines fought with Israel: and the men of Israel fled from before the Philistines, and they fall down wounded in the mountain of Gelbue.

2 And the Philistines press closely on Saul and his sons, and the Philistines smite Jonathan, and Aminadab, and Melchisa son of Saul.

3 And the battle prevails against Saul, and the shooters with arrows, even the archers find him, and he was wounded under the ribs.

4 And Saul said to his armour-bearer, Draw your sword and pierce me through with it; lest these uncircumcised come and pierce me through, and mock me. But his armour-bearer would not, for he feared greatly: so Saul took his sword and fell upon it.

5 And his armour-bearer saw that Saul was dead, and he fell also himself upon his sword, and died with him.

6 So Saul died, and his three sons, and his armour-bearer, in that day together.

7 And the men of Israel who were on the other side of the valley, and those beyond Jordan, saw that the men of Israel fled, and that Saul and his sons were dead; and they leave their cities and flee: and the Philistines come and dwell in them.

8 And it came to pass on the morrow that the Philistines come to strip the dead, and they find Saul and his three sons fallen on the mountains of Gelbue.

9 And they turned him, and stripped off his armour, and sent it into the land of the Philistines, sending round glad tidings to their idols and to the people.

10 And they set up his armour at the temple of Astarte, and they fastened his body on the wall of Bæthsam.

11 And the inhabitants of Jabesh Gilead hear what the Philistines did to Saul.

12 And they rose up, even every man of might, and marched all night, and took the body of Saul and the body of Jonathan his son from the wall of Bæthsam; and they bring them to Jabesh, and burn them there.

13 And they take their bones, and bury them in the field that is in Jabesh, and fast seven days.

2 Samuel

Chapter 1

1 AND it came to pass after Saul was dead, that David returned from smiting Amalec, and David abode two days in Sekelac.

2 And it came to pass on the third day, that, behold, a man came from the camp, from the people of Saul, and his garments were rent, and earth was upon his head: and it came to pass when he went in to David, that he fell upon the earth, and did obeisance to him.

3 And David said to him, Whence come you? and he said to him, I have escaped out of the camp of Israel.

4 And David said to him, What is the matter? tell me. And he said, The people fled out of the battle, and many of the people have fallen and are dead, and Saul and Jonathan his son are dead.

5 And David said to the young man who brought him the tidings, How know you that Saul and Jonathan his son are dead?

6 And the young man that brought the tidings, said to him, I happened accidentally to be upon mount Gelbue; and, behold, Saul was leaning upon his spear, and, behold, the chariots and captains of horse pressed hard upon him.

7 And he looked behind him, and saw me, and called me; and I said, Behold, here am I.

8 And he said to me, Who are you? and I said, I am an Amalekite.

9 And he said to me, Stand, I pray you, over me, and slay me, for a dreadful darkness has come upon me, for all my life is in me.

10 So I stood over him and slew him, because I knew he would not live after he was fallen; and I took the crown that was upon his head, and the bracelet that was upon his arm, and I have brought them hither to my lord.

11 And David laid hold of his garments, and rent them; and all the men who were with him rent their garments.

12 And they lamented, and wept, and fasted till evening, for Saul and for Jonathan his son, and for the people of Judah, and for the house of Israel, because they were smitten with the sword.

13 And David said to the young man who brought the tidings to him, Whence are you? and he said, I am the son of an Amalekite sojourner.

14 And David said to him, How was it you were not afraid to lift your hand to destroy the anointed of the Lord?

15 And David called one of his young men, and said, Go and fall upon him: and he smote him, and he died.

16 And David said to him, Your blood be upon your own head; for your mouth has testified against you, saying, I have slain the anointed of the Lord.

17 And David lamented with this lamentation over Saul and over Jonathan his son.

18 And he gave orders to teach it the sons of Judah: behold, it is written in the book of Right.

19 Set up a pillar, O Israel, for the slain that died upon your high places: how are the mighty fallen!

20 Tell it not in Gath, and tell it not as glad tidings in the streets of Ashkelon, lest the daughters of the Philistines rejoice, lest the daughters of the uncircumcised triumph.

21 You mountains of Gelbue, let not dew nor rain descend upon you, nor fields of first-fruits be upon you, for there the shield of the mighty ones has been grievously assailed; the shield of Saul was not anointed with oil.

22 From the blood of the slain, and from the fat of the mighty, the bow of Jonathan returned not empty; and the sword of Saul turned not back empty.

23 Saul and Jonathan, the beloved and the beautiful, were not divided: comely were they in their life, and in their death they were not divided: they were swifter than eagles, and they were stronger than lions.

24 Daughters of Israel, weep for Saul, who clothed you with scarlet together with your adorning, who added golden ornaments to your apparel.

25 How are the mighty fallen in the midst of the battle! O Jonathan, even the slain ones upon your high places!

26 I am grieved for you, my brother Jonathan; you were very lovely to me; your love to me was wonderful beyond the love of women.

27 How are the mighty fallen, and the weapons of war perished!

Chapter 2

1 And it came to pass after this that David enquired of the Lord, saying, Shall I go up into one of the cities of Judah? and the Lord said to him, Go up. And David said, Whither shall I go up? and he said, To Hebron.

2 And David went up thither to Hebron, he and both his wives, Achinaam the Jezraelitess, and Abigaia the wife of Nabal the Carmelite,

3 and the men that were with him, every one and his family; and they dwelt in the cities of Hebron.

4 And the men of Judea come, and anoint David there to reign over the house of Judah; and they reported to David, saying, The men of Jabesh of the country of Gilead have buried Saul.

5 And David sent messengers to the rulers of Jabesh of the country of Gilead, and David said to them, Blessed be you of the Lord, because you have wrought this mercy toward your lord, even toward Saul the anointed of the Lord, and you have buried him and Jonathan his son.

6 And now may the Lord deal in mercy and truth towards you: and I also will requite towards you this good deed, because you have done this.

7 And now let your hands be made strong, and be valiant; for your master Saul is dead, and moreover the house of Judah have anointed me to be king over them.

8 But Abenner, the son of Ner, the commander-in-chief of Saul's army, took Jebosthe son of Saul, and brought him up from the camp to Manaem

9 and made him king over the land of Gilead, and over Thasiri, and over Jezreel, and over Ephraim, and over Benjamin, and over all Israel.

10 Jebosthe, Saul's son was forty years old, when he reigned over Israel; and he reigned two years, but not over the house of Judah, who followed David.

11 And the days which David reigned in Hebron over the house of Judah were seven years and six months.

12 And Abenner the son of Ner went forth, and the servants of Jebosthe the son of Saul, from Manaem to Gibeon.

13 And Joab the son of Saruia, and the servants of David, went forth from Hebron, and met them at the fountain of Gibeon, at the same place: and these sat down by the fountain on this side, and those by the fountain on that side.

14 And Abenner said to Joab, Let now the young men arise, and play before us. And Joab said, Let them arise.

15 And there arose and passed over by number twelve of the children of Benjamin, belonging to Jebosthe the son of Saul, and twelve of the servants of David.

16 And they seized every one the head of his neighbour with his hand, and his sword was thrust into the side of his neighbour, and they fall down together: and the name of that place was called The portion of the treacherous ones, which is in Gibeon.

17 And the battle was very severe on that day; and Abenner and the men of Israel were worsted before the servants of David.

18 And there were there the three sons of Saruia, Joab, and Abessa, and Asael: and Asael was swift in his feet as a roe in the field.

19 And Asael followed after Abenner, and turned not to go to the right hand or to the left from following Abenner.

20 And Abenner looked behind him, and said, Are you Asael himself? and he said, I am.

21 And Abenner said to him, Turn you to the right hand or to the left, and lay hold for yourself on one of the young men, and take to yourself his armour: but Asael would not turn back from following him.

22 And Abenner said yet again to Asael, Stand aloof from me, lest I smite you to the ground? and how should I lift up my face to Joab?

23 And what does this mean? return to Joab your brother. But he would not stand aloof; and Abenner smites him with the hinder end of the spear on the loins, and the spear went out behind him, and he falls there and dies on the spot: and it came to pass that every one that came to the place where Asael fell and died, stood still.

24 And Joab and Abessa pursued after Abenner, and the sun went down: and they went as far as the hill of Amman, which is in the front of Gai, by the desert way of Gibeon.

25 And the children of Benjamin who followed Abenner gather themselves together, and they formed themselves into one body, and stood on the top of a hill.

26 And Abenner called Joab, and said, Shall the sword devour perpetually? know you not that it will be bitter at last? How long then will you refuse to tell the people to turn from following our brethren?

27 And Joab said, As the Lord lives, if you had not spoken, even from the morning the people had gone up every one from following his brother.

28 And Joab sounded the trumpet, and all the people departed, and did not pursue after Israel, and did not fight any longer.

29 And Abenner and his men departed at evening, and went all that night, and crossed over Jordan, and went along the whole adjacent country, and they come to the camp.

30 And Joab returned from following Abenner, and he assembled all the people, and there were missing of the people of David, nineteen men, and Asael.

31 And the servants of David smote of the children of Benjamin, of the men of Abenner, three hundred and sixty men belonging to him.

32 And they take up Asael, and bury him in the tomb of his father in Bethlehem. And Joab and the men with him went all the night, and the morning rose upon them in Hebron.

Chapter 3

1 And there was war for a long time between the house of Saul and the house of David; and the house of David grew continually stronger; but the house of Saul grew continually weaker.

2 And sons were born to David in Hebron: and his first-born was Amnon the son of Achinoom the Jezraelitess.

3 And his second son was Daluia, the son of Abigaia the Carmelitess; and the third, Abessalom the son of Maacha the daughter of Tholmi the king of Gessir.

4 And the fourth was Ornia, the son of Aggith, and the fifth was Saphatia, the son of Abital.

5 And the sixth was Jetheraam, the son of Ægal the wife of David. These were born to David in Hebron.

6 And it came to pass while there was war between the house of Saul and the house of David, that Abenner was governing the house of Saul.

7 And Saul had a concubine, Respha, the daughter of Jol; and Jebosthe the son of Saul said to Abenner, Why have you gone in to my father's concubine?

8 And Abenner was very angry with Jebosthe for this saying; and Abenner said to him, Am I a dog's head? I have this day wrought kindness with the house of Saul your father, and with his brethren and friends, and have not gone over to the house of David, and do you this day seek a charge against me concerning injury to a woman?

9 God do thus and more also to Abenner, if as the Lord swore to David, so do I not to him this day;

10 to take away the kingdom from the house of Saul, and to raise up the throne of David over Israel and over Judah from Dan to Beersheba.

11 And Jebosthe could not any longer answer Abenner a word, because he feared him.

12 And Abenner sent messengers to David to Thælam where he was, immediately, saying, Make your covenant with me, and, behold, my hand is with you to bring back to you all the house of Israel.

13 And David said, With a good will I will make with you a covenant: only I demand one condition of you, saying, You shall not see my face, unless you bring Melchol the daughter of Saul, when you come to see my face.

14 And David sent messengers to Jebosthe the son of Saul, saying, Restore me my wife Melchol, whom I took for a hundred foreskins of the Philistines.

15 And Jebosthe sent, and took her from her husband, even from Phaltiel the son of Selle.

16 And her husband went with her weeping behind her as far as Barakim. And Abenner said to him, Go, return; and he returned.

17 And Abenner spoke to the elders of Israel, saying, In former days you sought David to reign over you;

18 and now perform it: for the Lord has spoken concerning David, saying, By the hand of my servant David I will save Israel out of the hand of all their enemies.

19 And Abenner spoke in the ears of Benjamin: and Abenner went to speak in the ears of David at Hebron, all that seemed good in the eyes of Israel and in the eyes of the house of Benjamin.

20 And Abenner came to David to Hebron, and with him twenty men: and David made for Abenner and his men with him a banquet of wine.

21 And Abenner said to David, I will arise now, and go, and gather to my lord the king all Israel; and I will make with him a covenant, and you shall reign over all whom your soul desires. And David sent away Abenner, and he departed in peace.

22 And, behold, the servants of David and Joab arrived from their expedition, and they brought much spoil with them: and Abenner was not with David in Hebron, because he had sent him away, and he had departed in peace.

23 And Joab and all his army came, and it was reported to Joab, saying, Abenner the son of Ner is come to David, and David has let him go, and he has departed in peace.

24 And Joab went in to the king, and said, What is this that you have done? behold, Abenner came to you; and why have you let him go, and he has departed in peace?

25 Know you not the mischief of Abenner the son of Ner, that he came to deceive you, and to know your going out and your coming in, and to know all things that you do?

26 And Joab returned from David, and sent messengers to Abenner after him; and they bring him back from the well of Seïram: but David knew it not.

27 And he brought back Abenner to Hebron, and Joab caused him to turn aside from the gate to speak to him, laying wait for him: and he smote him there in the loins, and he died for the blood of Asael the brother of Joab.

28 And David heard of it afterwards, and said, I and my kingdom are guiltless before the Lord even for ever of the blood of Abenner the son of Ner.

29 Let it fall upon the head of Joab, and upon all the house of his father; and let there not be wanting of the house of Joab one that has an issue, or a leper, or that leans on a staff, or that falls by the sword, or that wants bread.

30 For Joab and Abessa his brother laid wait continually for Abenner, because he slew Asael their brother at Gibeon in the battle.

31 And David said to Joab and to all the people with him, Rend your garments, and gird yourselves with sackcloth, and lament before Abenner. And king David followed the bier.

32 And they bury Abenner in Hebron: and the king lifted up his voice, and wept at his tomb, and all the people wept for Abenner.

33 And the king mourned over Abenner, and said, Shall Abenner die according to the death of Nabal?

34 Your hands were not bound, and your feet were not put in fetters: one brought you not near as Nabal; you did fall before children of iniquity.

35 And all the people assembled to weep for him. And all the people came to cause David to eat bread while it was yet day: and David swore, saying, God do so to me, and more also, if I eat bread or any thing else before the sun goes down.

36 And all the people took notice, and all things that the king did before the people were pleasing in their sight.

37 So all the people and all Israel perceived in that day, that it was not of the king to slay Abenner the son of Ner.

38 And the king said to his servants, Know you not that a great prince is this day fallen in Israel?

39 And that I am this day a mere kinsman of his, and as it were a subject; but these men the sons of Saruia are too hard for me: the Lord reward the evil-doer according to his wickedness.

Chapter 4

1 And Jebosthe the son of Saul heard that Abenner the son of Ner had died in Hebron; and his hands were paralysed, and all the men of Israel grew faint.

2 And Jebosthe the son of Saul had two men that were captains of bands: the name of the one was Baana, and the name of the other Rechab, sons of Remmon the Berothite of the children of Benjamin; for Beroth was reckoned to the children of Benjamin.

3 And the Berothites ran away to Gethaim, and were sojourners there until this day.

4 And Jonathan Saul's son had a son lame of his feet, five years old, and he was in the way when the news of Saul and Jonathan his son came from Jezreel, and his nurse took him up, and fled; and it came to pass as he hasted and retreated, that he fell, and was lamed. And his name was Memphibosthe.

5 And Rechab and Baana the sons of Remmon the Berothite went, and they came in the heat of the day into the house of Jebosthe; and he was sleeping on a bed at noon.

6 And, behold, the porter of the house winnowed wheat, and he slumbered and slept: and the brothers Rechab and Baana went privily into the house:

7 and Jebosthe was sleeping on his bed in his chamber: and they smite him, and slay him, and take off his head: and they took his head, and went all the night by the western road.

8 And they brought the head of Jebosthe to David to Hebron, and they said to the king, Behold the head of Jebosthe the son of Saul your enemy, who sought your life; and the Lord has executed for my lord the king vengeance on his enemies, as it is this day: even on Saul your enemy, and on his seed.

9 And David answered Rechab and Baana his brother, the sons of Remmon the Berothite, and said to them, As the Lord lives, who has redeemed my soul out of all affliction;

10 he that reported to me that Saul was dead, even he was as one bringing glad tidings before me: but I seized him and slew him in Sekelac, to whom I ought, as he thought, to have given a reward for his tidings.

11 And now evil men have slain a righteous man in his house on his bed: now then I will require his blood of your hand, and I will destroy you from off the earth.

12 And David commanded his young men, and they slay them, and cut off their hands and their feet; and they hung them up at the fountain in Hebron: and they buried the head of Jebosthe in the tomb of Abenner the son of Ner.

Chapter 5

1 And all the tribes of Israel come to David to Hebron, and they said to him, Behold, we are your bone and your flesh.

2 And heretofore Saul being king over us, you were he that did lead out and bring in Israel: and the Lord said to you, You shall feed my people Israel, and you shall be for a leader to my people Israel.

3 And all the elders of Israel come to the king to Hebron; and king David made a covenant with them in Hebron before the Lord; and they anoint David king over all Israel.

4 David was thirty years old when he began to reign, and he reigned forty years.

5 Seven years and six months he reigned in Hebron over Judah, and thirty-three years he reigned over all Israel and Judah in Jerusalem.

6 And David and his men departed to Jerusalem, to the Jebusite that inhabited the land: and it was said to David, You shall not come in hither: for the blind and the lame withstood him, saying, David shall not come in hither.

7 And David took first the hold of Zion: this is the city of David.

8 And David said on that day, Every one that smites the Jebusite, let him attack with the dagger both the lame and the blind, and those that hate the soul of David. Therefore they say, The lame and the blind shall not enter into the house of the Lord.

9 And David dwelt in the hold, and it was called the city of David, and he built the city itself round about from the citadel, and he built his own house.

10 And David advanced and became great, and the Lord Almighty was with him.

11 And Chiram king of Tyre sent messengers to David, and cedar wood, and carpenters, and stone-masons: and they built a house for David.

12 And David knew that the Lord had prepared him to be king over Israel, and that his kingdom was exalted for the sake of his people Israel.

13 And David took again wives and concubines out of Jerusalem, after he came from Hebron: and David had still more sons and daughters born to him.

14 And these are the names of those that were born to him in Jerusalem; Sammus, and Sobab, and Nathan, and Solomon.

15 And Ebear, and Elisue, and Naphec, and Jephies.

16 And Elisama, and Elidae, and Eliphalath,

16a Samae, Jessibath, Nathan, Galamaan, Jebaar, Theësus, Eliphalat, Naged, Naphec, Janathan, Leasamys, Baalimath, Eliphaath.

17 And the Philistines heard that David was anointed king over Israel; and all the Philistines went up to seek David; and David heard of it, and went down to the strong hold.

18 And the Philistines came, and assembled in the valley of the giants.

19 And David enquired of the Lord, saying, Shall I go up against the Philistines? and will you deliver them into my hands? and the Lord said to David, Go up, for I will surely deliver the Philistines into yours hands.

20 And David came from Upper Breaches, and smote the Philistines there: and David said, The Lord has destroyed the hostile Philistines before me, as water is dispersed; therefore the name of that place was called Over Breaches.

21 And they leave there their gods, and David and his men with him took them.

22 And the Philistines came up yet again, and assembled in the valley of Giants.

23 And David enquired of the Lord: and the Lord said, You shall not go up to meet them: turn from them, and you shall meet them near the place of weeping.

24 And it shall come to pass when you hear the sound of a clashing together from the grove of weeping, then you shall go down to them, for then the Lord shall go forth before you to make havoc in the battle with the Philistines.

25 And David did as the Lord commanded him, and smote the Philistines from Gibeon as far as the land of Gazera.

Chapter 6

1 And David again gathered all the young men of Israel, about seventy thousand.

2 And David arose, and went, he and all the people that were with him, and some of the rulers of Judah, on an expedition to a distant place, to bring back thence the ark of God, on which the name of the Lord of Hosts who dwells between the cherubs upon it is called.

3 And they put the ark of the Lord on a new waggon, and took it out of the house of Aminadab who lived on the hill: and Oza and his brethren the sons of Aminadab drove the waggon with the ark.

4 And his brethren went before the ark.

5 And David and the children of Israel were playing before the Lord on well-tuned instruments mightily, and with songs, and with harps, and with lutes, and with drums, and with cymbals, and with pipes.

6 And they come as far as the threshing floor of Nachor: and Oza reached forth his hand to the ark of God to keep it steady, and took hold of it; for the ox shook it out of its place.

7 And the Lord was very angry with Oza; and God smote him there: and he died there by the ark of the Lord before God.

8 And David was dispirited because the Lord made a breach upon Oza; and that place was called the breach of Oza until this day.

9 And David feared the Lord in that day, saying, How shall the ark of the Lord come in to me?

10 And David would not bring in the ark of the covenant of the Lord to himself into the city of David: and David turned it aside into the house of Abeddara the Gethite.

11 And the ark of the Lord lodged in the house of Abeddara the Gethite three months, and the Lord blessed all the house of Abeddara, and all his possessions.

12 And it was reported to king David, saying, The Lord has blessed the house of Abeddara, and all that he has, because of the ark of the Lord. And David went, and brought up the ark of the Lord from the house of Abeddara to the city of David with gladness.

13 And there were with him bearing the ark seven bands, and for a sacrifice a calf and lambs.

14 And David sounded with well-tuned instruments before the Lord, and David was clothed with a fine long robe.

15 And David and all the house of Israel brought up the ark of the Lord with shouting, and with the sound of a trumpet.

16 And it came to pass as the ark arrived at the city of David, that Melchol the daughter of Saul looked through the window, and saw king David dancing and playing before the Lord; and she despised him in her heart.

17 And they bring the ark of the Lord, and set it in its place in the midst of the tabernacle which David pitched for it:

and David offered whole-burnt-offerings before the Lord, and peace-offerings.

18 And David made an end of offering the whole-burnt-offerings and peace-offerings, and blessed the people in the name of the Lord of Hosts.

19 And he distributed to all the people, even to all the host of Israel from Dan to Beersheba, both men and women, to every one a cake of bread, and a joint of meat, and a cake from the frying-pan: and all the people departed every one to his home.

20 And David returned to bless his house. And Melchol the daughter of Saul came out to meet David and saluted him, and said, How was the king of Israel glorified to-day, who was to-day uncovered in the eyes of the handmaids of his servants, as one of the dancers wantonly uncovers himself!

21 And David said to Melchol, I will dance before the Lord. Blessed be the Lord who chose me before your father, and before all his house, to make me head over his people, even over Israel: therefore I will play, and dance before the Lord.

22 And I will again uncover myself thus, and I will be vile in your eyes, and with the maid-servants by whom you saidst that I was not had in honour.

23 And Melchol the daughter of Saul had no child till the day of her death.

Chapter 7

1 And it came to pass when the king sat in his house, and the Lord had given him an inheritance on every side free from all his enemies round about him;

2 that the king said to Nathan the prophet, Behold now, I live in a house of cedar, and the ark of the Lord dwells in the midst of a tent.

3 And Nathan said to the king, Go and do all that is in yours heart, for the Lord is with you.

4 And it came to pass in that night, that the word of the Lord came to Nathan, saying,

5 Go, and say to my servant David, Thus says the Lord, You shall not build me a house for me to dwell in.

6 For I have not dwelt in a house from the day that I brought up the children of Israel out of Egypt to this day, but I have been walking in a lodge and in a tent,

7 wheresoever I went with all Israel. Have I ever spoken to any of the tribes of Israel, which I commanded to tend my people Israel, saying, Why have you not built me a house of cedar?

8 And now thus shall you say to my servant David, Thus says the Lord Almighty, I took you from the sheep-cote, that you should be a prince over my people, over Israel.

9 And I was with you wheresoever you went, and I destroyed all your enemies before you, and I made you renowned according to the renown of the great ones on the earth.

10 And I will appoint a place for my people Israel, and will plant them, and they shall dwell by themselves, and shall be no more distressed; and the son of iniquity shall no more afflict them, as he has done from the beginning,

11 from the days when I appointed judges over my people Israel: and I will give you rest from all your enemies, and the Lord will tell you that you shall build a house to him.

12 And it shall come to pass when your days shall have been fulfilled, and you shall sleep with your fathers, that I will raise up your seed after you, even your own issue, and I will establish his kingdom.

13 He shall build for me a house to my name, and I will set up his throne even for ever.

14 I will be to him a father, and he shall be to me a son. And when he happens to transgress, then will I chasten him with the rod of men, and with the stripes of the sons of men.

15 But my mercy I will not take from him, as I took it from those whom I removed from my presence.

16 And his house shall be made sure, and his kingdom for ever before me, and his throne shall be set up for ever.

17 According to all these words, and according to all this vision, so Nathan spoke to David.

18 And king David came in, and sat before the Lord, and said, Who am I, O Lord, my Lord, and what is my house, that you have loved me hitherto?

19 Whereas I was very little before you, O Lord, my Lord, yet you spoke concerning the house of your servant for a long time to come. And is this the law of man, O Lord, my Lord?

20 And what shall David yet say to you? and now you know your servant, O Lord, my Lord.

21 And you have wrought for your servant's sake, and according to your heart you have wrought all this greatness, to make it known to your servant,

22 that he may magnify you, O my Lord; for there is no one like you, and there is no God but you among all of whom we have heard with our ears.

23 And what other nation in the earth is as your people Israel? whereas God was his guide, to redeem for himself a people to make you a name, to do mightily and nobly, so that you should cast out nations and their tabernacles from the presence of your people, whom you did redeem for yourself out of Egypt?

24 And you have prepared for yourself your people Israel to be a people for ever, and you, Lord, art become their God.

25 And now, O my Lord, the Almighty Lord God of Israel, confirm the word for ever which you have spoken concerning your servant and his house: and now as you have said,

26 Let your name be magnified for ever.

27 Almighty Lord God of Israel, you have uncovered the ear of your servant, saying, I will build you a house: therefore your servant has found in his heart to pray this prayer to you.

28 And now, O Lord my Lord, you are God; and your words will be true, and you have spoken these good things concerning your servant.

29 And now begin and bless the house of your servant, that it may continue for ever before you; for you, O Lord, my Lord, have spoken, and the house of your servant shall be blessed with your blessing so as to continue for ever.

Chapter 8

1 And it came to pass after this, that David smote the Philistines, and put them to flight, and David took the tribute from out of the hand of the Philistines.

2 And David smote Moab, and measured them out with lines, having laid them down on the ground: and there were two lines for slaying, and two lines he kept alive: and Moab became servants to David, yielding tribute.

3 And David smote Adraazar the son of Raab king of Suba, as he went to extend his power to the river Euphrates.

4 And David took a thousand of his chariots, and seven thousand horsemen, and twenty thousand footmen: and David houghed all his chariot horses, and he reserved to himself a hundred chariots.

5 And Syria of Damascus comes to help Adraazar king of Suba, and David smote twenty-two thousand men belonging to the Syrian.

6 And David placed a garrison in Syria near Damascus, and the Syrians became servants and tributaries to David: and the Lord preserved David whithersoever he went.

7 And David took the golden bracelets which were on the servants of Adraazar king of Suba, and brought them to Jerusalem. And Susakim king of Egypt took them, when he went up to Jerusalem in the days of Rehoboam son of Solomon.

8 And king David took from Metebac, and from the choice cities of Adraazar, very much brass: with that Solomon made the brazen sea, and the pillars, and the lavers, and all the furniture.

9 And Thoü the king of Hemath heard that David had smitten all the host of Adraazar.

10 And Thoü sent Jedduram his son to king David, to ask him of his welfare, and to congratulate him on his fighting against Adraazar and smiting him, for he was an enemy to Adraazar: and in his hands were vessels of silver, and vessels of gold, and vessels of brass.

11 And these king David consecrated to the Lord, with the silver and with the gold which he consecrated out of all the cities which he conquered,

12 out of Edom, and out of Moab, and from the children of Ammon, and from the Philistines, and from Amalec, and from the spoils of Adraazar son of Raab king of Suba.

13 And David made himself a name: and when he returned he smote Edom in Gebelem to the number of eighteen thousand.

14 And he set garrisons in Edom, even in all Edom: and all the Idumeans were servants to the king. And the Lord preserved David wherever he went.

15 And David reigned over all Israel: and David wrought judgment and justice over all his people.

16 And Joab the son of Saruia was over the host; and Jehoshaphat the son of Achilud was keeper of the records.

17 And Sadoc the son of Achitob, and Achimelech son of Abiathar, were priests; and Sasa was the scribe,

18 and Banæas son of Jodaë was councillor, and the Chelethite and the Phelethite, and the sons of David, were princes of the court.

Chapter 9

1 And David said, Is there yet any one left in the house of Saul, that I may deal kindly with him for Jonathan's sake?

2 And there was a servant of the house of Saul, and his name was Siba: and they call him to David; and the king said to him, Are you Siba? and he said, I am your servant.

3 And the king said, Is there yet a man left of the house of Saul, that I may act towards him with the mercy of God? and Siba said to the king, There is yet a son of Jonathan, lame of his feet.

4 And the king said, Where is he? and Siba said to the king, Behold, he is in the house of Machir the son of Amiel of Lodabar.

5 And king David sent, and took him out of the house of Machir the son of Amiel of Lodabar.

6 And Memphibosthe the son of Jonathan the son of Saul comes to king David, and he fell upon his face and did obeisance to him: and David said to him, Memphibosthe: and he said, Behold your servant.

7 And David said to him, Fear not, for I will surely deal mercifully with you for the sake of Jonathan your father, and I will restore to you all the land of Saul the father of your father; and you shall eat bread at my table continually.

8 And Memphibosthe did obeisance, and said, Who am I your servant, that you have looked upon a dead dog like me?

9 And the king called Siba the servant of Saul, and said to him, All that belonged to Saul and to all his house have I given to the son of your lord.

10 And you, and your sons, and your servants, shall till the land for him; and you shall bring in bread to the son of your lord, and he shall eat bread: and Memphibosthe the son of your lord shall eat bread continually at my table. Now Siba had fifteen sons and twenty servants.

11 And Siba said to the king, According to all that my lord the king has commanded his servant, so will your servant do. And Memphibosthe did eat at the table of David, as one of the sons of the king.

12 And Memphibosthe had a little son, and his name was Micha: and all the household of Siba were servants to Memphibosthe.

13 And Memphibosthe dwelt in Jerusalem, for he continually ate at the table of the king; and he was lame in both his feet.

Chapter 10

1 And it came to pass after this that the king of the children of Ammon died, and Annon his son reigned in his stead.

2 And David said, I will shew mercy to Annon the son of Naas, as his father dealt mercifully with me. And David sent to comfort him concerning his father by the hand of his servants; and the servants of David came into the land of the children of Ammon.

3 And the princes of the children of Ammon said to Annon their lord, Is it to honour your father before you that David has sent comforters to you? Has not David rather sent his servants to you that they should search the city, and spy it out and examine it?

4 And Annon took the servants of David, and shaved their beards, and cut off their garments in the midst as far as their haunches, and sent them away.

5 And they brought David word concerning the men; and he sent to meet them, for the men were greatly dishonoured: and the king said, Remain in Jericho till your beards have grown, and then you shall return.

6 And the children of Ammon saw that the people of David were ashamed; and the children of Ammon sent, and hired the Syrians of Bæthraam, and the Syrians of Suba, and Roob, twenty thousand footmen, and the king of Amalec with a thousand men, and Istob with twelve thousand men.

7 And David heard, and sent Joab and all his host, even the mighty men.

8 And the children of Ammon went forth, and set the battle in array by the door of the gate: those of Syria, Suba, and Roob, and Istob, and Amalec, being by themselves in the field.

9 And Joab saw that the front of the battle was against him from that which was opposed in front and from behind, and he chose out some of all the young men of Israel, and they set themselves in array against Syria.

10 And the rest of the people he gave into the hand of Abessa his brother, and they set the battle in array opposite to the children of Ammon.

11 And he said, If Syria be too strong for me, then shall you help me: and if the children of Ammon be too strong for you, then will we be ready to help you.

12 Be you courageous, and let us be strong for our people, and for the sake of the cities of our God, and the Lord shall do that which is good in his eyes.

13 And Joab and his people with him advanced to battle against Syria, and they fled from before him.

14 And the children of Ammon saw that the Syrians were fled, and they fled from before Abessa, and entered into the city: and Joab returned from the children of Ammon, and came to Jerusalem.

15 And the Syrians saw that they were worsted before Israel, and they gathered themselves together.

16 And Adraazar sent and gathered the Syrians from the other side of the river Chalamak, and they came to Ælam; and Sobac the captain of the host of Adraazar was at their head.

17 And it was reported to David, and he gathered all Israel, and went over Jordan, and came to Ælam: and the Syrians set the battle in array against David, and fought with him.

18 And Syria fled from before Israel, and David destroyed of Syria seven hundred chariots, and forty thousand horsemen, and he smote Sobac the captain of his host, and he died there.

19 And all the kings the servants of Adraazar saw that they were put to the worse before Israel, and they went over to Israel, and served them: and Syria was afraid to help the children of Ammon any more.

Chapter 11

1 And it came to pass when the time of the year for kings going out to battle had come round, that David sent Joab, and his servants with him, and all Israel; and they destroyed the children of Ammon, and besieged Rabbah: but David remained at Jerusalem.

2 And it came to pass toward evening, that David arose off his couch, and walked on the roof of the king's house, and

saw from the roof a woman bathing; and the woman was very beautiful to look upon.

3 And David sent and enquired about the woman: and one said, Is not this Beersheba the daughter of Eliab, the wife of Urias the Chettite?

4 And David sent messengers, and took her, and went in to her, and he lay with her: and she was purified from her uncleanness, and returned to her house.

5 And the woman conceived; and she sent and told David, and said, I am with child.

6 And David sent to Joab, saying, Send me Urias the Chettite; and Joab sent Urias to David.

7 And Urias arrived and went in to him, and David asked him how Joab was, and how the people were, and how the war went on.

8 And David said to Urias, Go to your house, and wash your feet: and Urias departed from the house of the king, and a portion of meat from the king followed him.

9 And Urias slept at the door of the king with the servants of his lord, and went not down to his house.

10 And they brought David word, saying, Urias has not gone down to his house. And David said to Urias, Are you not come from a journey? why have you not gone down to your house?

11 And Urias said to David, The ark, and Israel, and Judah dwell in tents; and my lord Joab, and the servants of my lord, are encamped in the open fields; and shall I go into my house to eat and drink, and lie with my wife? how should I do this? as your soul lives, I will not do this thing.

12 And David said to Urias, Remain here to-day also, and to-morrow I will let you go. So Urias remained in Jerusalem that day and the day following.

13 And David called him, and he ate before him and drank, and he made him drunk: and he went out in the evening to lie upon his bed with the servants of his lord, and went not down to his house.

14 And the morning came, and David wrote a letter to Joab, and sent it by the hand of Urias.

15 And he wrote in the letter, saying, Station Urias in front of the severe part of the fight, and retreat from behind him, so shall he be wounded and die.

16 And it came to pass while Joab was watching against the city, that he set Urias in a place where he knew that valiant men were.

17 And the men of the city went out, and fought with Joab: and some of the people of the servants of David fell, and Urias the Chettite died also.

18 And Joab sent, and reported to David all the events of the war, so as to tell them to the king.

19 And he charged the messenger, saying, When you have finished reporting all the events of the war to the king,

20 then it shall come to pass if the anger of the king shall arise, and he shall say to you, Why did you draw nigh to the city to fight? knew you not that they would shoot from off the wall?

21 Who smote Abimelech the son of Jerobaal son of Ner? did not a woman cast a piece of a millstone upon him from above the wall, and he died in Thamasi? why did you draw near to the wall? then you shall say, Your servant Urias the Chettite is also dead.

22 And the messenger of Joab went to the king to Jerusalem, and he came and reported to David all that Joab told him, all the affairs of the war. And David was very angry with Joab, and said to the messenger, Why did you draw nigh to the wall to fight? knew you not that you would be wounded from off the wall? Who smote Abimelech the son of Jerobaal? did not a woman cast upon him a piece of millstone from the wall, and he died in Thamasi? why did you draw near to the wall?

23 And the messenger said to David, The men prevailed against us, and they came out against us into the field, and we came upon them even to the door of the gate.

24 And the archers shot at your servants from off the wall, and some of the king's servants died, and your servant Urias the Chettite is dead also.

25 And David said to the messenger, Thus shall you say to Joab, Let not the matter be grievous in your eyes, for the sword devours one way at one time and another way at another: strengthen your array against the city, and destroy it, and strengthen him.

26 And the wife of Urias heard that Urias her husband was dead, and she mourned for her husband.

27 And the time of mourning expired, and David sent and took her into his house, and she became his wife, and bore him a son: but the thing which David did was evil in the eyes of the Lord.

Chapter 12

1 And the Lord sent Nathan the prophet to David; and he went in to him, and said to him, There were two men in one city, one rich and the other poor.

2 And the rich man had very many flocks and herds.

3 But the poor man had only one little ewe lamb, which he had purchased, and preserved, and reared; and it grew up with himself and his children in common; it ate of his bread and drank of his cup, and slept in his bosom, and was to him as a daughter.

4 And a traveller came to the rich man, and he spared to take of his flocks and of his herds, to dress for the traveller

that came to him; and he took the poor man's lamb, and dressed it for the man that came to him.

5 And David was greatly moved with anger against the man; and David said to Nathan, As the Lord lives, the man that did this thing shall surely die.

6 And he shall restore the lamb seven-fold, because he has not spared.

7 And Nathan said to David, You are the man that has done this. Thus says the Lord God of Israel, I anointed you to be king over Israel, and I rescued you out of the hand of Saul;

8 and I gave you the house of your lord, and the wives of your lord into your bosom, and I gave to you the house of Israel and Judah; and if that had been little, I would have given you yet more.

9 Why have you set at nought the word of the Lord, to do that which is evil in his eyes? you have slain Urias the Chettite with the sword, and you have taken his wife to be your wife, and you have slain him with the sword of the children of Ammon.

10 Now therefore the sword shall not depart from your house for ever, because you have set me at nought, and you have taken the wife of Urias the Chettite, to be your wife.

11 Thus says the Lord, Behold, I will raise up against you evil out of your house, and I will take your wives before your eyes, and will give them to your neighbour, and he shall lie with your wives in the sight of this sun.

12 For you did it secretly, but I will do this thing in the sight of all Israel, and before this sun.

13 And David said to Nathan, I have sinned against the Lord. And Nathan said to David, And the Lord has put away your sin; you shall not die.

14 Only because you have given great occasion of provocation to the enemies of the Lord by this thing, your son also that is born to you shall surely die.

15 And Nathan departed to his house. And the Lord smote the child, which the wife of Urias the Chettite bore to David, and it was ill.

16 And David enquired of God concerning the child, and David fasted, and went in and lay all night upon the ground.

17 And the elders of his house arose and went to him to raise him up from the ground, but he would not rise, nor did he eat bread with them.

18 And it came to pass on the seventh day that the child died: and the servants of David were afraid to tell him that the child was dead; for they said, Behold, while the child was yet alive we spoke to him, and he hearkened not to our voice; and how should we tell him that the child is dead?—so would he do himself harm.

19 And David understood that his servants were whispering, and David perceived that the child was dead: and David said to his servants, Is the child dead? and they said, He is dead.

20 Then David rose up from the earth, and washed, and anointed himself, and changed his raiment, and went into the house of God, and worshipped him; and went into his own house, and called for bread to eat, and they set bread before him and he ate.

21 And his servants said to him, What is this thing that you have done concerning the child? while it was yet living you did fast, and weep, and watch: and when the child was dead you did rise up, and did eat bread, and drink.

22 And David said, While the child yet lived, I fasted and wept; for I said, Who knows if the Lord will pity me, and the child live?

23 But now it is dead, why should I fast thus? shall I be able to bring him back again? I shall go to him, but he shall not return to me.

24 And David comforted Beersheba his wife, and he went in to her, and lay with her; and she conceived and bore a son, and he called his name Solomon, and the Lord loved him.

25 And he sent by the hand of Nathan the prophet, and called his name Jeddedi, for the Lord's sake.

26 And Joab fought against Rabbah of the children of Ammon, and took the royal city.

27 And Joab sent messengers to David, and said, I have fought against Rabbah, and taken the city of waters.

28 And now gather the rest of the people, and encamp against the city, and take it beforehand; lest I take the city first, and my name be called upon it.

29 And David gathered all the people, and went to Rabbah, and fought against it, and took it.

30 And he took the crown of Molchom their king from off his head, and the weight of it was a talent of gold, with precious stones, and it was upon the head of David; and he carried forth very much spoil of the city.

31 And he brought forth the people that were in it, and put them under the saw, and under iron harrows, and axes of iron, and made them pass through the brick-kiln: and thus he did to all the cities of the children of Ammon. And David and all the people returned to Jerusalem.

Chapter 13

1 And it happened after this that Abessalom the son of David had a very beautiful sister, and her name was Themar; and Amnon the son of David loved her.

2 And Amnon was distressed even to sickness, because of Themar his sister; for she was a virgin, and it seemed very difficult for Amnon to do anything to her.

3 And Amnon had a friend, and his name was Jonadab, the son of Samaa the brother of David: and Jonadab was a very cunning man.

4 And he said to him, What ails you that you are thus weak, O son of the king, morning by morning? will you not tell me? and Amnon said, I love Themar the sister of my brother Abessalom.

5 And Jonadab said to him, Lie upon your bed, and make yourself sick, and your father shall come in to see you; and you shall say to him, Let, I pray you, Themar my sister come, and feed me with morsels, and let her prepare food before my eyes, that I may see and eat at her hands.

6 So Amnon lay down, and made himself sick; and the king came in to see him: and Amnon said to the king, Let, I pray you, my sister Themar come to me, and make a couple of cakes in my sight, and I will eat them at her hand.

7 And David sent to Themar to the house, saying, Go now to your brother's house, and dress him food.

8 And Themar went to the house of her brother Amnon, and he was lying down: and she took the dough and kneaded it, and made cakes in his sight, and baked the cakes.

9 And she took the frying-pan and poured them out before him, but he would not eat. And Amnon said, Send out every man from about me. And they removed every man from about him.

10 And Amnon said to Themar, Bring in the food into the closet, and I will eat of your hand. And Themar took the cakes which she had made, and brought them to her brother Amnon into the chamber.

11 And she brought them to him to eat, and he caught hold of her, and said to her, Come, lie with me, my sister.

12 And she said to him, Nay, my brother, do not humble me, for it ought not to be so done in Israel; do not this folly.

13 And I, whither shall I remove my reproach? and you shall be as one of the fools in Israel. And now, speak, I pray you, to the king, for surely he will not keep me from you.

14 But Amnon would not hearken to her voice; and he prevailed against her, and humbled her, and lay with her.

15 Then Amnon hated her with very great hatred; for the hatred with which he hated her was greater than the love with which he had loved her, for the last wickedness was greater than the first: and Amnon said to her, Rise, and begone.

16 And Themar spoke to him concerning this great mischief, greater, said she, than the other that you did me, to send me away: but Amnon would not hearken to her voice.

17 And he called his servant who had charge of the house, and said to him, Put now this woman out from me, and shut the door after her.

18 And she had on her a variegated robe, for so were the king's daughters that were virgins attired in their apparel: and his servant led her forth, and shut the door after her.

19 And Themar took ashes, and put them on her head; and she rent the variegated garment that was upon her: and she laid her hands on her head, and went crying continually.

20 And Abessalom her brother said to her, Has your brother Amnon been with you? now then, my sister, be silent, for he is your brother: be not careful to mention this matter. So Themar dwelt as a widow in the house of her brother Abessalom.

21 And king David heard of all these things, and was very angry; but he did not grieve the spirit of his son Amnon, because he loved him, for he was his first-born.

22 And Abessalom spoke not to Amnon, good or bad, because Abessalom hated Amnon, on account of his humbling his sister Themar.

23 And it came to pass at the end of two whole years, that they were shearing sheep for Abessalom in Belasor near Ephraim: and Abessalom invited all the king's sons.

24 And Abessalom came to the king, and said, Behold, your servant has a sheep-shearing; let now the king and his servants go with your servant.

25 And the king said to Abessalom, Nay, my son, let us not all go, and let us not be burdensome to you. And he pressed him; but he would not go, but blessed him.

26 And Abessalom said to him, And if not, let, I pray you, my brother Amnon go with us. And the king said to him, Why should he go with you?

27 And Abessalom pressed him, and he sent with him Amnon and all the king's sons; and Abessalom made a banquet like the banquet of the king.

28 And Abessalom charged his servants, saying, Mark when the heart of Amnon shall be merry with wine, and I shall say to you, Smite Amnon, and slay him: fear not; for is it not I that command you? Be courageous, and be valiant.

29 And the servants of Abessalom did to Amnon as Abessalom commanded them: and all the sons of the king rose up, and they mounted every man his mule, and fled.

30 And it came to pass, when they were in the way, that a report came to David, saying, Abessalom has slain all the king's sons, and there is not one of them left.

31 Then the king arose, and rent his garments, and lay upon the ground: and all his servants that were standing round him rent their garments.

32 And Jonadab the son of Samaa brother of David, answered and said, Let not my lord the king say that he has slain all the young men the sons of the king, for Amnon only of them all is dead; for he was appointed to death by the mouth of Abessalom from the day that he humbled his sister Themar.

33 And now let not my lord the king take the matter to heart, saying, All the king's sons are dead: for Amnon only of them all is dead.

34 And Abessalom escaped: and the young man the watchman lifted up his eyes, and looked; and, behold, much people went in the way behind him from the side of the mountain in the descent: and the watchman came and told the king, and said, I have seen men by the way of Oronen, by the side of the mountain.

35 And Jonadab said to the king, Behold, the king's sons are present: according to the word of your servant, so has it happened.

36 And it came to pass when he had finished speaking, that, behold, the king's sons came, and lifted up their voices and wept: and the king also and all his servants wept with a very great weeping.

37 But Abessalom fled, and went to Tholmi son of Emiud king of Gedsur to the land of Chamaachad: and king David mourned for his son continually.

38 So Abessalom fled, and departed to Gedsur, and was there three years.

39 And king David ceased to go out after Abessalom, for he was comforted concerning Amnon, touching his death.

Chapter 14

1 And Joab the son of Saruia knew that the heart of the king was toward Abessalom.

2 And Joab sent to Thecoe, and took thence a cunning woman, and said to her, Mourn, I pray you, and put on mourning apparel, and anoint you not with oil, and you shall be as a woman mourning for one that is dead thus for many days.

3 And you shall go to the king, and speak to him according to this word. And Joab put the words in her mouth.

4 So the woman of Thecoe went in to the king and fell upon her face to the earth, and did him obeisance, and said, Help, O king, help.

5 And the king said to her, What is the matter with you? And she said, I am indeed a widow woman, and my husband is dead.

6 And moreover your handmaid had two sons, and they fought together in the field, and there was no one to part them; and the one smote the other his brother, and slew him.

7 And behold the whole family rose up against yours handmaid, and they said, Give up the one that smote his brother, and we will put him to death for the life of his brother, whom he slew, and we will take away even your heir: so they will quench my coal that is left, so as not to leave my husband remnant or name on the face of the earth.

8 And the king said to the woman, Go in peace to your house, and I will give commandment concerning you.

9 And the woman of Thecoe said to the king, On me, my lord, O king, and on my father's house be the iniquity, and the king and his throne be guiltless.

10 And the king said, Who was it that spoke to you? you shall even bring him to me, and one shall not touch him any more.

11 And she said, Let now the king remember concerning his Lord God in that the avenger of blood is multiplied to destroy, and let them not take away my son. And he said, As the Lord lives, not a hair of your son shall fall to the ground.

12 And the woman said, Let now your servant speak a word to my lord the king. And he said, Say on.

13 And the woman said, Why have you devised this thing against the people of God? or is this word out of the king's mouth as a transgression, so that the king should not bring back his banished?

14 For we shall surely die, and be as water poured upon the earth, which shall not be gathered up, and God shall take the life, even as he devises to thrust forth from him his outcast.

15 And now whereas I came to speak this word to my lord the king, the reason is that the people will see me, and your handmaid will say, Let one now speak to my lord the king, if peradventure the king will perform the request of his handmaid;

16 for the king will hear. Let him rescue his handmaid out of the hand of the man that seeks to cast out me and my son from the inheritance of God.

17 And the woman said, If now the word of my lord the king be gracious,—well: for as an angel of God, so is my lord the king, to hear good and evil: and the Lord your God shall be with you.

18 And the king answered, and said to the woman, Hide not from me, I pray you, the matter which I ask you. And the woman said, Let my lord the king by all means speak.

19 And the king said, Is not the hand of Joab in all this matter with you? and the woman said to the king, As your soul lives, my lord, O king, there is no turning to the right hand or to the left from all that my lord the king has spoken; for your servant Joab himself charged me, and he put all these words in the mouth of yours handmaid.

20 In order that this form of speech might come about it was that your servant Joab has framed this matter: and my lord is wise as is the wisdom of an angel of God, to know all things that are in the earth.

21 And the king said to Joab, Behold now, I have done to you according to this your word: go, bring back the young man Abessalom.

22 And Joab fell on his face to the ground, and did obeisance, and blessed the king: and Joab said, To-day your servant knows that I have found grace in your sight, my lord, O king, for my lord the king has performed the request of his servant.

23 And Joab arose, and went to Gedsur, and brought Abessalom to Jerusalem.

24 And the king said, Let him return to his house, and not see my face. And Abessalom returned to his house, and saw not the king's face.

25 And there was not a man in Israel so very comely as Abessalom: from the sole of his foot even to the crown of his head there was no blemish in him.

26 And when he polled his head, (and it was at the beginning of every year that he polled it, because it grew heavy upon him,) even when he polled it, he weighed the hair of his head, two hundred shekels according to the royal shekel.

27 And there were born to Abessalom three sons and one daughter, and her name was Themar: she was a very beautiful woman, and she becomes the wife of Rehoboam son of Solomon, and she bears to him Abijah.

28 And Abessalom remained in Jerusalem two full years, and he saw not the king's face.

29 And Abessalom sent to Joab to bring him in to the king, and he would not come to him: and he sent to him the second time, and he would not come.

30 And Abessalom said to his servants, Behold, Joab's portion in the field is next to mine, and he has in it barley; go and set it on fire. And the servants of Abessalom set the field on fire: and the servants of Joab come to him with their clothes rent, and they said to him, The servants of Abessalom have set the field on fire.

31 And Joab arose, and came to Abessalom into the house, and said to him, Why have your servants set my field on fire?

32 And Abessalom said to Joab, Behold, I sent to you, saying, Come hither, and I will send you to the king, saying, Why did I come out of Gedsur? it would have been better for me to have remained there: and now, behold, I have not seen the face of the king; but if there is iniquity in me, then put me to death.

33 And Joab went in to the king, and brought him word: and he called Abessalom, and he went in to the king, and did him obeisance, and fell upon his face to the ground, even in the presence of the king; and the king kissed Abessalom.

Chapter 15

1 And it came to pass after this that Abessalom prepared for himself chariots and horses, and fifty men to run before him.

2 And Abessalom rose early, and stood by the side of the way of the gate: and it came to pass that every man who had a cause, came to the king for judgment, and Abessalom cried to him, and said to him, Of what city are you? And he said, Your servant is of one of the tribes of Israel.

3 And Abessalom said to him, See, your affairs are right and clear, yet you have no one appointed of the king to hear you.

4 And Abessalom said, O that one would make me a judge in the land; then every man who had a dispute or a cause would come to me, and I would judge him!

5 And it came to pass when a man came near to do him obeisance, that he stretched out his hand, and took hold of him, and kissed him.

6 And Abessalom did after this manner to all Israel that came to the king for judgment; and Abessalom gained the hearts of the men of Israel.

7 And it came to pass after forty years, that Abessalom said to his father, I will go now, and pay my vows, which I vowed to the Lord in Hebron.

8 For your servant vowed a vow when I dwelt at Gedsur in Syria, saying, If the Lord should indeed restore me to Jerusalem, then will I serve the Lord.

9 And the king said to him, Go in peace. And he arose and went to Hebron.

10 And Abessalom sent spies throughout all the tribes of Israel, saying, When you hear the sound of the trumpet, then shall you say, Abessalom is become king in Hebron.

11 And there went with Abessalom two hundred chosen men from Jerusalem; and they went in their simplicity, and knew not anything.

12 And Abessalom sent to Achitophel the Theconite, the counsellor of David, from his city, from Gola, where he was sacrificing: and there was a strong conspiracy; and the people with Abessalom were increasingly numerous.

13 And there came a messenger to David, saying, The heart of the men of Israel is gone after Abessalom.

14 And David said to all his servants who were with him in Jerusalem, Rise, and let us flee, for we have no refuge from Abessalom: make haste and go, lest he overtake us speedily, and bring evil upon us, and smite the city with the edge of the sword.

15 And the king's servants said to the king, In all things which our lord the king chooses, behold we are your servants.

16 And the king and all his house went out on foot: and the king left ten women of his concubines to keep the house.

17 And the king and all his servants went out on foot; and abode in a distant house.

18 And all his servants passed on by his side, and every Chelethite, and every Phelethite, and they stood by the olive tree in the wilderness: and all the people marched near him, and all his court, and all the men of might, and all the men of war, six hundred: and they were present at his side: and every Chelethite, and every Phelethite, and all the six hundred Gittites that came on foot out of Gath, and they went on before the king.

19 And the king said to Ethi the Gittite, Why do you also go with us? return, and dwell with the king, for you are a stranger, and you have come forth as a sojourner out of your place.

20 Whereas you came yesterday, shall I to-day cause you to travel with us, and shall you thus change your place? you did come forth yesterday, and to-day shall I set you in motion to go along with us? I indeed will go whithersoever I may go: return then, and cause your brethren to return with you, and may the Lord deal mercifully and truly with you.

21 And Ethi answered the king and said, As the Lord lives and as my lord the king lives, in the place wheresoever my lord shall be, whether it be for death or life, there shall your servant be.

22 And the king said to Ethi, Come and pass over with me. So Ethi the Gittite and the king passed over, and all his servants, and all the multitude with him.

23 And all the country wept with a loud voice. And all the people passed by over the brook of Kedron; and the king crossed the brook Kedron: and all the people and the king passed on toward the way of the wilderness.

24 And behold also Sadoc, and all the Levites were with him, bearing the ark of the covenant of the Lord from Bæthar: and they set down the ark of God; and Abiathar went up, until all the people had passed out of the city.

25 And the king said to Sadoc, Carry back the ark of God into the city: if I should find favour in the eyes of the Lord, then will he bring me back, and he will shew me it and its beauty.

26 But if he should say thus, I have no pleasure in you; behold, here I am, let him do to me according to that which is good in his eyes.

27 And the king said to Sadoc the priest, Behold, you shall return to the city in peace, and Achimaas your son, and Jonathan the son of Abiathar, your two sons with you.

28 Behold, I continue in arms in Araboth of the desert, until there come tidings from you to report to me.

29 So Sadoc and Abiathar brought back the ark of the Lord to Jerusalem, and it continued there.

30 And David went up by the ascent of the mount of Olives, ascending and weeping, and had his head covered, and went barefooted: and all the people that were with him covered every man his head; and they went up, ascending and weeping.

31 And it was reported to David, saying, Achitophel also is among the conspirators with Abessalom. And David said, O Lord my God, disconcert, I pray you, the counsel of Achitophel.

32 And David came as far as Ros, where he worshipped God: and behold, Chusi the chief friend of David came out to meet him, having rent his garment, and earth was upon his head.

33 And David said to him, If you should go over with me, then will you be a burden to me;

34 but if you shall return to the city, and shall say to Abessalom, Your brethren are passed over, and the king your father is passed over after me: and now I am your servant, O king, suffer me to live: at one time even of late I was the servant of your father, and now I am your humble servant—so shall you disconcert for me the counsel of Achitophel.

35 And, behold, there are there with you Sadoc and Abiathar the priests; and it shall be that every word that you shall hear of the house of the king, you shall report it to Sadoc and Abiathar the priests.

36 Behold, there are there with them their two sons, Achimaas the son of Sadoc, and Jonathan the son of Abiathar; and by them you shall report to me every word which you shall hear.

37 So Chusi the friend of David went into the city, and Abessalom was lately gone into Jerusalem.

Chapter 16

1 And David passed on a little way from Ros; and, behold, Siba the servant of Memphibosthe came to meet him; and he had a couple of asses laden, and upon them two hundred loaves, and a hundred bunches of raisins, and a hundred cakes of dates, and a bottle of wine.

2 And the king said to Siba, What mean you by these? and Siba said, The asses are for the household of the king to sit upon, and the loaves and the dates are for the young men to eat, and the wine is for them that are faint in the wilderness to drink.

3 And the king said, And where is the son of your master? and Siba said to the king, Behold, he remains in Jerusalem;

for he said, To-day shall the house of Israel restore to me the kingdom of my father.

4 And the king said to Siba, Behold, all Memphibosthe's property is yours. And Siba did obeisance and said, My lord, O king, let me find grace in your eyes.

5 And king David came to Baurim; and, behold, there came out from thence a man of the family of the house of Saul, and his name was Semei the son of Gera. He came forth and cursed as he went,

6 and cast stones at David, and at all the servants of king David: and all the people and all the mighty men were on the right and left hand of the king.

7 And thus Semei said when he cursed him, Go out, go out, you bloody man, and man of sin.

8 The Lord has returned upon you all the blood of the house of Saul, because you have reigned in his stead; and the Lord has given the kingdom into the hand of Abessalom your son: and, behold, you are taken in your mischief, because you are a bloody man.

9 And Abessa the son of Saruia said to the king, Why does this dead dog curse my lord the king? let me go over now and take off his head.

10 And the king said, What have I to do with you, you sons of Saruia? even let him alone, and so let him curse, for the Lord has told him to curse David: and who shall say, Why have you done thus?

11 And David said to Abessa and to all his servants, Behold, my son who came forth out of my bowels seeks my life; still more now may the son of Benjamin: let him curse, because the Lord has told him.

12 If by any means the Lord may look on my affliction, thus shall he return me good for his cursing this day.

13 And David and all the men with him went on the way: and Semei went by the side of the hill next to him, cursing as he went, and casting stones at him, and sprinkling him with dirt.

14 And the king, and all the people with him, came away and refreshed themselves there.

15 And Abessalom and all the men of Israel went into Jerusalem, and Achitophel with him.

16 And it came to pass when Chusi the chief friend of David came to Abessalom, that Chusi said to Abessalom, Let the king live.

17 And Abessalom said to Chusi, Is this your kindness to your friend? why went you not forth with your friend?

18 And Chusi said to Abessalom, Nay, but following whom the Lord, and this people, and all Israel have chosen,—his will I be, and with him will I dwell.

19 And again, whom shall I serve? should I not in the presence of his son? As I served in the sight of your father, so will I be in your presence.

20 And Abessalom said to Achitophel, Deliberate among yourselves concerning what we should do.

21 And Achitophel said to Abessalom, Go in to your father's concubines, whom he left to keep his house; and all Israel shall hear that you have dishonoured your father; and the hands of all that are with you shall be strengthened.

22 And they pitched a tent for Abessalom on the roof, and Abessalom went in to his father's concubines in the sight of all Israel.

23 And the counsel of Achitophel, which he counselled in former days, was as if one should enquire of the word of God: so was all the counsel of Achitophel both to David and also to Abessalom.

Chapter 17

1 And Achitophel said to Abessalom, Let me now choose out for myself twelve thousand men, and I will arise and follow after David this night:

2 and I will come upon him when he is weary and weak-handed, and I will strike him with terror; and all the people with him shall flee, and I will smite the king only of all.

3 And I will bring back all the people to you, as a bride returns to her husband: only you seek the life of one man, and all the people shall have peace.

4 And the saying was right in the eyes of Abessalom, and in the eyes of all the elders of Israel.

5 And Abessalom said, Call now also Chusi the Arachite, and let us hear what is in his mouth, even in his also.

6 And Chusi went in to Abessalom, and Abessalom spoke to him, saying, After this manner spoke Achitophel: shall we do according to his word? but if not, do you speak.

7 And Chusi said to Abessalom, This counsel which Achitophel has counselled this one time is not good.

8 And Chusi said, You know your father and his men, that they are very mighty, and bitter in their spirit, as a bereaved bear in the field, [and as a wild boar in the plain]: and your father is a man of war, and will not give the people rest.

9 For, behold, he is now hidden in one of the hills or in some other place: and it shall come to pass when he falls upon them at the beginning, that some one will certainly hear, and say, There has been a slaughter among the people that follow after Abessalom.

10 Then even he that is strong, whose heart is as the heart of a lion,—it shall utterly melt: for all Israel knows that your father is mighty, and they that are with him are mighty men.

11 For thus I have surely given counsel, that all Israel be generally gathered to you from Dan even to Beersheba, as the sand that is upon the sea-shore for multitude: and that your presence go in the midst of them.

12 And we will come upon him in one of the places where we shall find him, and we will encamp against him, as the dew falls upon the earth; and we will not leave of him and of his men so much as one.

13 And if he shall have taken refuge with his army in a city, then shall all Israel take ropes to that city, and we will draw it even into the river, that there may not be left there even a stone.

14 And Abessalom, and all the men of Israel said, The counsel of Chusi the Arachite is better than the counsel of Achitophel. For the Lord ordained to disconcert the good counsel of Achitophel, that the Lord might bring all evil upon Abessalom.

15 And Chusi the Arachite said to Sadoc and Abiathar the priests, Thus and thus Achitophel counselled Abessalom and the elders of Israel; and thus and thus have I counselled.

16 And now send quickly and report to David, saying, Lodge not this night in Araboth of the wilderness: even go and make haste, lest one swallow up the king, and all the people with him.

17 And Jonathan and Achimaas stood by the well of Rogel, and a maidservant went and reported to them, and they go and tell king David; for they might not be seen to enter into the city.

18 But a young man saw them and told Abessalom: and the two went quickly, and entered into the house of a man in Baurim; and he had a well in his court, and they went down into it.

19 And a woman took a covering, and spread it over the mouth of the well, and spread out ground corn upon it to dry, and the thing was not known.

20 And the servants of Abessalom came to the woman into the house, and said, Where are Achimaas and Jonathan? and the woman said to them, They are gone a little way beyond the water. And they sought and found them not, and returned to Jerusalem.

21 And it came to pass after they were gone, that they came up out of the pit, and went on their way; and reported to king David, and said to David, Arise you and go quickly over the water, for thus has Achitophel counselled concerning you.

22 And David rose up and all the people with him, and they passed over Jordan till the morning light; there was not one missing who did not pass over Jordan.

23 And Achitophel saw that his counsel was not followed, and he saddled his ass, and rose and departed to his house into his city; and he gave orders to his household, and hanged himself, and died, and was buried in the sepulchre of his father.

24 And David passed over to Manaim: and Abessalom crossed over Jordan, he and all the men of Israel with him.

25 And Abessalom appointed Amasa in the room of Joab over the host. And Amasa was the son of a man whose name was Jether of Jezreel: he went in to Abigaia the daughter of Naas, the sister of Saruia the mother of Joab.

26 And all Israel and Abessalom encamped in the land of Gilead.

27 And it came to pass when David came to Manaim, that Uesbi the son of Naas of Rabbah of the sons of Ammon, and Machir son of Amiel of Lodabar, and Berzelli the Galaadite of Rogellim,

28 brought ten embroidered beds, (with double coverings,) and ten caldrons, and earthenware, and wheat, and barley, and flour, and meal, and beans, and pulse,

29 and honey, and butter, and sheep, and cheeses of kine: and they brought them to David and to his people with him to eat; for one said, The people is faint and hungry and thirsty in the wilderness.

Chapter 18

1 And David numbered the people with him, and set over them captains of thousands and captains of hundreds.

2 And David sent away the people, the third part under the hand of Joab, and the third part under the hand of Abessa the son of Saruia, the brother of Joab, and the third part under the hand of Ethi the Gittite. And David said to the people, I also will surely go out with you.

3 And they said, You shall not go out: for if we should indeed flee, they will not care for us; and if half of us should die, they will not mind us; for you are as ten thousand of us: and now it is well that you shall be to us an aid to help us in the city.

4 And the king said to them, Whatsoever shall seem good in your eyes I will do. And the king stood by the side of the gate, and all the people went out by hundreds and by thousands.

5 And the king commanded Joab and Abessa and Ethi, saying, Spare for my sake the young man Abessalom. And all the people heard the king charging all the commanders concerning Abessalom.

6 And all the people went out into the wood against Israel; and the battle was in the wood of Ephraim.

7 And the people of Israel fell down there before the servants of David, and there was a great slaughter in that day, even twenty thousand men.

8 And the battle there was scattered over the face of all the land: and the wood consumed more of the people than the sword consumed among the people in that day.

9 And Abessalom went to meet the servants of David: and Abessalom was mounted on his mule, and the mule came under the thick boughs of a great oak; and his head was entangled in the oak, and he was suspended between heaven and earth; and the mule passed on from under him.

10 And a man saw it, and reported to Joab, and said, Behold, I saw Abessalom hanging in an oak.

11 And Joab said to the man who reported it to him, And, behold, you did see him: why did you not smite him there to the ground? and I would have given you ten pieces of silver, and a girdle.

12 And the man said to Joab, Were I even to receive a thousand shekels of silver, I would not lift my hand against the king's son; for in our ears the king charged you and Abessa and Ethi, saying, Take care of the young man Abessalom for me,

13 so as to do no harm to his life: and nothing of the matter will be concealed from the king, and you will set yourself against me.

14 And Joab said, I will begin this; I will not thus remain with you. And Joab took three darts in his hand, and thrust them into the heart of Abessalom, while he was yet alive in the heart of the oak.

15 And ten young men that bore Joab's armour compassed Abessalom, and smote him and slew him.

16 And Joab blew the trumpet, and the people returned from pursuing Israel, for Joab spared the people.

17 And he took Abessalom, and cast him into a great cavern in the wood, into a deep pit, and set up over him a very great heap of stones: and all Israel fled every man to his tent.

18 Now Abessalom while yet alive had taken and set up for himself the pillar near which he was taken, and set it up so as to have the pillar in the king's dale; for he said he had no son to keep his name in remembrance: and he called the pillar, Abessalom's hand, until this day.

19 And Achimaas the son of Sadoc said, Let me run now and carry glad tidings to the king, for the Lord has delivered him from the hand of his enemies.

20 And Joab said to him, You shall not be a messenger of glad tidings this day; you shall bear them another day; but on this day you shall bear no tidings, because the king's son is dead.

21 And Joab said to Chusi, Go, report to the king all that you have seen. And Chusi did obeisance to Joab, and went out.

22 And Achimaas the son of Sadoc said again to Joab, Nay, let me also run after Chusi. And Joab said, Why would you thus run, my son? attend, you have no tidings for profit if you go.

23 And he said, Why should I not run? and Joab said to him, Run. And Achimaas ran along the way of Kechar, and outran Chusi.

24 And David was sitting between the two gates: and the watchman went up on the top of the gate of the wall, and lifted up his eyes, and looked, and behold a man running alone before him.

25 And the watchman cried out, and reported to the king. And the king said, If he be alone, there are good tidings in his mouth. And the man came and drew near.

26 And the watchman saw another man running: and the watchman cried at the gate, and said, And look, another man running alone. And the king said, He also brings glad tidings.

27 And the watchman said, I see the running of the first as the running of Achimaas the son of Sadoc. And the king said, He is a good man, and will come to report glad tidings.

28 And Achimaas cried out and said to the king, Peace. And he did obeisance to the king with his face to the ground, and said, Blessed be the Lord your God, who has delivered up the men that lifted up their hands against my lord the king.

29 And the king said, Is the young man Abessalom safe? and Achimaas said, I saw a great multitude at the time of Joab's sending the king's servant and your servant, and I knew not what was there.

30 And the king said, Turn aside, stand still here. And he turned aside, and stood.

31 And, behold, Chusi came up, and said to the king, Let my lord the king hear glad tidings, for the Lord has avenged you this day upon all them that rose up against you.

32 And the king said to Chusi, Is it well with the young man Abessalom? and Chusi said, Let the enemies of my lord the king, and all whosoever have risen up against him for evil, be as that young man.

Chapter 19

1 And the king was troubled, and went to the chamber over the gate, and wept: and thus he said as he went, My son Abessalom, my son, my son Abessalom; would God I had died for you, even I had died for you, Abessalom, my son, my son!

2 And they brought Joab word, saying, Behold, the king weeps and mourns for Abessalom.

3 And the victory was turned that day into mourning to all the people, for the people heard say that day, The king grieves after his son.

4 And the people stole away that day to go into the city, as people steal away when they are ashamed as they flee in the battle.

5 And the king hid his face: and the king cried with a loud voice, My son Abessalom! Abessalom my son!

6 And Joab went in to the king, into the house, and said, You have this day shamed the faces of all your servants that have delivered you this day, and have saved the lives of your sons and of your daughters, and the lives of your wives, and of your concubines,

7 forasmuch as you love them that hate you, and hate them that love you; and you have this day declared, that your princes and your servants are nothing in your sight: for I know this day, that if Abessalom were alive, and all of us dead to-day, then it would have been right in your sight.

8 And now arise, and go forth, and speak comfortably to your servants; for I have sworn by the Lord, that unless you will go forth to-day, there shall not a man remain with you this night: and know for yourself, this thing will indeed be evil to you beyond all the evil that has come upon you from your youth until now.

9 Then the king arose, and sat in the gate: and all the people reported, saying, Behold, the king sits in the gate. And all the people went in before the king to the gate; for Israel had fled every man to his tent.

10 And all the people disputed among all the tribes of Israel, saying, King David delivered us from all our enemies, and he rescued us from the hand of the Philistines: and now he has fled from the land, and from his kingdom, and from Abessalom.

11 And Abessalom, whom we anointed over us, is dead in battle: and now why are you silent about bringing back the king? And the word of all Israel came to the king.

12 And king David sent to Sadoc and Abiathar the priests, saying, Speak to the elders of Israel, saying, Why are you the last to bring back the king to his house? whereas the word of all Israel is come to the king to his house.

13 You are my brethren, you are my bones and my flesh: why are you the last to bring back the king to his house?

14 And you shall say to Amasa, Are you not my bone and my flesh? and now God do so to me, and more also, if you shall not be commander of the host before me continually in the room of Joab.

15 And he bowed the heart of all the men of Judah as that of one man; and they sent to the king, saying, Return you, and all your servants.

16 And the king returned, and came as far as Jordan. And the men of Judah came to Gilgal on their way to meet the king, to cause the king to pass over Jordan.

17 And Semei the son of Gera, the Benjamite, of Baurim, hasted and went down with the men of Judah to meet king David.

18 And a thousand men of Benjamin were with him, and Siba the servant of the house of Saul, and his fifteen sons with him, and his twenty servants with him: and they went directly down to Jordan before the king,

19 and they performed the service of bringing the king over; and there went over a ferry-boat to remove the household of the king, and to do that which was right in his eyes. And Semei the son of Gera fell on his face before the king, as he went over Jordan;

20 and said to the king, Let not my lord now impute iniquity, and remember not all the iniquity of your servant in the day in which my lord went out from Jerusalem, so that the king should mind it.

21 For your servant knows that I have sinned: and, behold, I am come to-day before all Israel and the house of Joseph, to go down and meet my lord the king.

22 And Abessai the son of Saruia answered and said, Shall not Semei therefore be put to death, because he cursed the Lord's anointed?

23 And David said, What have I to do with you, you sons of Saruia, that you as it were lie in wait against me this day? to-day no man in Israel shall be put to death, for I know not if I this day reign over Israel.

24 And the king said to Semei, You shall not die: and the king swore to him.

25 And Memphibosthe the son of Saul's son went down to meet the king, and had not dressed his feet, nor pared his nails, nor shaved himself, neither had he washed his garments, from the day that the king departed, until the day when he arrived in peace.

26 And it came to pass when he went into Jerusalem to meet the king, that the king said to him, Why did you not go with me, Memphibosthe?

27 And Memphibosthe said to him, My lord, O king, my servant deceived me; for your servant said to him, Saddle me the ass, and I will ride upon it, and go with the king; for your servant is lame.

28 And he has dealt deceitfully with your servant to my lord the king: but my lord the king is as an angel of God, and do you that which is good in your eyes.

29 For all the house of my father were but as dead men before my lord the king; yet you have set your servant among them that eat at your table: and what right have I any longer even to cry to the king?

30 And the king said to him, Why speak you any longer of your matters? I have said, You and Siba shall divide the land.

31 And Memphibosthe said to the king, Yea, let him take all, since my lord the king has come in peace to his house.

32 And Berzelli the Galaadite came down from Rogellim, and crossed over Jordan with the king, that he might conduct the king over Jordan.

33 And Berzelli was a very old man, eighty years old; and he had maintained the king when he dwelt in Manaim; for he was a very great man.

34 And the king said to Berzelli, You shall go over with me, and I will nourish your old age with me in Jerusalem.

35 And Berzelli said to the king, How many are the days of the years of my life, that I should go up with the king to Jerusalem?

36 I am this day eighty years old: can I then distinguish between good and evil? Can your servant taste any longer what I eat or drink? can I any longer hear the voice of singing men or singing women? and wherefore shall your servant any longer be a burden to my lord the king?

37 Your servant will go a little way over Jordan with the king: and why does the king return me this recompense?

38 Let, I pray you, your servant remain, and I will die in my city, by the tomb of my father and of my mother. And, behold, your servant Chamaam shall go over with my lord the king; and do you to him as it seems good in your eyes.

39 And the king said, Let Chamaam go over with me, and I will do to him what is good in my sight; and whatsoever you shall choose at my hand, I will do for you.

40 And all the people went over Jordan, and the king went over; and the king kissed Berzelli, and blessed him; and he returned to his place.

41 And the king went over to Gilgal, and Chamaam went over with him: and all the men of Judah went over with the king, and also half the people of Israel.

42 And behold, all the men of Israel came to the king, and said to the king, Why have our brethren the men of Judah stolen you away, and caused the king and all his house to pass over Jordan, and all the men of David with him?

43 And all the men of Judah answered the men of Israel, and said, Because the king is near of kin to us: and why were you thus angry concerning this matter? have we indeed eaten of the king's food? or has he given us a gift, or has he sent us a portion?

44 And the men of Israel answered the men of Judah, and said, We have ten parts in the king, and we are older than you, we have also an interest in David above you: and why have you thus insulted us, and why was not our advice taken before that of Judah, to bring back our king? And the speech of the men of Judah was sharper than the speech of the men of Israel.

Chapter 20

1 And there was a transgressor so called there, and his name was Sabee, a Benjamite, the son of Bochori: and he blew the trumpet, and said, We have no portion in David, neither have we any inheritance in the son of Jessæ: to your tents, O Israel, every one.

2 And all the men of Israel went up from following David after Sabee the son of Bochori: but the men of Judah adhered to their king, from Jordan even to Jerusalem.

3 And David went into his house at Jerusalem: and the king took the ten women his concubines, whom he had left to keep the house, and he put them in a place of custody, and maintained them, and went not in to them; and they were kept living as widows, till the day of their death.

4 And the king said to Amasa, Call to me the men of Judah for three days, and do you be present here.

5 And Amasa went to call Judah, and delayed beyond the time which David appointed him.

6 And David said to Amasa, Now shall Sabee the son of Bochori do us more harm than Abessalom: now then take you with you the servants of your lord, and follow after him, lest he find for himself strong cities, so will he blind our eyes.

7 And there went out after him Amasa and the men of Joab, and the Cherethites, and the Phelethites, and all the mighty men: and they went out from Jerusalem to pursue after Sabee the son of Bochori.

8 And they were by the great stone that is in Gibeon: and Amasa went in before them: and Joab had upon him a military cloak over his apparel, and over it he was girded with a dagger fastened upon his loins in its scabbard: and the dagger came out, it even came out and fell.

9 And Joab said to Amasa, Are you in health, my brother? and the right hand of Joab took hold of the beard of Amasa to kiss him.

10 And Amasa observed not the dagger that was in the hand of Joab: and Joab smote him with it on the loins, and his bowels were shed out upon the ground, and he did not repeat the blow, and he died: and Joab and Abessai his brother pursued after Sabee the son of Bochori.

11 And there stood over him one of the servants of Joab, and said, Who is he that is for Joab, and who is on the side of David following Joab?

12 And Amasa was weltering in blood in the midst of the way. And a man saw that all the people stood still; and he removed Amasa out of the path into a field, and he cast a garment upon him, because he saw every one that came to him standing still.

13 And when he was quickly removed from the road, every man of Israel passed after Joab to pursue after Sabee the son of Bochori.

14 And he went through all the tribes of Israel to Abel, and to Bethmacha; and all in Charri too were assembled, and followed after him.

15 And they came and besieged him in Abel and Phermacha: and they raised a mound against the city and it stood close to the wall; and all the people with Joab proposed to throw down the wall.

16 And a wise woman cried from the wall, and said, Hear, hear; say, I pray you, to Joab, Draw near hither, and I will speak to him.

17 And he drew nigh to her, and the woman said to him, Are you Joab? and he said, I am. And she said to him, Hear the words of your handmaid; and Joab said, I do hear.

18 And she spoke, saying, Of old time they said thus, Surely one was asked in Abel, and Dan, whether the faithful in Israel failed in what they purposed; they will surely ask in Abel, even in like manner, whether they have failed.

19 I am a peaceable one of the strong ones in Israel; but you seek to destroy a city and a mother-city in Israel: why do you seek to ruin the inheritance of the Lord?

20 And Joab answered and said, Far be it, far be it from me, that I should ruin or destroy.

21 Is not the case thus, that a man of mount Ephraim, Sabee son of Bochori by name, has even lifted up his hand against king David? Give him only to me, and I will depart from the city. And the woman said to Joab, Behold, his head shall be thrown to you over the wall.

22 And the woman went in to all the people, and she spoke to all the city in her wisdom; and they took off the head of Sabee the son of Bochori; and took it away and threw it to Joab: and he blew the trumpet, and the people separated from the city away from him, every man to his tent: and Joab returned to Jerusalem to the king.

23 And Joab was over all the forces of Israel: and Banaias the son of Jodae was over the Cherethites and over the Phelethites.

24 And Adoniram was over the tribute: and Josaphath the son of Achiluth was recorder.

25 And Susa was scribe: and Sadoc and Abiathar were priests.

26 Moreover Iras the son of Iarin was priest to David.

Chapter 21

1 And there was a famine in the days of David three years, year after year; and David sought the face of the Lord. And the Lord said, There is guilt upon Saul and his house because of his bloody murder, whereby he slew the Gabaonites.

2 And king David called the Gabaonites, and said to them;—(now the Gabaonites are not the children of Israel, but are of the remnant of the Amorite, and the children of Israel had sworn to them: but Saul sought to smite them in his zeal for the children of Israel and Judah.)

3 And David said to the Gabaonites, What shall I do to you? and wherewithal shall I make atonement, that you may bless the inheritance of the Lord?

4 And the Gabaonites said to him, We have no question about silver or gold with Saul and with his house; and there is no man for us to put to death in Israel.

5 And he said, What say you? speak, and I will do it for you. And they said to the king, The man who would have made an end of us, and persecuted us, who plotted against us to destroy us, let us utterly destroy him, so that he shall have no standing in all the coasts of Israel.

6 Let one give us seven men of his sons, and let us hang them up in the sun to the Lord in Gibeon of Saul, as chosen out for the Lord. And the king said, I will give them.

7 But the king spared Memphibosthe son of Jonathan the son of Saul, because of the oath of the Lord that was between them, even between David and Jonathan the son of Saul.

8 And the king took the two sons of Respha the daughter of Aia, whom she bore to Saul, Hermonoi and Memphibosthe, and the five sons of Michol daughter of Saul, whom she bore to Esdriel son of Berzelli the Moülathite.

9 And he gave them into the hand of the Gabaonites, and they hanged them up to the sun in the mountain before the Lord: and they fell, even the seven together: moreover they were put to death in the days of harvest at the commencement, in the beginning of barley-harvest.

10 And Respha the daughter of Aia took sackcloth, and fixed it for herself on the rock in the beginning of barley harvest, until water dropped upon them out of heaven: and she did not suffer the birds of the air to rest upon them by day, nor the beasts of the field by night.

11 And it was told David what Respha the daughter of Aia the concubine of Saul had done, [and they were faint, and Dan the son of Joa of the offspring of the giants overtook them.]

12 And David went and took the bones of Saul, and the bones of Jonathan his son, from the men of the sons of Jabesh Gilead, who stole them from the street of Bæthsan; for the Philistines set them there in the day in which the Philistines smote Saul in Gelbue.

13 And he carried up thence the bones of Saul and the bones of Jonathan his son, and gathered the bones of them that had been hanged.

14 And they buried the bones of Saul and the bones of Jonathan his son, and the bones of them that had been hanged, in the land of Benjamin in the hill, in the sepulchre of Cis his father; and they did all things that the king commanded: and after this God hearkened to the prayers of the land.

15 And there was yet war between the Philistines and Israel: and David went down and his servants with him, and they fought with the Philistines, and David went.

16 And Jesbi, who was of the progeny of Rapha, and the head of whose spear was three hundred shekels of brass in weight, who also was girt with a club, even he thought to smite David.

17 And Abessa the son of Saruia helped him and smote the Philistine, and slew him. Then the men of David swore, saying, You shall not any longer go out with us to battle, and you shall not quench the lamp of Israel.

18 And after this there was a battle again with the Philistines in Gath: then Sebocha the Astatothite slew Seph of the progeny of Rapha.

19 And there was a battle in Rom with the Philistines; and Eleanan son of Ariorgim the Bethleemite slew Goliath the Gittite; and the staff of his spear was as a weaver's beam.

20 And there was yet a battle in Gath: and there was a man of stature, and the fingers of his hands and the toes of his feet were six on each, four and twenty in number: and he also was born to Rapha.

21 And he defied Israel, and Jonathan son of Semei brother of David, smote him.

22 These four were born descendants of the giants in Gath, the family of Rapha; and they fell by the hand of David, and by the hand of his servants.

Chapter 22

1 And David spoke to the Lord the words of this song, in the day in which the Lord rescued him out of the hand of all his enemies, and out of the hand of Saul.

2 And the song was thus: O Lord, my rock, and my fortress, and my deliverer,

3 my God; he shall be to me my guard, I will trust in him: he is my protector, and the horn of my salvation, my helper, and my sure refuge; you shall save me from the unjust man.

4 I will call upon the Lord who is worthy to be praised, and I shall be saved from my enemies.

5 For the troubles of death compassed me, the floods of iniquity amazed me:

6 the pangs of death surrounded me, the agonies of death prevented me.

7 When I am afflicted I will call upon the Lord, and will cry to my God, and he shall hear my voice out of his temple, and my cry shall come into his ears.

8 And the earth was troubled and quaked, and the foundations of heaven were confounded and torn asunder, because the Lord was wroth with them.

9 There went up a smoke in his wrath, and fire out of his mouth devours: coals were kindled at it.

10 And he bowed the heavens, and came down, and there was darkness under his feet.

11 And he rode upon the cherubs and did fly, and was seen upon the wings of the wind.

12 And he made darkness his hiding-place; his tabernacle round about him was the darkness of waters, he condensed it with the clouds of the air.

13 At the brightness before him coals of fire were kindled.

14 The Lord thundered out of heaven, and the Most High uttered his voice.

15 And he sent forth arrows, and scattered them, and he flashed lightning, and dismayed them.

16 And the channels of the sea were seen, and the foundations of the world were discovered, at the rebuke of the Lord, at the blast of the breath of his anger.

17 He sent from above and took me; he drew me out of many waters.

18 He delivered me from my strong enemies, from them that hated me, for they were stronger than I.

19 The days of my affliction prevented me; but the Lord was my stay.

20 And he brought me into a wide place, and rescued me, because he delighted in me.

21 And the Lord recompensed me according to my righteousness; even according to the purity of my hands did he recompense me.

22 Because I kept the ways of the Lord, and did not wickedly depart from my God.

23 For all his judgments and his ordinances were before me: I departed not from them.

24 And I shall be blameless before him, and will keep myself from my iniquity.

25 And the Lord will recompense me according to my righteousness, and according to the purity of my hands in his eye-sight.

26 With the holy you will be holy, and with the perfect man you will be perfect,

27 and with the excellent you will be excellent, and with the froward you will be froward.

28 And you will save the poor people, and will bring down the eyes of the haughty.

29 For you, Lord, art my lamp, and the Lord shall shine forth to me in my darkness.

30 For by you shall I run as a girded man, and by my God shall I leap over a wall.

31 As for the Mighty One, his way is blameless: the word of the Lord is strong and tried in the fire: he is a protector to all that put their trust in him.

32 Who is strong, but the Lord? and who will be a Creator except our God?

33 It is the Mighty One who strengthens me with might, and has prepared my way without fault.

34 He makes my feet like harts' feet, and sets me upon the high places.

35 He teaches my hands to war, and has broken a brazen bow by my arm.

36 And you have given me the shield of my salvation, and your propitious dealing has increased me,

37 so as to make room under me for my going, and my legs did not totter.

38 I will pursue my enemies, and will utterly destroy them; and I will not turn again till I have consumed them.

39 And I will crush them, and they shall not rise; and they shall fall under my feet.

40 And you shall strengthen me with power for the war; you shall cause them that rise up against me to bow down under me.

41 And you have caused mine enemies to flee before me, even them that hated me, and you have slain them.

42 They shall cry, and there shall be no helper; to the Lord, but he hearkens not to them.

43 And I ground them as the dust of the earth, I beat them small as the mire of the streets.

44 And you shall deliver me from the striving of the peoples, you shall keep me to be the head of the Gentiles: a people which I knew not served me.

45 The strange children feigned obedience to me; they hearkened to me as soon as they heard.

46 The strange children shall be cast away, and shall be overthrown out of their hiding-places.

47 The Lord lives, and blessed be my guardian, and my God, my strong keeper, shall be exalted.

48 The Lord who avenges me is strong, chastening the nations under me,

49 and bringing me out from my enemies: and you shall set me on high from among those that rise up against me: you shall deliver me from the violent man.

50 Therefore will I confess to you, O Lord, among the Gentiles, and sing to your name.

51 He magnifies the salvation of his king, and works mercy for his anointed, even for David and for his seed for ever.

Chapter 23

1 And these are the last words of David. Faithful is David the son of Jessæ, and faithful the man whom the Lord raised up to be the anointed of the God of Jacob, and beautiful are the psalms of Israel.

2 The Spirit of the Lord spoke by me, and his word was upon my tongue.

3 The God of Israel says, A watchman out of Israel spoke to me a parable: I said among men, How will you strengthen the fear of the anointed?

4 And in the morning light of God, let the sun arise in the morning, from the light of which the Lord passed on, and as it were from the rain of the tender grass upon the earth.

5 For my house is not so with the Mighty One: for he has made an everlasting covenant with me, ready, guarded at every time; for all my salvation and all my desire is, that the wicked should not flourish.

6 All these are as a thorn thrust forth, for they shall not be taken with the hand,

7 and a man shall not labour among them; and one shall have that which is fully armed with iron, and the staff of a spear, and he shall burn them with fire, and they shall be burnt in their shame.

8 These are the names of the mighty men of David: Jebosthe the Chananite is a captain of the third part: Adinon the Asonite, he drew his sword against eight hundred soldiers at once.

9 And after him Eleanan the son of his uncle, son of Dudi who was among the three mighty men with David; and when he defied the Philistines they were gathered there to war, and the men of Israel went up.

10 He arose and smote the Philistines, until his hand was weary, and his hand clave to the sword: and the Lord wrought a great salvation in that day, and the people rested behind him only to strip the slain.

11 And after him Samaia the son of Asa the Arachite: and the Philistines were gathered to Theria; and there was there

a portion of ground full of lentiles; and the people fled before the Philistines.

12 And he stood firm in the midst of the portion, and rescued it, and smote the Philistines; and the Lord wrought a great deliverance.

13 And three out of the thirty went down, and came to Cason to David, to the cave of Odollam; and there was an army of the Philistines, and they encamped in the valley of Raphain.

14 And David was then in the strong hold, and the garrison of the Philistines was then in Bethlehem.

15 And David longed, and said, Who will give me water to drink out of the well that is in Bethlehem by the gate? now the band of the Philistines was then in Bethlehem.

16 And the three mighty men broke through the host of the Philistines, and drew water out of the well that was in Bethlehem in the gate: and they took it, and brought it to David, and he would not drink it, but poured it out before the Lord.

17 And he said, O Lord, forbid that I should do this, that I should drink the blood of the men who went at the risk of their lives: and he would not drink it. These things did these three mighty men.

18 And Abessa the brother of Joab the son of Saruia, he was chief among the three, and he lifted up his spear against three hundred whom he slew; and he had a name among three.

19 Of those three he was most honourable, and he became a chief over them, but he reached not to the first three.

20 And Banæas the son of Jodae, he was abundant in mighty deeds, from Cabeseel, and he smote the two sons of Ariel of Moab: and he went down and smote a lion in the midst of a pit on a snowy day.

21 He smote an Egyptian, a wonderful man, and in the hand of the Egyptian was a spear as the side of a ladder; and he went down to him with a staff, and snatched the spear from the Egyptian's hand, and slew him with his own spear.

22 These things did Banæas the son of Jodae, and he had a name among the three mighty men.

23 He was honourable among the second three, but he reached not to the first three: and David made him his reporter. And these are the names of king David's mighty men.

24 Asael Joab's brother; he was among the thirty. Eleanan son of Dudi his uncle in Bethlehem.

25 Sæma the Rudæan.

26 Selles the Kelothite: Iras the son of Isca the Thecoite.

27 Abiezer the Anothite, of the sons of the Anothite.

28 Ellon the Aoite; Noëre the Netophatite.

29 Esthai the son of Riba of Gabaeth, son of Benjamin the Ephrathite; Asmoth the Bardiamite; Emasu the Salabonite:

32 the sons of Asan, Jonathan;

33 Samnan the Arodite; Amnan the son of Arai the Saraurite.

34 Aliphaleth the son of Asbites, the son of the Machachachite; Eliab the son of Achitophel the Gelonite.

35 Asarai the Carmelite the son of Uræoerchi.

36 Gaal the son of Nathana. The son of much valour, the son of Galaaddi.

37 Elie the Ammanite.

37a Adroi of the brooks.

37b Gadabiel son of the Arabothæite.

37c Gelore the Bethorite, armour-bearer to Joab, son of Saruia.

38 Iras the Ethirite. Gerab the Ethenite.

39 Urias the Chettite: thirty-seven in all.

Chapter 24

1 And the Lord caused his anger to burn forth again in Israel, and Satan stirred up David against them, saying, Go, number Israel and Judah.

2 And the king said to Joab commander of the host, who was with him, Go now through all the tribes of Israel and Judah, from Dan even to Beersheba, and number the people, and I will know the number of the people.

3 And Joab said to the king, Now may the Lord add to the people a hundred-fold as many as they are, and may the eyes of my lord the king see it: but why does my lord the king desire this thing?

4 Nevertheless the word of the king prevailed against Joab and the captains of the host: And Joab and the captains of the host went out before the king to number the people of Israel.

5 And they went over Jordan, and encamped in Aroer, on the right of the city which is in the midst of the valley of Gad and Eliezer.

6 And they came to Gilead, and into the land of Thabason, which is Adasai, and they came to Danidan and Udan, and compassed Sidon.

7 And they came to Mapsar of Tyre, and to all the cities of the Evite and the Chananite: and they came by the south of Judah to Beersheba.

8 And they compassed the whole land; and they arrived at Jerusalem at the end of nine months and twenty days.

9 And Joab gave in the number of the census of the people to the king: and Israel consisted of eight hundred thousand

men of might that drew sword; and the men of Judah, five hundred thousand fighting men.

10 And the heart of David smote him after he had numbered the people; and David said to the Lord, I have sinned grievously, O Lord, in what I have now done: remove, I pray you, the iniquity of your servant, for I have been exceedingly foolish.

11 And David rose early in the morning, and the word of the Lord came to the prophet Gad, the seer, saying, Go, and speak to David, saying,

12 Thus says the Lord, I bring one of three things upon you: now choose you one of them, and I will do it to you.

13 And Gad went in to David, and told him, and said to him, Choose one of these things to befal you, whether there shall come upon you for three years famine in your land; or that you should flee three months before your enemies, and they should pursue you; or that there should be for three days mortality in your land. Now then decide, and see what answer I shall return to him that sent me.

14 And David said to Gad, On every side I am much straitened: let me fall now into the hands of the Lord, for his compassions are very many; and let me not fall into the hands of man.

15 So David chose for himself the mortality: and they were the days of wheat-harvest; and the Lord sent a pestilence upon Israel from morning till noon, and the plague began among the people; and there died of the people from Dan even to Beersheba seventy thousand men.

16 And the angel of the Lord stretched out his hand against Jerusalem to destroy it, and the Lord repented of the evil, and said to the angel that destroyed the people, It is enough now, withhold yours hand. And the angel of the Lord was by the threshing-floor of Orna the Jebusite.

17 And David spoke to the Lord when he saw the angel smiting the people, and he said, Behold, it is I that have done wrong, but these sheep what have they done? Let your hand, I pray you, be upon me, and upon my father's house.

18 And Gad came to David in that day, and said to him, Go up, and set up to the Lord an altar in the threshing-floor of Orna the Jebusite.

19 And David went up according to the word of Gad, as the Lord commanded him.

20 And Orna looked out, and saw the king and his servants coming on before him: and Orna went forth, and did obeisance to the king with his face to the earth.

21 And Orna said, Why has my lord the king come to his servant? and David said, To buy of you the threshing-floor, in order to build an altar to the Lord, that the plague may be restrained from off the people.

22 And Orna said to David, Let my lord the king take and offer to the Lord that which is good in his eyes: behold, here are oxen for a whole-burnt-offering, and the wheels and furniture of the oxen for wood.

23 Orna gave all to the king: and Orna said to the king, The Lord your God bless you.

24 And the king said to Orna, Nay, but I will surely buy it of you at a fair price, and I will not offer to the Lord my God a whole-burnt-offering for nothing. So David purchased the threshing-floor and the oxen for fifty shekels of silver.

25 And David built there an altar to the Lord, and offered up whole-burnt-offerings and peace-offerings: and Solomon made an addition to the altar afterwards, for it was little at first. And the Lord hearkened to the land, and the plague was stayed from Israel.

1 Kings

Chapter 1

1 AND king David was old and advanced in days, and they covered him with clothes, and he was not warmed.

2 And his servants said, Let them seek for the king a young virgin, and she shall wait on the king, and cherish him, and lie with him, and my lord the king shall be warmed.

3 So they sought for a fair damsel out of all the coasts of Israel; and they found Abisag the Somanite, and they brought her to the king.

4 And the damsel was extremely beautiful, and she cherished the king, and ministered to him, but the king knew her not.

5 And Adonias the son of Aggith exalted himself, saying, I will be king; and he prepared for himself chariots and horses, and fifty men to run before him.

6 And his father never at any time checked him, saying, Why have you done thus? and he was also very handsome in appearance, and his mother bore him after Abessalom.

7 And he conferred with Joab the son of Saruia, and with Abiathar the priest, and they followed after Adonias.

8 But Sadoc the priest, and Banæas the son of Jodae, and Nathan the prophet, and Semei, and Resi, and the mighty men of David, did not follow Adonias.

9 And Adonias sacrificed sheep and calves and lambs by the stone of Zoelethi, which was near Rogel: and he called all his brethren, and all the adult men of Judah, servants of the king.

10 But Nathan the prophet, and Banæas, and the mighty men, and Solomon his brother, he did not call.

11 And Nathan spoke to Beersheba the mother of Solomon, saying, Have you not heard that Adonias the son of Aggith reigns, and our lord David knows it not?

12 And now come, let me, I pray, give you counsel, and you shall rescue your life, and the life of your son Solomon.

13 Haste, and go in to king David, and you shall speak to him, saying, Have not you, my lord, O king, sworn to yours handmaid, saying, Your son Solomon shall reign after me, and he shall sit upon my throne? why then does Adonias reign?

14 And behold, while you are still speaking there with the king, I also will come in after you, and will confirm your words.

15 So Beersheba went in to the king into the chamber: and the king was very old, and Abisag the Somanite was ministering to the king.

16 And Beersheba bowed, and did obeisance to the king; and the king said, What is your request?

17 And she said, My lord, you did swear by the Lord your God to yours handmaid, saying, Your son Solomon shall reign after me, and shall sit upon my throne.

18 And now, behold, Adonias reigns, and you, my lord, O king, know it not.

19 And he has sacrificed calves and lambs and sheep in abundance, and has called all the king's sons, and Abiathar the priest and Joab the commander-in-chief of the host; but Solomon your servant he has not called.

20 And you, my lord, O king,—the eyes of all Israel are upon you, to tell them who shall sit upon the throne of my lord the king after him.

21 And it shall come to pass, when my lord the king shall sleep with his fathers, that I and Solomon my son shall be offenders.

22 And behold, while she was yet talking with the king, Nathan the prophet came. And it was reported to the king,

23 Behold, Nathan the prophet is here: and he came in to the king's presence, and did obeisance to the king with his face to the ground.

24 And Nathan said, My lord, O king, did you say, Adonias shall reign after me, and he shall sit upon my throne?

25 For he has gone down to-day, and has sacrificed calves and lambs and sheep in abundance, and has called all the king's sons, and the chiefs of the army, and Abiathar the priest; and, behold, they are eating and drinking before him, and they said, Long live king Adonias.

26 But he has not invited me your servant, and Sadoc the priest, and Banæas the son of Jodae, and Solomon your servant.

27 Has this matter happened by the authority of my lord the king, and have you not made known to your servant who shall sit upon the throne of my lord the king after him?

28 And king David answered and said, Call me Beersheba: and she came in before the king, and stood before him.

29 And the king swore, and said, As the Lord lives who redeemed my soul out of all affliction,

30 as I swore to you by the Lord God of Israel, saying, Solomon your son shall reign after me, and he shall sit upon my throne in my stead, so will I do this day.

31 And Beersheba bowed with her face to the ground, and did obeisance to the king, and said, Let my lord king David live for ever.

32 And king David said, Call me Sadoc the priest, and Nathan the prophet, and Banæas the son of Jodae: and they came in before the king.

33 And the king said to them, Take the servants of your lord with you, and mount my son Solomon upon my own mule, and bring him down to Gion.

34 And there let Sadoc the priest and Nathan the prophet anoint him to be king over Israel, and do you sound the trumpet, and you shall say, Let king Solomon live.

35 And he shall sit upon my throne, and reign in my stead: and I have given charge that he should be for a prince over Israel and Judah.

36 And Banæas the son of Jodae answered the king and said, So let it be: may the Lord God of my lord the king confirm it.

37 As the Lord was with my lord the king, so let him be with Solomon, and let him exalt his throne beyond the throne of my lord king David.

38 And Sadoc the priest went down, and Nathan the prophet, and Banæas son of Jodae, and the Cherethite, and the Phelethite, and they mounted Solomon upon the mule of king David, and led him away to Gion.

39 And Sadoc the priest took the horn of oil out of the tabernacle, and anointed Solomon, and blew the trumpet; and all the people said, Let king Solomon live.

40 And all the people went up after him, and they danced in choirs, and rejoiced with great joy, and the earth quaked with their voice.

41 And Adonias and all his guests heard, and they had just left off eating: and Joab heard the sound of the trumpet, and said, What means the voice of the city in tumult?

42 While he was yet speaking, behold, Jonathan the son of Abiathar the priest came in: and Adonias said, Come in, for you are a mighty man, and you come to bring glad tidings.

43 And Jonathan answered and said, Verily our lord king David has made Solomon king:

44 and the king has sent with him Sadoc the priest, and Nathan the prophet, and Banæas the son of Jodae, and the Cherethite, and the Phelethite, and they have mounted him on the king's mule;

45 and Sadoc the priest and Nathan the prophet have anointed him in Gion, and have gone up thence rejoicing, and the city resounded: this is the sound which you have heard.

46 And Solomon is seated upon the throne of the kingdom.

47 And the servants of the king have gone in to bless our lord king David, saying, God make the name of Solomon better than your name, and make his throne greater than your throne; and the king worshipped upon his bed.

48 Moreover thus said the king, Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, who has this day appointed one of my seed sitting on my throne, and my eyes see it.

49 And all the guests of Adonias were dismayed, and every man went his way.

50 And Adonias feared because of Solomon, and arose, and departed, and laid hold on the horns of the altar.

51 And it was reported to Solomon, saying, Behold, Adonias fears king Solomon, and holds the horns of the altar, saying, Let Solomon swear to me this day, that he will not slay his servant with the sword.

52 And Solomon said, If he should be a valiant man, there shall not a hair of his fall to the ground; but if evil be found in him, he shall die.

53 And king Solomon sent, and they brought him away from the altar; and he went in and did obeisance to king Solomon: and Solomon said to him, Go to your house.

Chapter 2

1 And the days of David drew near that he should die: and he addressed his son Solomon, saying, I go the way of all the earth:

2 but be you strong, and shew yourself a man;

3 and keep the charge of the Lord your God, to walk in his ways, to keep the commandments and the ordinances and the judgments which are written in the law of Moses; that you may understand what you shall do in all things that I command you:

4 that the Lord may confirm his word which he spoke, saying, If your children shall take heed to their way to walk before me in truth with all their heart, I promise you, saying, there shall not fail you a man on the throne of Israel.

5 Moreover you know all that Joab the son of Saruia did to me, what he did to the two captains of the forces of Israel, to Abenner the son of Ner, and to Amasa the son of Jether, that he slew them, and shed the blood of war in peace, and put innocent blood on his girdle that was about his loins, and on his sandal that was on his foot.

6 Therefore you shall deal with him according to your wisdom, and you shall not bring down his grey hairs in peace to the grave.

7 But you shall deal kindly with the sons of Berzelli the Galaadite, and they shall be among those that eat at your table; for thus they drew nigh to me when I fled from the face of your brother Abessalom.

8 And, behold, there is with you Semei the son of Gera, a Benjamite of Baurim: and he cursed me with a grievous curse in the day when I went into the camp; and he came down to Jordan to meet me, and I swore to him by the Lord, saying, I will not put you to death with the sword.

9 But you shall by no means hold him guiltless, for you are a wise man, and will know what you shall do to him, and shall bring down his grey hairs with blood to the grave.

10 And David slept with his fathers, and was buried in the city of David.

11 And the days which David reigned over Israel were forty years; he reigned seven years in Hebron, and thirty-three years in Jerusalem.

12 And Solomon sat on the throne of his father David, and his kingdom was established greatly.

13 And Adonias the son of Aggith came in to Beersheba the mother of Solomon, and did obeisance to her: and she said, Do you enter peaceably? and he said, Peaceably:

14 I have business with you. And she said to him, Say on.

15 And he said to her, You know that the kingdom was mine, and all Israel turned their face toward me for a king; but the kingdom was turned from me and became my brother's: for it was appointed to him from the Lord.

16 And now I make one request of you, do not turn away your face. And Beersheba said to him, Speak on.

17 And he said to her, Speak, I pray you, to king Solomon, for he will not turn away his face from you, and let him give me Abisag the Somanite for a wife.

18 And Beersheba said, Well; I will speak for you to the king.

19 And Beersheba went in to king Solomon to speak to him concerning Adonias; and the king rose up to meet her, and kissed her, and sat on the throne, and a throne was set for the mother of the king, and she sat on his right hand.

20 And she said to him, I ask of you one little request; turn not away my face from you. And the king said to her, Ask, my mother, and I will not reject you.

21 And she said, Let, I pray you, Abisag the Somanite be given to Adonias your brother to wife.

22 And king Solomon answered and said to his mother, And why have you asked Abisag for Adonias? ask for him the kingdom also; for he is my elder brother, and he has for his companion Abiathar the priest, and Joab the son of Saruia the commander-in-chief.

23 And king Solomon swore by the Lord, saying, God do so to me, and more also, if it be not that Adonias has spoken this word against his own life.

24 And now as the Lord lives who has established me, and set me on the throne of my father David, and he has made me a house, as the Lord spoke, this day shall Adonias be put to death.

25 So king Solomon sent by the hand of Banæas the son of Jodae, and he slew him, and Adonias died in that day.

26 And the king said to Abiathar the priest, Depart you quickly to Anathoth to your farm, for you are worthy of death this day; but I will not slay you, because you have borne the ark of the covenant of the Lord before my father, and because you were afflicted in all things wherein my father was afflicted.

27 And Solomon removed Abiathar from being a priest of the Lord, that the word of the Lord might be fulfilled, which he spoke concerning the house of Heli in Selom.

28 And the report came to Joab son of Saruia; for Joab had turned after Adonias, and he went not after Solomon: and Joab fled to the tabernacle of the Lord, and caught hold of the horns of the altar.

29 And it was told Solomon, saying, Joab has fled to the tabernacle of the Lord, and lo! he has hold of the horns of the altar. And king Solomon sent to Joab, saying, What ails you, that you have fled to the altar? and Joab said, Because I was afraid of you, and fled for refuge to the Lord. And Solomon sent Banæas son of Jodae, saying, Go and slay him, and bury him.

30 And Banæas son of Jodae came to Joab to the tabernacle of the Lord, and said to him, Thus says the king, Come forth. And Joab said, I will not come forth, for I will die here. And Banæas son of Jodae returned and spoke to the king, saying, Thus has Joab spoken, and thus has he answered me.

31 And the king said to him, Go, and do to him as he has spoken, and kill him: and you shall bury him, and you shall remove this day the blood which he shed without cause, from me and from the house of my father.

32 And the Lord has returned upon his own head the blood of his unrighteousness, inasmuch as he attacked two men more righteous and better than himself, and slew them with the sword, and my father David knew not of their blood, even Abenner the son of Ner the commander-in-chief of Israel, and Amessa the son of Jether the commander-in-chief of Judah.

33 And their blood is returned upon his head, and upon the head of his seed for ever: but to David, and his seed, and his house, and his throne, may there be peace for ever from the Lord.

34 So Banæas son of Jodae went up, and attacked him, and slew him, and buried him in his house in the wilderness.

35 And the king appointed Banæas son of Jodae in his place over the host; and the kingdom was established in Jerusalem; and as for Sadoc the priest, the king appointed him to be high priest in the room of Abiathar. And Solomon son of David reigned over Israel and Judah in Jerusalem:

35a and the Lord gave understanding to Solomon, and very much wisdom, and largeness of heart, as the sand by the sea-shore.

35b And the wisdom of Solomon abounded exceedingly beyond the wisdom of all the ancients, and beyond all the wise men of Egypt;

35c and he took the daughter of Pharaoh, and brought her into the city of David, until he had finished building his own house, and the house of the Lord first, and the wall of Jerusalem round about. In seven years he made and finished them.

35d And Solomon had seventy thousand bearers of burdens, and eighty thousand hewers of stone in the mountain:

35e and Solomon made the sea, and the bases, and the great lavers, and the pillars, and the fountain of the court, and the brazen sea— and he built the citadel as a defence above it, he made a breach in the wall of the city of David;

35f thus the daughter of Pharaoh went up out of the city of David to her house which he built for her. Then he built the citadel;

35g and Solomon offered up three whole-burnt-offerings in the year, and peace-offerings on the altar which he built to the Lord, and he burnt incense before the Lord, and finished the house.

35h And these are the chief persons who presided over the works of Solomon; three thousand and six hundred masters of the people that wrought the works.

35i And he built Assur, and Megiddo, and Gezer, and upper Bæthoron, and Ballath:

35k only after he had built the house of the Lord, and the wall of Jerusalem round about, afterwards he built these cities.

35l And when David was yet living, he charged Solomon, saying, Behold, there is with you Semei the son of Gera, of the seed of Benjamin out of Hebron:

35m he cursed me with a grievous curse in the day when I went into the camp;

35n and he came down to meet me at Jordan, and I swore to him by the Lord, saying, He shall not be slain with the sword.

35o But now do not you hold him guiltless, for you are a man of understanding, and you will know what you shall do to him, and you shall bring down his grey hairs with blood to the grave.

36 And the king called Semei, and said to him, Build you a house in Jerusalem, and dwell there, and you shall not go out thence any whither.

37 And it shall come to pass in the day that you shall go forth and cross over the brook Kedron, know assuredly that you shall certainly die: your blood shall be upon yours head. And the king caused him to swear in that day.

38 And Semei said to the king, Good is the word that you have spoken, my lord O king: thus will your servant do. And Semei dwelt in Jerusalem three years.

39 And it came to pass after the three years, that two servants of Semei ran away to Anchus son of Maacha king of Gath: and it was told Semei, saying, Behold, your servants are in Gath.

40 And Semei rose up, and saddled his ass, and went to Gath to Anchus to seek out his servants: and Semei went, and brought his servants out of Gath.

41 And it was told Solomon, saying, Semei is gone out of Jerusalem to Gath, and has brought back his servants.

42 And the king sent and called Semei, and said to him, Did I not adjure you by the Lord, and testify to you, saying, In whatsoever day you shall go out of Jerusalem, and go to the right or left, know certainly that you shall assuredly die?

43 And why have you not kept the oath of the Lord, and the commandment which I commanded you?

44 And the king said to Semei, You know all your mischief which your heart knows, which you did to David my father: and the Lord has recompensed your mischief on your own head.

45 And king Solomon is blessed, and the throne of David shall be established before the Lord for ever.

46 And Solomon commanded Banæas the son of Jodae, and he went forth and slew him.

46a And king Solomon was very prudent and wise: and Judah and Israel were very many, as the sand which is by the sea for multitude, eating, and drinking, and rejoicing:

46b and Solomon was chief in all the kingdoms, and they brought gifts, and served Solomon all the days of his life.

46c And Solomon began to open the domains of Lebanon,

46d and he built Thermæ in the wilderness.

46e And this was the daily provision of Solomon, thirty measures of fine flour, and sixty measures of ground meal, ten choice calves, and twenty oxen from the pastures, and a hundred sheep, besides stags, and does, and choice fed birds.

46f For he ruled in all the country on this side the river, from Raphi unto Gaza, over all the kings on this side the river:

46g and he was at peace on all sides round about; and Judah and Israel dwelt safely, every one under his vine and under his fig tree, eating and drinking, and feasting, from Dan even to Beersheba, all the days of Solomon.

46h And these were the princes of Solomon; Azariu son of Sadoc the priest, and Orniu son of Nathan chief of the officers, and he went to his house; and Suba the scribe, and Basa son of Achithalam recorder, and Abi son of Joab commander-in-chief, and Achire son of Edrai was over the

levies, and Banæas son of Jodae over the household and over the brickwork, and Cachur the son of Nathan was counsellor.

46i And Solomon had forty thousand brood mares for his chariots, and twelve thousand horses.

46k And he reigned over all the kings from the river and to the land of the Philistines, and to the borders of Egypt:

46l so Solomon the son of David reigned over Israel and Judah in Jerusalem.

Chapter 3

2 Nevertheless the people burnt incense on the high places, because a house had not yet been built to the Lord.

3 And Solomon loved the Lord, so as to walk in the ordinances of David his father; only he sacrificed and burnt incense on the high places.

4 And he arose and went to Gibeon to sacrifice there, for that was the highest place, and great: Solomon offered a whole-burnt-offering of a thousand victims on the altar in Gibeon.

5 And the Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream by night, and the Lord said to Solomon, Ask some petition for yourself.

6 And Solomon said, You have dealt very mercifully with your servant David my father according as he walked before you in truth, and in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart with you, and you have kept for him this great mercy, to set his son upon his throne, as it is this day.

7 And now, O Lord my God, you have appointed your servant in the room of David my father; and I am a little child, and know not my going out and my coming in.

8 But your servant is in the midst of your people, whom you have chosen, a great people, which cannot be numbered.

9 You shall give therefore to your servant a heart to hear and to judge your people justly, and to discern between good and evil: for who will be able to judge this your great people?

10 And it was pleasing before the Lord, that Solomon asked this thing.

11 And the Lord said to him, Because you have asked this thing of me, and have not asked for yourself long life, and have not asked wealth, nor have asked the lives of your enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to hear judgment;

12 behold, I have done according to your word: behold, I have given you an understanding and wise heart: there has not been any one like you before you, and after you there shall not arise one like you.

13 And I have given you what you have not asked, wealth and glory, so that there has not been any one like you among kings.

14 And if you will walk in my way, to keep my commandments and my ordinances, as David your father walked, then will I multiply your days.

15 And Solomon awoke, and, behold, it was a dream: and he arose and came to Jerusalem, and stood before the altar that was in front of the ark of the covenant of the Lord in Zion: and he offered whole-burnt-offerings, and sacrificed peace-offerings, and made a great banquet for himself and all his servants.

16 Then there appeared two harlots before the king, and they stood before him.

17 And the one woman said, Hear me, my lord; I and this woman dwelt in one house, and we were delivered in the house.

18 And it came to pass on the third day after I was delivered, this woman also was delivered: and we were together; and there was no one with us besides our two selves in the house.

19 And this woman's child died in the night; because she overlaid it.

20 And she arose 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 suckle my son, and he was dead: and, behold, I considered him in the morning, and, behold, it was not my son whom I bore.

22 And the other woman said, No, but the living is my son, and the dead is your son. So they spoke before the king.

23 And the king said to them, You say, This is my son, even the living one, and this woman's son is the dead one: and you say, No, but the living is my son, and the dead is your son.

24 And the king said, Fetch a sword. And they brought a sword before the king.

25 And the king said, Divide the live child, the suckling, in two; and give half of it to one, and half of it to the other.

26 And the woman whose the living child was, answered and said to the king, (for her bowels yearned over her son) and she said, I pray you, my lord, give her the child, and in nowise slay it. But the other said, Let it be neither mine nor hers; divide it.

27 Then the king answered and said, Give the child to her that said, ‘Give it to her, and by no means slay it:’ she is its mother.

28 And all Israel heard this judgment which the king judged, and they feared before the king; because they saw that the wisdom of God was in him, to execute judgment.

Chapter 4

1 And king Solomon reigned over Israel.

2 And these are the princes which he had; Azarias son of Sadoc.

3 Eliaph, and Achia son of Seba, scribes; and Jehoshaphat son of Achilud, recorder.

4 And Banæas son of Jodae over the host; and Sadoc and Abiathar were priests.

5 And Ornia the son of Nathan was over the officers; and Zabuth son of Nathan was the king's friend.

6 And Achisar was steward, and Eliac the chief steward; and Eliab the son of Saph was over the family: and Adoniram the son of Audon over the tribute.

7 And Solomon had twelve officers over all Israel, to provide for the king and his household; each one's turn came to supply for a month in the year.

8 And these were their names: Been the son of Or in the mount of Ephraim, one.

9 The son of Dacar, in Makes, and in Salabin, and Bæthsamys, and Elon as far as Bethanan, one.

10 The son of Esdi in Araboth; his was Socho, and all the land of Opher.

11 All Nephthador belonged to the son of Aminadab, Tephath daughter of Solomon was his wife, one.

12 Bana son of Achiluth had Ithaanach, and Megiddo, and his was the whole house of San which was by Sesathan below Esrae, and from Bethsan as far as Sabelmaula, as far as Maëber Lucam, one.

13 The son of Naber in Raboth Gilead, to him fell the lot of Ergab in Basan, sixty great cities with walls, and brazen bars, one.

14 Achinadab son of Saddo, had Maanaim.

15 Achimaas was in Nephthalim, and he took Basemmath daughter of Solomon to wife, one.

16 Baana son of Chusi, in Aser and in Baaloth, one,

17 Semei son of Ela, in Benjamin.

18 Gaber son of Adai in the land of Gad, the land of Seon king of Heshbon, and of Og king of Basan, and one officer in the land of Judah.

19 Jehoshaphat son of Phuasud was in Issachar.

Chapter 5

1 And thus the officers provided king Solomon: and they execute every one in his month all the orders for the table of the king, they omit nothing. And they carried the barley and the straw for the horses and the chariots to the place where the king might be, each according to his charge.

2 And these were the requisite supplies for Solomon: in one day thirty measures of fine flour, and sixty measures of fine pounded meal,

3 and ten choice calves, and twenty pastured oxen, and a hundred sheep, besides stags, and choice fatted does.

4 For he had dominion on this side the river, and he was at peace on all sides round about.

9 And the Lord gave understanding to Solomon, and very much wisdom, and enlargement of heart, as the sand on the seashore.

10 And Solomon abounded greatly beyond the wisdom of all the ancients, and beyond all the wise men of Egypt.

11 And he was wiser than all other men: and he was wiser than Gæthan the Zarite, and than Ænan, and than Chalcad and Darala the sons of Mal.

12 And Solomon spoke three thousand proverbs, and his songs were five thousand.

13 And he spoke of trees, from the cedar in Lebanon even to the hyssop which comes out through the wall: he spoke also of cattle, and of birds, and of reptiles, and of fishes.

14 And all the nations came to hear the wisdom of Solomon, and ambassadors from all the kings of the earth, as many as heard of his wisdom.

14a And Solomon took to himself the daughter of Pharaoh to wife, and brought her into the city of David until he had finished the house of the Lord, and his own house, and the wall of Jerusalem.

14b Then went up Pharaoh the king of Egypt, and took Gezer, and burnt it and the Chananite dwelling in Mergab; and Pharaoh gave them as a dowry to his daughter the wife of Solomon: and Solomon rebuilt Gezer.

15 And Chiram king of Tyre sent his servants to anoint Solomon in the room of David his father, because Chiram always loved David.

16 And Solomon sent to Chiram, saying,

17 You knew my father David, that he could not build a house to the name of the Lord my God because of the wars that compassed him about, until the Lord put them under the soles of his feet.

18 And now the Lord my God has given me rest round about; there is no one plotting against me, and there is no evil trespass against me.

19 And, behold, I intend to build a house to the name of the Lord my God, as the Lord God spoke to my father David, saying, Your son whom I will set on your throne in your place, he shall build a house to my name.

20 And now command, and let men cut wood for me out of Lebanon: and, behold, my servants shall be with your servants, and I will give you the wages of your service,

according to all that you shall say, because you know that we have no one skilled in cutting timber like the Sidonians.

21 And it came to pass, as soon as Chiram heard the words of Solomon, that he rejoiced greatly, and said, Blessed be God to-day, who has given to David a wise son over this numerous people.

22 And he sent to Solomon, saying, I have listened concerning all that you have sent to me for: I will do all your will: as for timber of cedar and fir,

23 my servants shall bring them down from Lebanon to the sea: I will form them into rafts, and bring them to the place which you shall send to me about; and I will land them there, and you shall take them up: and you shall do my will, in giving bread to my household.

24 So Chiram gave to Solomon cedars, and fir trees, and all his desire.

25 And Solomon gave to Chiram twenty thousand measures of wheat as food for his house, and twenty thousand baths of beaten oil thus Solomon gave to Chiram yearly.

26 And the Lord gave wisdom to Solomon as he promised him; and there was peace between Chiram and Solomon, and they made a covenant between them.

27 And the king raised a levy out of all Israel, and the levy was thirty thousand men.

28 And he sent them to Lebanon, ten thousand taking turn every month: they were a month in Lebanon and two months at home: and Adoniram was over the levy.

29 And Solomon had seventy thousand bearers of burdens, and eighty thousand hewers of stone in the mountain;

30 besides the rulers that were appointed over the works of Solomon, there were three thousand six hundred masters who wrought in the works.

32 And they prepared the stones and the timber during three years.

Chapter 6

1 And it came to pass in the four hundred and fortieth year after the departure of the children of Israel out of Egypt, in the fourth year and second month of the reign of king Solomon over Israel,

1a that the king commanded that they should take great and costly stones for the foundation of the house, and hewn stones.

1b And the men of Solomon, and the men of Chiram hewed the stones, and laid them for a foundation.

1c In the fourth year he laid the foundation of the house of the Lord, in the month Ziu, even in the second month.

1d In the eleventh year, in the month Baal, this is the eighth month, the house was completed according to all its plan, and according to all its arrangement.

2 And the house which the king built to the Lord was forty cubits in length, and twenty cubits in breadth, and its height five and twenty cubits.

3 And the porch in front of the temple—twenty cubits was its length according to the breadth of the house in front of the house: and he built the house, and finished it.

4 And he made to the house secret windows inclining inward.

5 And against the wall of the house he set chambers round about the temple and the ark.

6 The under side was five cubits broad, and the middle part six, and the third was seven cubits broad; for he formed an interval to the house round about without the house, that they might not touch the walls of the house.

7 And the house was built in the construction of it with rough hewn stones: and there was not heard in the house in the building of it hammer or axe, or any iron tool.

8 And the porch of the under side was below the right wing of the house, and there was a winding ascent into the middle chamber, and from the middle to the third story.

9 So he built the house and finished it; and he made the ceiling of the house with cedars.

10 And he made the partitions through all the house, each five cubits high, and enclosed each partition with cedar boards.

15 And he framed the walls of the house within with cedar boards, from the floor of the house and on to the inner walls and to the beams: he lined the parts enclosed with boards within, and compassed the inward parts of the house with planks of fir.

16 And he built the twenty cubits from the top of the wall, one side from the floor to the beams, and he made it from the oracle to the most holy place.

17 And the temple was forty cubits in extent,

19 in front of the oracle in the midst of the house within, in order to put there the ark of the covenant of the Lord.

20 The length was twenty cubits, and the breadth was twenty cubits, and the height of it was twenty cubits. And he covered it with perfect gold, and he made an altar

21 in front of the oracle, and covered it with gold.

22 And he covered the whole house with gold, till he had finished gilding the whole house.

23 And he made in the oracle two cherubs of ten cubits measured size.

24 And the wing of one cherub was five cubits, and his other wing was five cubits; ten cubits from the tip of one wing to the tip of the other wing.

25 Thus it was with the other cherub, both were alike finished with one measure.

26 And the height of the one cherub was ten cubits, and so was it with the second cherub.

27 And both the cherubs were in the midst of the innermost part of the house; and they spread out their wings, and one wing touched the wall, and the wing of the other cherub touched the other wall; and their wings in the midst of the house touched each other.

28 And he covered the cherubs with gold.

29 He graved all the walls of the house round about with the graving of cherubs, and he sculptured palm trees within and without the house.

30 And he covered the floor of the house within and without with gold.

31 And for the door-way of the oracle he made doors of juniper wood, there were porches in a four-fold way.

34 In both the doors were planks of fir; the one door had two leaves and their hinges, and the other door had two leaves and turned on hinges,

35 being carved with cherubs, and there were palm-trees and open flowerleaves, and it was overlaid with gold gilt upon the engraving.

36 And he built the inner court, three rows of hewn stones, and a row of wrought cedar round about,

36a and he made the curtain of the court of the porch of the house that was in front of the temple.

Chapter 7

1 And king Solomon sent, and took Chiram out of Tyre,

2 the son of a widow woman; and he was of the tribe of Nephthalim, and his father was a Tyrian; a worker in brass, and accomplished in art and skill and knowledge to work every work in brass: and he was brought in to king Solomon, and he wrought all the works.

3 And he cast the two pillars for the porch of the house: eighteen cubits was the height of each pillar, and a circumference of fourteen cubits encompassed it, even the thickness of the pillar: the flutings were four fingers wide, and thus was the other pillar formed.

4 And he made two molten chapiters to put on the heads of the pillars: five cubits was the height of one chapiter, and five cubits was the height of the other chapiter.

5 And he made two ornaments of net-work to cover the chapiters of the pillars; even a net for one chapiter, and a net for the other chapiter.

6 And hanging work, two rows of brazen pomegranates, formed with net-work, hanging work, row upon row: and thus he framed the ornaments for the second chapiter.

7 And he set up the pillars of the porch of the temple: and he set up the one pillar, and called its name Jachum: and he set up the second pillar, and called its name Boloz.

8 And on the heads of the pillars he made lily-work against the porch, of four cubits,

9 and a chamber over both the pillars, and above the sides an addition equal to the chamber in width.

10 And he made the sea, ten cubits from one rim to the other, the same was completely circular round about: its height was five cubits, and its circumference thirty-three cubits.

11 And stays underneath its rim round about compassed it ten cubits round;

12 and its rim was as the work of the rim of a cup, a lily-flower, and the thickness of it was a span.

13 And there were twelve oxen under the sea; three looking to the north, and three looking to the west, and three looking to the south, and three looking to the east: and all their hinder parts were inward, and the sea was above upon them.

14 And he made ten brazen bases: five cubits was the length of one base, and four cubits the breadth of it, and its height was six cubits.

15 And this work of the bases was formed with a border to them, and there was a border between the ledges.

16 And upon their borders between the projections were lions, and oxen, and cherubs: and on the projections, even so above, and also below were the places of lions and oxen, hanging work.

17 And there were four brazen wheels to one base; and there were brazen bases, and their four sides answering to them, side pieces under the bases.

18 And there were axles in the wheels under the base. And the height of one wheel was a cubit and a half.

19 And the work of the wheels was as the work of chariot wheels: their axles, and their felloes, and the rest of their work, were all molten.

20 The four side-pieces were at the four corners of each base; its shoulders were formed of the base.

21 And on the top of the base half a cubit was the size of it, there was a circle on the top of the base, and there was the top of its spaces and its borders: and it was open at the top of its spaces.

22 And its borders were cherubs, and lions, and palm-trees, upright, each was joined in front and within and round about.

23 According to the same form he made all the ten bases, even one order and one measure to all.

24 And he made ten brazen lavers, each laver containing forty baths, and measuring four cubits, each laver placed on a several base throughout the ten bases.

25 And he put five bases on the right side of the house, and five on the left side of the house: and the sea was placed on the right side of the house eastward in the direction of the south.

26 And Chiram made the caldrons, and the pans, and the bowls; and Chiram finished making all the works that he wrought for king Solomon in the house of the Lord:

27 two pillars and the wreathen works of the pillars on the heads of the two pillars; and the two net-works to cover both the wreathen works of the flutings that were upon the pillars.

28 The four hundred pomegranates for both the net-works, two rows of pomegranates for one net-work, to cover both the wreathen works of the bases belonging to both pillars.

29 And the ten bases, and the ten lavers upon the bases.

30 And one sea, and the twelve oxen under the sea.

31 And the caldrons, and pans, and bowls, and all the furniture, which Chiram made for king Solomon for the house of the Lord: and there were eight and forty pillars of the house of the king and of the house of the Lord: all the works of the king which Chiram made were entirely of brass.

32 There was no reckoning of the brass of which he made all these works, from the very great abundance, there was no end of the weight of the brass.

33 In the country round about Jordan did he cast them, in the clay land between Succoth and Sira.

34 And king Solomon took the furniture which Chiram made for the house of the Lord, the golden altar, and the golden table of shewbread.

35 And he put the five candlesticks on the left, and five on the right in front of the oracle, being of pure gold, and the lamp-stands, and the lamps, and the snuffers of gold.

36 And there were made the porches, and the nails, and the bowls, and the spoons, and the golden censers, of pure gold: and the panels of the doors of the innermost part of the house, even the holy of holies, and the golden doors of the temple.

37 So the work of the house of the Lord which Solomon wrought was finished; and Solomon brought in the holy things of David his father, and all the holy things of Solomon; he put the silver, and the gold, and the furniture, into the treasures of the house of the Lord.

38 And Solomon built a house for himself in thirteen years.

39 And he built the house with the wood of Lebanon; its length was a hundred cubits, and its breadth was fifty cubits, and its height was of thirty cubits, and it was made with three rows of cedar pillars, and the pillars had side-pieces of cedar.

40 And he formed the house with chambers above on the sides of the pillars, and the number of the pillars was each row forty and five,

41 and there were three chambers, and space against space in three rows.

42 And all the doors and spaces formed like chambers were square, and from door to door was a correspondence in three rows.

43 And he made the porch of the pillars, they were fifty cubits long and fifty broad, the porch joining them in front; and the other pillars and the thick beam were in front of the house by the porches.

44 And there was the Porch of seats where he would judge, the porch of judgment.

45 And their house where he would dwell, had one court communicating with these according to this work; and he built the house for the daughter of Pharaoh whom Solomon had taken, according to this porch.

46 All these were of costly stones, sculptured at intervals within even from the foundation even to the top, and outward to the great court,

47 founded with large costly stones, stones of ten cubits and eight cubits long.

48 And above with costly stones, according to the measure of hewn stones, and with cedars.

49 There were three rows of hewn stones round about the great hall, and a row of sculptured cedar:

50 and Solomon finished all his house.

Chapter 8

1 And it came to pass when Solomon had finished building the house of the Lord and his own house after twenty years, then king Solomon assembled all the elders of Israel in Zion, to bring the ark of the covenant of the Lord out of the city of David, this is Zion,

2 in the month of Athanin.

3 And the priests took up the ark,

4 and the tabernacle of testimony, and the holy furniture that was in the tabernacle of testimony.

5 And the king and all Israel were occupied before the ark, sacrificing sheep and oxen, without number.

6 And the priests bring in the ark into its place, into the oracle of the house, even into the holy of holies, under the wings of the cherubs.

7 For the cherubs spread out their wings over the place of the ark, and the cherubs covered the ark and its holy things above.

8 And the holy staves projected, and the ends of the holy staves appeared out of the holy places in front of the oracle, and were not seen without.

9 There was nothing in the ark except the two tables of stone, the tables of the covenant which Moses put there in Horeb, which tables the Lord made as a covenant with the children of Israel in their going forth from the land of Egypt.

10 And it came to pass when the priests departed out of the holy place, that the cloud filled the house.

11 And the priests could not stand to minister because of the cloud, because the glory of the Lord filled the house.

14 And the king turned his face, and the king blessed all Israel, (and the whole assembly of Israel stood:)

15 and he said, Blessed be the Lord God of Israel to-day, who spoke by his mouth concerning David my father, and has fulfilled it with his hands, saying,

16 From the day that I brought out my people Israel out of Egypt, I have not chosen a city in any one tribe of Israel to build a house, so that my name should be there: but I chose Jerusalem that my name should be there, and I chose David to be over my people Israel.

17 And it was in the heart of my father to build a house to the name of the Lord God of Israel.

18 And the Lord said to David my father, Forasmuch as it came into yours heart to build a house to my name, you did well that it came upon yours heart.

19 Nevertheless you shall not build the house, but your son that has proceeded out of your bowels, he shall build the house to my name.

20 And the Lord has confirmed the word that he spoke, and I am risen up in the place of my father David, and I have sat down on the throne of Israel, as the Lord spoke, and I have built the house to the name of the Lord God of Israel.

21 And I have set there a place for the ark, in which 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 Solomon stood up in front of the altar before all the congregation of Israel; and he spread out his hands toward heaven:

23 and he said, Lord God of Israel, there is no God like you in heaven above and on the earth beneath, keeping covenant and mercy with your servant who walks before you with all his heart;

24 which you have kept toward your servant David my father: for you have spoken by your mouth and you have fulfilled it with yours hands, as at this day.

25 And now, O Lord God of Israel, keep for your servant David my father, the promises which you have spoken to him, saying, There shall not be taken from you a man sitting before me on the throne of Israel, provided only your children shall take heed to their ways, to walk before me as you have walked before me.

26 And now, O Lord God of Israel, let, I pray you, your word to David my father be confirmed.

27 But will God indeed dwell with men upon the earth? if the heaven and heaven of heavens will not suffice you, how much less even this house which I have built to your name?

28 Yet, O Lord God of Israel, you shall look upon my petition, to hear the prayer which your servant prays to you in your presence this day,

29 that your eyes may be open toward this house day and night, even toward the place of which you saidst, My name shall be there, to hear the prayer which your servant prays at this place day and night.

30 And you shall hearken to the prayer of your servant, and of your people Israel, which they shall pray toward this place; and you shall hear in your dwelling-place in heaven, and you shall do and be gracious.

31 Whatsoever trespasses any one shall commit against his neighbour,—and if he shall take upon him an oath so that he should swear, and he shall come and make confession before your altar in this house,

32 then shall you hear from heaven, and do, and you shall judge your people Israel, that the wicked should be condemned, to recompense his way upon his head; and to justify the righteous, to give to him according to his righteousness.

33 When your people Israel falls before enemies, because they shall sin against you, and they shall return and confess to your name, and they shall pray and supplicate in this house,

34 then shall you hear from heaven, and be gracious to the sins of your people Israel, and you shall restore them to the land which you gave to their fathers.

35 When the heaven is restrained, and there is no rain, because they shall sin against you, and they shall pray toward this place, and shall make confession to your name, and shall turn from their sins when you shall have humbled them,

36 then you shall hear from heaven, and be merciful to the sins of your servant and of your people Israel; for you shall shew them the good way to walk in it, and you shall give rain upon the earth which you have given to your people for an inheritance.

37 If there should be famine, if there should be death, because there should be blasting, locust, or if there be mildew, and if their enemy oppress them in any one of their cities, with regard to every calamity, every trouble,

38 every prayer, every supplication whatever shall be made by any man, as they shall know each the plague of his heart, and shall spread abroad his hands to this house,

39 then shall you hearken from heaven, out of your established dwelling-place, and shall be merciful, and shall do, and recompense to every man according to his ways, as you shall know his heart, for you alone know the heart of all the children of men:

40 that they may fear you all the days that they live upon the land, which you have given to our fathers.

41 And for the stranger who is not of your people,

42 when they shall come and pray toward this place,

43 then shall you hear them from heaven, out of your established dwelling-place, and you shall do according to all that the stranger shall call upon you for, that all the nations may know your name, and fear you, as do your people Israel, and may know that your name has been called on this house which I have builded.

44 If it be that your people shall go forth to war against their enemies in the way by which you shall turn them, and pray in the name of the Lord toward the city which you have chosen, and the house which I have built to your name,

45 then shall you hear from heaven their supplication and their prayer, and shall execute judgment for them.

46 If it be that they shall sin against you, (for there is not a man who will not sin,) and you shall bring them and deliver them up before their enemies, and they that take them captive shall carry them to a land far or near,

47 and they shall turn their hearts in the land whither they have been carried captives, and turn in the land of their sojourning, and supplicate you, saying, We have sinned, we have done unjustly, we have transgressed,

48 and they shall turn to you with all their heart, and with all their soul, in the land of their enemies whither you have carried them captives, and shall pray to you toward their land which you have given to their fathers, and the city which you have chosen, and the house which I have built to your name:

49 then shall you hear from heaven your established dwelling-place,

50 and you shall be merciful to their unrighteousness wherein they have trespassed against you, and according to all their transgressions wherewith they have transgressed against you, and you shall cause them to be pitied before them that carried them captives, and they shall have compassion on them:

51 for they are your people and your inheritance, whom you brought out of the land of Egypt, out of the midst of the furnace of iron.

52 And let your eyes and your ears be opened to the supplication of your servant, and to the supplication of your people Israel, to hearken to them in all things for which they shall call upon you.

53 Because you have set them apart for an inheritance to yourself out of all the nations of the earth, as you spoke by the hand of your servant Moses, when you brought our fathers out of the land of Egypt, O Lord God.—

53a Then spoke Solomon concerning the house, when he had finished building it—He manifested the sun in the heaven: the Lord said he would dwell in darkness: build you my house, a beautiful house for yourself to dwell in anew. Behold, is not this written in the book of the song?

54 And it came to pass when Solomon had finished praying to the Lord all this prayer and supplication, that he rose up from before the altar of the Lord, after having knelt upon his knees, and his hands were spread out towards heaven.

55 And he stood, and blessed all the congregation of Israel with a loud voice, saying,

56 Blessed be the Lord this day, who has given rest to his people Israel, according to all that he said: there has not failed one word among all his good words which he spoke by the hand of his servant Moses.

57 May the Lord our God be with us, as he was with our fathers; let him not desert us nor turn from us,

58 that he may turn our hearts toward him to walk in all his ways, and to keep all his commandments, and his ordinances which he commanded our fathers.

59 And let these words, which I have prayed before the Lord our God, be near to the Lord our God day and night, to maintain the cause of your servant, and the cause of your people Israel for ever.

60 That all the nations of the earth may know that the Lord God, he is God, and there is none beside.

61 And let our hearts be perfect toward the Lord our God, to walk also holily in his ordinances, and to keep his commandments, as at this day.

62 And the king and all the children of Israel offered sacrifice before the Lord.

63 And king Solomon offered for the sacrifices of peace-offering which he sacrificed to the Lord, two and twenty thousand oxen, an hundred and twenty thousand sheep: and the king and all the children of Israel dedicated the house of the Lord.

64 In that day the king consecrated the middle of the court in the front of the house of the Lord; for there he offered the whole-burnt-offering, and the sacrifices, and the fat of the peace-offerings, because the brazen altar which was before the Lord was too little to bear the whole-burnt-offering and the sacrifices of peace-offerings.

65 And Solomon kept the feast in that day, and all Israel with him, even a great assembly from the entering in of Hemath to the river of Egypt, before the Lord our God in the house which he built, eating and drinking, and rejoicing before the Lord our God seven days.

66 And on the eighth day he sent away the people: and they blessed the king, and each departed to his tabernacle rejoicing, and their heart was glad because of the good things which the Lord had done to his servant David, and to Israel his people.

Chapter 9

1 And it came to pass when Solomon had finished building the house of the Lord, and the king's house, and all the work of Solomon, whatever he wished to perform,

2 that the Lord appeared to Solomon a second time, as he appeared in Gibeon.

3 And the Lord said to him, I have heard the voice of your prayer, and your supplication which you made before me: I have done for you according to all your prayer: I have hallowed this house which you have built to put my name there for ever, and mine eyes and my heart shall be there always.

4 And if you will walk before me as David your father walked, in holiness of heart and uprightness, and so as to do according to all that I commanded him, and shall keep my ordinances and my commandments:

5 then will I establish the throne of your kingdom in Israel for ever, as I spoke to David your father, saying, There shall not fail you a man to rule in Israel.

6 But if you or your children do in any wise revolt from me, and do not keep my commandments and my ordinances, which Moses set before you, and you go and serve other gods, and worship them:

7 then will I cut off Israel from the land which I have given them, and this house which I have consecrated to my name I will cast out of my sight; and Israel shall be a desolation and a by-word to all nations.

8 And this house, which is high, shall be so that every one that passes by it shall be amazed, and shall hiss; and they shall say, Wherefore has the Lord done thus to this land, and to this house?

9 And men shall say, Because they forsook the Lord their God, who brought out their fathers from Egypt, out of the house of bondage, and they attached themselves to strange gods, and worshipped them, and served them: therefore the Lord has brought this evil upon them.

9a Then Solomon brought up the daughter of Pharaoh out of the city of David into his house which he built for himself in those days.

10 During twenty years in which Solomon was building the two houses, the house of the Lord, and the house of the king,

11 Chiram king of Tyre helped Solomon with cedar wood, and fir wood, and with gold, and all that he wished for: then the king gave Chiram twenty cities in the land of Galilee.

12 So Chiram departed from Tyre, and went into Galilee to see the cities which Solomon gave to him; and they pleased him not. And he said,

13 What are these cities which you have given me, brother? And he called them Boundary until this day.

14 And Chiram brought to Solomon a hundred and twenty talents of gold,

26 even that for which king Solomon built a ship in Gasion Gaber near Ælath on the shore of the extremity of the sea in the land of Edom.

27 And Chiram sent in the ship together with the servants of Solomon servants of his own, mariners to row, men acquainted with the sea.

28 And they came to Sophira, and took thence a hundred and twenty talents of gold, and brought them to king Solomon.

Chapter 10

1 And the queen of Saba heard of the name of Solomon, and the name of the Lord, and she came to try him with riddles.

2 And she came to Jerusalem with a very great train; and there came camels bearing spices, and very much gold, and precious stones: and she came in to Solomon, and told him all that was in her heart.

3 And Solomon answered all her questions: and there was not a question overlooked by the king which he did not answer her.

4 And the queen of Saba saw all the wisdom of Solomon, and the house which he built,

5 and the provision of Solomon and the sitting of his attendants, and the standing of his servants, and his raiment, and his cup-bearers, and his whole-burnt-offering which he offered in the house of the Lord, and she was utterly amazed.

6 And she said to king Solomon, It was a true report which I heard in my land of your words and your wisdom.

7 But I believed not them that told me, until I came and my eyes saw: and, behold, the words as they reported to me are not the half: you have exceeded in goodness all the report which I heard in my land.

8 Blessed are your wives, blessed are these your servants who stand before you continually, who hear all your wisdom.

9 Blessed be the Lord your God, who has taken pleasure in you, to set you upon the throne of Israel, because the Lord loved Israel to establish him for ever; and he has made you king over them, to execute judgment with justice, and in their causes.

10 And she gave to Solomon a hundred and twenty talents of gold, and very many spices, and precious stones: there had not come any other spices so abundant as those which the queen of Saba gave to king Solomon.

11 And the ship of Chiram which brought the gold from Suphir, brought very much hewn timber and precious stones.

12 And the king made the hewn timber into buttresses of the house of the Lord and the king's house, and lyres and harps for singers: such hewn timber had not come upon the earth, nor have been seen anywhere until this day.

13 And king Solomon gave to the queen of Saba all that she desired, whatsoever she asked, besides all that he had given her by the hand of king Solomon: and she returned, and came into her own land, she and her servants.

14 And the weight of gold that came to Solomon in one year was six hundred and sixty-six talents of gold.

15 Besides the tributes of them that were subjects, both merchants and all the kings of the country beyond the river, and of the princes of the land.

16 And Solomon made three hundred spears of beaten gold: three hundred shekels of gold were upon one spear.

17 And three hundred shields of beaten gold: and three pounds of gold were in one shield: and the king 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 calves in bold relief to the throne behind it, and side-pieces on either hand of the place of the seat, and two lions standing by the side-pieces,

20 and twelve lions standing there on the six steps on either side: it was not so done in any other kingdom.

21 And all the vessels made by Solomon were of gold, and the lavers were golden, and all the vessels of the house of the forest of Lebanon were of pure gold; there was no silver, for it was not accounted of in the days of Solomon.

22 For Solomon had a ship of Tarshish in the sea with the ships of Chiram: one ship came to the king every three years out of Tarshish, laden with gold and silver, and wrought stones, and hewn stones.

22a This was the arrangement of the provision which king Solomon fetched to build the house of the Lord, and the house of the king, and the wall of Jerusalem, and the citadel; to fortify the city of David, and Assur, and Magdal, and Gezer, and Bæthoron the upper, and Jethermath, and all the cities of the chariots, and all the cities of the horsemen, and the fortification of Solomon which he purposed to build in Jerusalem and in all the land,

22b so that none of the people should rule over him that was left of the Chettite and the Amorite, and the Pherezite, and the Chananite, and the Evite, and the Jebusite, and the Gergesite, who were not of the children of Israel, their descendants who had been left with him in the land, whom the children of Israel could not utterly destroy; and Solomon made them tributaries until this day.

22c But of the children of Israel Solomon made nothing; for they were the warriors, and his servants and rulers, and captains of the third order, and the captains of his chariots, and his horsemen.

23 And Solomon increased beyond all the kings of the earth in wealth and wisdom.

24 And all the kings of the earth sought the presence of Solomon, to hear his wisdom which the Lord had put into his heart.

25 And they brought every one their gifts, vessels of gold, and raiment, and stacte, and spices, and horses, and mules, a rate year by year.

26 And Solomon had four thousand mares for his chariots, and twelve thousand horsemen: and he put them in the cities of his chariots, and with the king in Jerusalem:

26a and he ruled over all the kings from the river to the land of the Philistines, and to the borders of Egypt.

27 And the king made gold and silver in Jerusalem as stones, and he made cedars as the sycamores in the plain for multitude.

28 And the goings forth of Solomon's horsemen was also out of Egypt, and the king's merchants were of Thecue; and they received them out of Thecue at a price.

29 And that which proceeded out of Egypt went up thus, even a chariot for a hundred shekels of silver, and a horse for fifty shekels of silver: and thus for all the kings of the Chettians, and the kings of Syria, they came out by sea.

Chapter 11

1 And king Solomon was a lover of women. And he had seven hundred wives, princesses, and three hundred concubines. And he took strange women, as well as the daughter of Pharaoh, Moabitish, Ammanitish women, Syrians and Idumeans, Chettites, and Amorites;

2 of the nations concerning whom the Lord forbade the children of Israel, saying, You shall not go in to them, and

they shall not come in to you, lest they turn away your hearts after their idols: Solomon clave to these in love.

4 And it came to pass in the time of the old age of Solomon, that his heart was not perfect with the Lord his God, as was the heart of David his father. And the strange women turned away his heart after their gods.

5 Then Solomon built a high place to Chamos the idol of Moab, and to their king the idol of the children of Ammon,

6 and to Astarte the abomination of the Sidonians.

7 And thus he acted towards all his strange wives, who burnt incense and sacrificed to their idols.

8 And Solomon did that which was evil in the sight of the Lord: he went not after the Lord, as David his father.

9 And the Lord was angry with Solomon, because he turned away his heart from the Lord God of Israel, who had appeared twice to him,

10 and charged him concerning this matter, by no means to go after other gods, but to take heed to do what the Lord God commanded him; neither was his heart perfect with the Lord, according to the heart of David his father.

11 And the Lord said to Solomon, Because it has been thus with you, and you have not kept my commandments and my ordinances which I commanded you, I will surely rend your kingdom out of your hand, and give it to your servant.

12 Only in your days I will not do it for David your father's sake: but I will take it out of the hand of your son.

13 Only I will not take away the whole kingdom: I will give one tribe to your son for David my servant's sake, and for the sake of Jerusalem, the city which I have chosen.

14 And the Lord raised up an enemy to Solomon, Ader the Idumæan, and Esrom son of Eliadaë who dwelt in Raama, and Adadezer king of Suba his master; (and men gathered to him, and he was head of the conspiracy, and he seized on Damasec,) and they were adversaries to Israel all the days of Solomon: and Ader the Idumæan was of the seed royal in Idumæa.

15 And it happened, that while David was utterly destroying Edom, while Joab captain of the host was going to bury the dead, when they slew every male in Idumæa;

16 (for Joab and all Israel abode there six months in Idumæa, until he utterly destroyed every male in Idumæa;)

17 that Ader ran away, he and all the Idumæans of the servants of his father with him; and they went into Egypt; and Ader was then a little child.

18 And there rise up men out of the city of Midian, and they come to Paran, and take men with them, and come to Pharaoh king of Egypt: and Ader went in to Pharaoh, and he gave him a house, and appointed him provision.

19 And Ader found great favour in the sight of Pharaoh, and he gave him his wife's sister in marriage, the elder sister of Thekemina.

20 And the sister of Thekemina bore to him, even to Ader, Ganebath her son; and Thekemina brought him up in the midst of the sons of Pharaoh, and Ganebath was in the midst of the sons of Pharaoh.

21 And Ader heard in Egypt that David slept with his fathers, and that Joab the captain of the host was dead; and Ader said to Pharaoh, Let me go, and I will return to my country.

22 And Pharaoh said to Ader, What lack you with me? that lo! you seek to depart to your country? and Ader said to him, By all means let me go. So Ader returned to his country;

25 this is the mischief which Ader did, and he was a bitter enemy of Israel, and he reigned in the land of Edom.

26 And Jeroboam the son of Nabat, the Ephrathite of Sarira, the son of a widow, was servant of Solomon.

27 And this was the occasion of his lifting up his hands against king Solomon: now king Solomon built the citadel, he completed the fortification of the city of David his father.

28 And the man Jeroboam was very strong; and Solomon saw the young man that he was active, and he set him over the levies of the house of Joseph.

29 And it came to pass at that time, that Jeroboam went forth from Jerusalem, and Achia the Selonite the prophet found him in the way, and caused him to turn aside out of the way: and Achia was clad with a new garment, and they two were alone in the field.

30 And Achia laid hold of his new garment that was upon him, and tore it into twelve pieces:

31 and he said to Jeroboam, Take to yourself ten pieces, for thus says the Lord God of Israel, Behold, I rend the kingdom out of the hand of Solomon, and will give you ten tribes.

32 Yet he shall have two tribes, for my servant David's sake, and for the sake of Jerusalem, the city which I have chosen out of all the tribes of Israel.

33 Because he forsook me, and sacrificed to Astarte the abomination of the Sidonians, and to Chamos, and to the idols of Moab, and to their king the abomination of the children of Ammon, and he walked not in my ways, to do that which was right before me, as David his father did.

34 Howbeit I will not take the whole kingdom out of his hand, (for I will certainly resist him all the days of his life,) for David my servant's sake, whom I have chosen.

35 But I will take the kingdom out of the hand of his son, and give you ten tribes.

36 But to his son I will give the two remaining tribes, that my servant David may have an establishment continually before me in Jerusalem, the city which I have chosen for myself to put my name there.

37 And I will take you, and you shall reign as your soul desires, and you shall be king over Israel.

38 And it shall come to pass, if you will keep all the commandments that I shall give you, and will walk in my ways, and do that which is right before me, to keep my ordinances and my commandments, as David my servant did, that I will be with you, and will build you a sure house, as I built to David.

40 And Solomon sought to slay Jeroboam: but he arose and fled into Egypt, to Susakim king of Egypt, and he was in Egypt until Solomon died.

41 And the rest of the history of Solomon, and all that he did, and all his wisdom, behold are not these things written in the book of the life of Solomon?

42 And the days during which Solomon reigned in Jerusalem over all Israel were forty years.

43 And Solomon slept with his fathers, and they buried him in the city of David his father. And it came to pass when Jeroboam son of Nabat heard of it, even while he was yet in Egypt as he fled from the face of Solomon and dwelt in Egypt, he straightway comes into his own city, into the land of Sarira in the mount of Ephraim. And king Solomon slept with his fathers, and Rehoboam his son reigned in his stead.

Chapter 12

1 And king Rehoboam goes to Sikima; for all Israel were coming to Sikima to make him king.

3 And the people spoke to king Rehoboam, saying, Your father made our yoke heavy;

4 but do you now lighten somewhat of the hard service of your father, and of his heavy yoke which he put upon us, and we will serve you.

5 And he said to them, Depart for three days, and return to me. And they departed.

6 And the king referred the matter to the elders, who stood before Solomon his father while he was yet living, saying, How do you advise that I should answer this people?

7 And they spoke to him, saying, If you will this day be a servant to this people, and will serve them, and will speak to them good words, then will they be your servants continually.

8 But he forsook the counsel of the old men which they gave him, and consulted with the young men who were brought up with him, who stood in his presence.

9 And he said to them, What counsel do you give? And what shall I answer to this people who speak to me, saying, Lighten somewhat of the yoke which your father has put upon us?

10 And the young men who had been brought up with him, who stood before his face, spoke to him, saying, Thus shall you say to this people who have spoken to you, saying, Your father made our yoke heavy, and do you now lighten it from off us: thus shall you say to them, My little finger shall be thicker than my father's loins.

11 And whereas my father did lade you with a heavy yoke, I also will add to your yoke: my father chastised you with whips, but I will chastise you with scorpions.

12 And all Israel came to king Rehoboam on the third day, as the king spoke to them, saying, Return to me on the third day.

13 And the king answered the people harshly; and Rehoboam forsook the counsel of the old men which they counselled him.

14 And he spoke to them according to the counsel of the young men, saying, My father made your yoke heavy, and I will add to your yoke: my father chastised you with whips, but I will chastise you with scorpions.

15 And the king hearkened not to the people, because the change was from the Lord, that he might establish his word which he spoke by Achia the Selonite concerning Jeroboam the son of Nabat.

16 And all Israel saw that the king did not hearken to them: and the people answered the king, saying, What portion have we in David? neither have we any inheritance in the son of Jessæ. Depart, O Israel, to your tents: now feed your own house, David. So Israel departed to his tents.

18 And the king sent Adoniram who was over the tribute; and they stoned him with stones, and he died: and king Rehoboam made haste to rise to flee to Jerusalem.

19 So Israel rebelled against the house of David until this day.

20 And it came to pass when all Israel heard that Jeroboam had returned out of Egypt, that they sent and called him to the assembly, and they made him king over Israel: and none followed the house of David except the tribe of Judah and Benjamin only.

21 And Rehoboam went into Jerusalem, and he assembled the congregation of Judah, and the tribe of Benjamin, a hundred and twenty thousand young men, warriors, to fight against the house of Israel, to recover the kingdom to Rehoboam the son of Solomon.

22 And the word of the Lord came to Samaia the man of God, saying,

23 Speak to Rehoboam the son of Solomon, king of Judah, and to all the house of Judah and Benjamin, and to the remnant of the people, saying,

24 Thus says the Lord, You shall not go up, neither shall you fight with your brethren the sons of Israel: return each man to his own home; for this thing is from me; and they hearkened to the word of the Lord, and they ceased from going up, according to the word of the Lord.

24a So king Solomon sleeps with his fathers, and is buried with his fathers in the city of David; and Rehoboam his son reigned in his stead in Jerusalem, being sixteen years old when he began to reign, and he reigned twelve years in Jerusalem: and his mother's name was Naanan, daughter of Ana son of Naas king of the children of Ammon. And he did that which was evil in the sight of the Lord, and walked not in the way of David his father.

24b And there was a man of mount Ephraim, a servant to Solomon, and his name was Jeroboam; and the name of his mother was Sarira, a harlot; and Solomon made him head of the levies of the house of Joseph: and he built for Solomon Sarira in mount Ephraim; and he had three hundred chariots of horses: he built the citadel with the levies of the house of Ephraim; he fortified the city of David, and aspired to the kingdom.

24c And Solomon sought to kill him; and he was afraid, and escaped to Susakim king of Egypt, and was with him until Solomon died.

24d And Jeroboam heard in Egypt that Solomon was dead; and he spoke in the ears of Susakim king of Egypt, saying, Let me go, and I will depart into my land; and Susakim said to him, Ask any request, and I will grant it you.

24e And Susakim gave to Jeroboam Ano the eldest sister of Thekemina his wife, to be his wife: she was great among the daughters of the king, and she bore to Jeroboam Abijah his son:

24f and Jeroboam said to Susakim, Let me indeed go, and I will depart. And Jeroboam departed out of Egypt, and came into the land of Sarira that was in mount Ephraim, and thither the whole tribe of Ephraim assembles, and Jeroboam built a fortress there.

24g And his young child was sick with a very severe sickness; and Jeroboam went to enquire concerning the child: and he said to Ano his wife, Arise, go, enquire of God concerning the child, whether he shall recover from his sickness.

24h Now there was a man in Selom, and his name was Achia: and he was sixty years old, and the word of the Lord was with him. And Jeroboam said to his wife, Arise, and take in yours hand loaves for the man of God, and cakes for his children, and grapes, and a pot of honey.

24i And the woman arose, and took in her hand bread, and two cakes, and grapes, and a pot of honey, for Achia: and the man was old, and his eyes were dim, so that he could not see.

24k And she arose up from Sarira and went; and it came to pass when she had come into the city to Achia the Selonite, that Achia said to his servant, Go out now to meet Ano the wife of Jeroboam, and you shall say to her, Come in, and stand not still: for thus says the Lord, I send grievous tidings to you.

24l And Ano went in to the man of God; and Achia said to her, Why have you brought me bread and grapes, and cakes, and a pot of honey? Thus says the Lord, Behold, you shall depart from me, and it shall come to pass when you have entered into the city, even into Sarira, that your maidens shall come out to meet you, and shall say to you, The child is dead:

24m for thus says the Lord, Behold, I will destroy every male of Jeroboam, and there shall be the dead of Jeroboam in the city, them the dogs shall eat, and him that has died in the field shall the birds of the air eat, and he shall lament for the child, saying, Woe is me, Lord! for there has been found in him some good thing touching the Lord.

24n And the woman departed, when she heard this: and it came to pass as she entered into Sarira, that the child died; and there came forth a wailing to meet her. And Jeroboam went to Sikima in mount Ephraim, and assembled there the tribes of Israel; and Rehoboam the son of Solomon went up thither.

24o And the word of the Lord came to Samaias son of Enlami, saying, Take to yourself a new garment which has not gone into the water, and rend it into twelve pieces; and you shall give some to Jeroboam, and shall say to him, Thus says the Lord, Take to yourself ten pieces to cover you: and Jeroboam took them: and Samaias said, Thus says the Lord concerning the ten tribes of Israel.

24p And the people said to Rehoboam the son of Solomon, Your father made his yoke heavy upon us, and made the meat of his table heavy; and now you shall lighten them upon us, and we will serve you.

24q And Rehoboam said to the people, Wait three days, and I will return you an answer: and Rehoboam said, Bring in to me the elders, and I will take counsel with them what I shall answer to the people on the third day. So Rehoboam spoke in their ears, as the people sent to him to say: and the elders of the people said, Thus the people have spoken to you.

24r And Rehoboam rejected their counsel, and it pleased him not: and he sent and brought in those who had been brought up with him; and he said to them, Thus and thus has the people sent to me to say: and they that had been brought up with him said, Thus shall you speak to the

people, saying, My little finger shall be thicker than my father's loins; my father scourged you with whips, but I will rule you with scorpions.

24s And the saying pleased Rehoboam, and he answered the people as the young men, they that were brought up with him, counselled him:

24t and all the people spoke as one man, every one to his neighbour, and they cried out all together, saying, We have no part in David, nor inheritance in the son of Jessæ: to your tents, O Israel, every one; for this man is not for a prince or a ruler over us.

24u And all the people was dispersed from Sikima, and they departed every one to his tent: and Rehoboam strengthened himself and departed, and mounted his chariot, and entered into Jerusalem: and there follow him the whole tribe of Judah, and the whole tribe of Benjamin.

24x And it came to pass at the beginning of the year, that Rehoboam gathered all the men of Judah and Benjamin, and went up to fight with Jeroboam at Sikima.

24y And the word of the Lord came to Samæas the man of God, saying, Speak to Rehoboam king of Judah, and to all the house of Judah and Benjamin, and to the remnant of the people, saying, Thus says the Lord, You shall not go up, neither shall you fight with your brethren the sons of Israel: return every man to his house, for this thing is from me.

24z And they hearkened to the word of the Lord, and forbore to go up, according to the word of the Lord.

25 And Jeroboam built Sikima in mount Ephraim and dwelt in it, and went forth thence and built Phanuel.

26 And Jeroboam said in his heart, Behold, now the kingdom will return to the house of David.

27 If this people shall go up to offer sacrifice in the house of the Lord at Jerusalem, then the heart of the people will return to the Lord, and to their master, to Rehoboam king of Judah, and they will slay me.

28 And the king took counsel, and went, and made two golden heifers, and said to the people, Let it suffice you to have gone hitherto to Jerusalem: behold your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt.

29 And he put one in Bethel, and he put the other in Dan.

30 And this thing became a sin; and the people went before one as far as Dan, and left the house of the Lord.

31 And he made houses on the high places, and made priests of any part of the people, who were not of the sons of Levi.

32 And Jeroboam appointed a feast in the eighth month, on the fifteenth day of the month, according to the feast in the land of Judah;

33 and went up to the altar which he made in Bethel to sacrifice to the heifers which he made, and he placed in Bethel the priests of the high places which he had made. And he went up to the altar which he had made, on the fifteenth day in the eighth month, at the feast which he devised out of his own heart; and he made a feast to the children of Israel, and went up to the altar to sacrifice.

Chapter 13

1 And, behold, there came a man of God out of Judah by the word of the Lord to Bethel, and Jeroboam stood at the altar to sacrifice.

2 And he cried against the altar by the word of the Lord, and said, O altar, altar, thus says the Lord, Behold, a son is to be born to the house of David, Josiah by name; and he shall offer upon you the priests of the high places, even of them that sacrifice upon you, and he shall burn men's bones upon you.

3 And in that day one shall give a sign, saying, This is the word which the Lord has spoken, saying, Behold, the altar is rent, and the fatness upon it shall be poured out.

4 And it came to pass when king Jeroboam heard the words of the man of God who called on the altar that was in Bethel, that the king stretched forth his hand from the altar, saying, Take hold of him. And, behold, his hand, which he stretched forth against him, withered, and he could not draw it back to himself.

5 And the altar was rent, and the fatness was poured out from the altar, according to the sign which the man of God gave by the word of the Lord.

6 And king Jeroboam said to the man of God, Intreat the Lord your God, and let my hand be restored to me. And the man of God intreated the Lord, and he restored the king's hand to him, and it became as before.

7 And the king said to the man of God, Enter with me into the house, and dine, and I will give you a gift.

8 And the man of God said to the king, If you should give me the half of yours house, I would not go in with you, neither will I eat bread, neither will I drink water in this place; for thus the Lord charged me by his word, saying,

9 Eat no bread, and drink no water, and return not by the way by which you came.

10 So he departed by another way, and returned not by the way by which he came to Bethel.

11 And there dwelt an old prophet in Bethel; and his sons came and told him all the works that the man of God did on that day in Bethel, and the words which he spoke to the king: and they turned the face of their father.

12 And their father spoke to them, saying, Which way went he? and his sons shew him the way by which the man of God who came out of Judah went up.

13 And he said to his sons, Saddle me the ass: and they saddled him the ass, and he mounted it,

14 and went after the man of God, and found him sitting under an oak: and he said to him, Are you the man of God that came out of Judah? And he said to him, I am.

15 And he said to him, Come with me, and eat bread.

16 And he said, I shall not by any means be able to return with you, neither will I eat bread, neither will I drink water in this place.

17 For thus the Lord commanded me by word, saying, Eat not bread there, and drink not water, and return not thither by the way by which you came.

18 And he said to him, I also am a prophet as you are; and an angel spoke to me by the word of the Lord, saying, Bring him back to you into your house, and let him eat bread and drink water: but he lied to him.

19 And he brought him back, and he ate bread and drank water in his house.

20 And it came to pass while they were sitting at the table, that the word of the Lord came to the prophet that brought him back;

21 and he spoke to the man of God that came out of Judah, saying, Thus says the Lord, Because you have resisted the word of the Lord, and have not kept the commandment which the Lord your God commanded you,

22 but have returned, and eaten bread and drunk water in the place of which he spoke to you, saying, You shall not eat bread, and shall not drink water; therefore your body shall in nowise enter into the sepulchre of your fathers.

23 And it came to pass after he had eaten bread and drunk water, that he saddled the ass for him, and he turned and departed.

24 And a lion found him in the way, and slew him; and his body was cast out in the way, and the ass was standing by it, and the lion also was standing by the body.

25 And, behold, men were passing by, and saw the carcase cast in the way, and the lion was standing near the carcase: and they went in and spoke of it in the city where the old prophet dwelt.

26 And the prophet that turned him back out of the way heard, and said, This is the man of God who rebelled against the word of the Lord.

28 And he went and found the body cast in the way, and the ass and the lion were standing by the body: and the lion had not devoured the body of the man of God, and had not torn the ass.

29 And the prophet took up the body of the man of God, and laid it on his ass; and the prophet brought him back to his city, to bury him in his own tomb,

30 and they bewailed him, saying, Alas, brother.

31 And it came to pass after he had lamented him, that he spoke to his sons, saying, Whenever I die, bury me in this tomb wherein the man of God is buried; lay me by his bones, that my bones may be preserved with his bones.

32 For the word will surely come to pass which he spoke by the word of the Lord against the altar in Bethel, and against the high houses in Samaria.

33 And after this Jeroboam turned not from his sin, but he turned and made of part of the people priests of the high places: whoever would, he consecrated him, and he became a priest for the high places.

34 And this thing became sin to the house of Jeroboam, even to its destruction and its removal from the face of the earth.

Chapter 14

21 And Rehoboam son of Solomon ruled over Judah. Rehoboam was forty and one years old when he began to reign, and he reigned seventeen years in the city Jerusalem, which the Lord chose to put his name there out of all the tribes of Israel: and his mother's name was Naama the Ammonitess.

22 And Rehoboam did evil in the sight of the Lord; and he provoked him in all the things which their fathers did in their sins which they sinned.

23 And they built for themselves high places, and pillars, and planted groves on every high hill, and under every shady tree.

24 And there was a conspiracy in the land, and they did according to all the abominations of the nations which the Lord removed from before the children of Israel.

25 And it came to pass in the fifth year of the reign of Rehoboam, Susakim king of Egypt came up against Jerusalem;

26 and took all the treasures of the house of the Lord, and the treasures of the king's house, and the golden spears which David took out of the hand of the sons of Adrazaar king of Suba, and brought them into Jerusalem, even all that he took, and the golden shields which Solomon had made, [and carried them away into Egypt.]

27 And king Rehoboam made brazen shields instead of them; and the chiefs of the body guard, who kept the gate of the house of the king, were placed in charge over them.

28 And it came to pass when the king went into the house of the Lord, that the body guard took them up, and fixed them in the chamber of the body guard.

29 And the rest of the history of Rehoboam, and all that he did, behold, are they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Judah?

30 And there was war between Rehoboam and Jeroboam continually.

31 And Rehoboam slept with his fathers, and was buried with his fathers in the city of David: and Abiu his son reigned in his stead.

Chapter 15

1 And in the eighteenth year of the reign of Jeroboam son of Nabat, Abiu son of Rehoboam reigns over Judah.

2 And he reigned three years over Jerusalem: and his mother's name was Maacha, daughter of Abessalom.

3 And he walked in the sins of his father which he wrought in his presence, and his heart was not perfect with the Lord his God, as was the heart of his father David.

4 Howbeit for David's sake the Lord gave him a remnant, that he might establish his children after him, and might establish Jerusalem.

5 Forasmuch as David did that which was right in the sight of the Lord: he turned not from any thing that he commanded him all the days of his life.

7 And the rest of the history of Abiu, and all that he did, behold, are not these written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Judah? And there was war between Abiu and Jeroboam.

8 And Abiu slept with his fathers in the twenty-fourth year of Jeroboam; and he is buried with his fathers in the city of David: and Asa his son reigns in his stead.

9 In the four and twentieth year of Jeroboam king of Israel, Asa begins to reign over Judah.

10 And he reigned forty-one years in Jerusalem: and his mother's name was Ana, daughter of Abessalom.

11 And Asa did that which was right in the sight of the Lord, as David his father.

12 And he removed the sodomites out of the land, and abolished all the practices which his fathers had kept up.

13 And he removed Ana his mother from being queen, forasmuch as she gathered a meeting in her grove: and Asa cut down her retreats, and burnt them with fire in the brook of Kedron.

14 But he removed not the high places; nevertheless the heart of Asa was perfect with the Lord all his days.

15 And he brought in the pillars of his father, he even brought in his gold and silver pillars into the house of the Lord, and his vessels.

16 And there was war between Asa and Baasa king of Israel all their days.

17 And Baasa king of Israel went up against Judah, and built Ramah, so that no one should go out or come in for Asa king of Judah.

18 And Asa took all the silver and the gold that was found in the treasures of the house of the Lord, and in the treasures of the king's house, and gave them into the hands of his servants; and king Asa sent them out to the son of Ader, the son of Taberema son of Azin king of Syria, who dwelt in Damascus, saying,

19 Make a covenant between me and you, and between my father and your father: lo! I have sent forth to you gold and silver for gifts: come, break your league with Baasa king of Israel, that he may go up from me.

20 And the son of Ader hearkened to king Asa, and sent the chiefs of his forces to the cities of Israel; and they smote Ain, Dan, and Abel of the house of Maacha, and all Chennereth, as far as the whole land of Naphtali.

21 And it came to pass when Baasa heard it, that he left off building Ramah, and returned to Thersa.

22 And king Asa charged all Judah without exception: and they take up the stones of Ramah and its timbers with which Baasa was building; and king Asa built with them upon the whole hill of Benjamin, and the watch-tower.

23 And the rest of the history of Asa, and all his mighty deeds which he wrought, and the cities which he built, behold, are not these written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Judah? Nevertheless in the time of his old age he was diseased in his feet.

24 And Asa slept with his fathers, and was buried with his fathers in the city of David his father: and Jehoshaphat his son reigns in his stead.

25 And Nabat son of Jeroboam reigns over Israel in the second year of Asa king of Judah, and he reigned two years in Israel.

26 And he did that which was evil in the sight of the Lord, and walked in the way of his father, and in his sins wherein he caused Israel to sin.

27 And Baasa son of Achia, who was over the house of Belaan son of Achia, conspired against him, and smote him in Gabathon of the Philistines; for Nabat and all Israel were besieging Gabathon.

28 And Baasa slew him in the third year of Asa son of Asa king of Judah; and reigned in his stead.

29 And it came to pass when he reigned, that he smote the whole house of Jeroboam, and left none that breathed of Jeroboam, until he had destroyed him utterly, according to the word of the Lord which he spoke by his servant Achia the Selonite,

30 for the sins of Jeroboam, who led Israel into sin, even by his provocation wherewith he provoked the Lord God of Israel.

31 And the rest of the history of Nabat, and all that he did, behold, are not these written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Israel?

33 And in the third year of Asa king of Judah, Baasa the son of Achia begins to reign over Israel in Thersa, twenty and four years.

34 And he did that which was evil in the sight of the Lord, and walked in the way of Jeroboam the son of Nabat, and in his sins, as he caused Israel to sin.

Chapter 16

1 And the word of the Lord came by the hand of Ju son of Anani to Baasa, saying,

2 Forasmuch as I lifted you up from the earth, and made you ruler over my people Israel; and you have walked in the way of Jeroboam, and have caused my people Israel to sin, to provoke me with their vanities;

3 Behold, I raise up enemies after Baasa, and after his house; and I will make your house as the house of Jeroboam son of Nabat.

4 Him that dies of Baasa in the city the dogs shall devour, and him that dies of his in the field the birds of the sky shall devour.

5 Now the rest of the history of Baasa, and all that he did, and his mighty acts, behold, are not these written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Israel?

6 And Baasa slept with his fathers, and they bury him in Thersa; and Ela his son reigns in his stead.

7 And the Lord spoke by Ju the son of Anani against Baasa, and against his house, even all the evil which he wrought before the Lord to provoke him to anger by the works of his hands, in being like the house of Jeroboam; and because he smote him.

8 And Ela son of Baasa reigned over Israel two years in Thersa.

9 And Zambri, captain of half his cavalry, conspired against him, while he was in Thersa, drinking himself drunk in the house of Osa the steward at Thersa.

10 And Zambri went in and smote him and slew him, and reigned in his stead.

11 And it came to pass when he reigned, when he sat upon his throne,

12 that he smote all the house of Baasa, according to the word which the Lord spoke against the house of Baasa, and to Ju the prophet,

13 for all the sins of Baasa and Ela his son, as he led Israel astray to sin, to provoke the Lord God of Israel with their vanities.

14 And the rest of the deeds of Ela which he did, behold, are not these written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Israel?

15 And Zambri reigned in Thersa seven days: and the army of Israel was encamped against Gabathon of the Philistines.

16 And the people heard in the army, saying, Zambri has conspired and smitten the king: and the people of Israel made Ambri the captain of the host king in that day in the camp over Israel.

17 And Ambri went up, and all Israel with him, out of Gabathon; and they besieged Thersa.

18 And it came to pass when Zambri saw that his city was taken, that he goes into the inner chamber of the house of the king, and burnt the king's house over him, and died.

19 Because of his sins which he committed, doing that which was evil in the sight of the Lord, so as to walk in the way of Jeroboam the son of Nabat, and in his sins wherein he caused Israel to sin.

20 And the rest of the history of Zambri, and his conspiracies wherein he conspired, behold, are not these written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Israel?

21 Then the people of Israel divides; half the people goes after Thamni the son of Gonath to make him king; and half the people goes after Ambri.

22 The people that followed Ambri overpowered the people that followed Thamni son of Gonath: and Thamni died and Jehoram his brother at that time, and Ambri reigned after Thamni.

23 In the thirty-first year of king Asa, Ambri begins to reign over Israel twelve years: he reigns six years in Thersa.

24 And Ambri bought the mount Semeron of Semer the lord of the mountain for two talents of silver; and he built upon the mountain, and they called the name of the mountain on which he built, after the name of Semer the lord of the mount, Semeron.

25 And Ambri did that which was evil in the sight of the Lord, and wrought wickedly beyond all that were before him.

26 And he walked in all the way of Jeroboam the son of Nabat, and in his sins wherewith he caused Israel to sin, to provoke the Lord God of Israel by their vanities.

27 And the rest of the acts of Ambri, and all that he did, and all his might, behold, are not these things written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Israel?

28 And Ambri slept with his fathers, and is buried in Samaria; and Achaab his son reigns in his stead.

28a And in the eleventh year of Ambri Jehoshaphat the son of Asa reigns, being thirty-five years old in the beginning of his reign, and he reigned twenty-five years in Jerusalem: and his mother's name was Gazuba, daughter of Seli.

28b And he walked in the way of Asa his father, and turned not from it, even from doing right in the eyes of the Lord: only they removed not any of the high places; they sacrificed and burnt incense on the high places.

28c Now the engagements which Jehoshaphat made with the king of Israel, and all his mighty deeds which he performed, and the enemies whom he fought against, behold, are not these written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Judah?

28d and the remains of the prostitution which they practised in the days of Asa his father, he removed out of the land:

28e and there was no king in Syria, but a deputy.

28f And king Jehoshaphat made a ship at Tarshish to go to Ophir for gold; but it went not, for the ship was broken at Gasion Gaber.

28g Then the king of Israel said to Jehoshaphat, I will send forth your servants and my servants in the ship: but Jehoshaphat would not.

28h And Jehoshaphat slept with his fathers, and is buried with his fathers in the city of David: and Jehoram his son reigned in his stead.

29 In the second year of Jehoshaphat king of Judah, Achaab son of Ambri reigned over Israel in Samaria twenty-two years.

30 And Achaab did that which was evil in the sight of the Lord, and did more wickedly than all that were before him.

31 And it was not enough for him to walk in the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nabat, but he took to wife Jezabel the daughter of Jethebaal king of the Sidonians; and he went and served Baal, and worshipped him.

32 And he set up an altar to Baal in the house of his abominations, which he built in Samaria.

33 And Achaab made a grove; and Achaab did yet more abominably, to provoke the Lord God of Israel, and to sin against his own life so that he should be destroyed: he did evil above all the kings of Israel that were before him.

34 And in his days Achiel the Bæthelite built Jericho: he laid the foundation of it in Abiron his first-born, and he set up the doors of it in Segub his younger son, according to the word of the Lord which he spoke by Joshua the son of Naue.

Chapter 17

1 And Eliu the prophet, the Thesbite of Thesbæ of Gilead, said to Achaab, As the Lord God of hosts, the God of Israel, lives, before whom I stand, there shall not be these years dew nor rain, except by the word of my mouth.

2 And the word of the Lord came to Eliu, saying,

3 Depart hence eastward, and hide you by the brook of Chorrath, that is before Jordan.

4 And it shall be that you shall drink water of the brook, and I will charge the ravens to feed you there.

5 And Eliu did according to the word of the Lord, and he sat by the brook of Chorrath before Jordan.

6 And the ravens brought him loaves in the morning, and flesh in the evening, and he drank water of the brook.

7 And it came to pass after some time, that the brook was dried up, because there had been no rain upon the earth.

8 And the word of the Lord came to Eliu, saying,

9 Arise, and go to Sarepta of the Sidonian land: behold, I have there commanded a widow-woman to maintain you.

10 And he arose and went to Sarepta, and came to the gate of the city: and, behold, a widow-woman was there gathering sticks; and Eliu cried after her, and said to her, Fetch me, I pray you, a little water in a vessel, that I may drink.

11 And she went to fetch it; and Eliu cried after her, and said, Bring me, I pray you, a morsel of the bread that is in your hand.

12 And the woman said, As the Lord your God lives, I have not a cake, but only a handful of meal in the pitcher, and a little oil in a cruse, and, behold, I am going to gather two sticks, and I shall go in and dress it for myself and my children, and we shall eat it and die.

13 And Eliu said to her, Be of good courage, go in and do according to your word: but make me thereof a little cake, and you shall bring it out to me first, and you shall make some for yourself and your children last.

14 For thus says the Lord, The pitcher of meal shall not fail, and the cruse of oil shall not diminish, until the day that the Lord gives rain upon the earth.

15 And the woman went and did so, and did eat, she, and he, and her children.

16 And the pitcher of meal failed not, and the cruse of oil was not diminished, according to the word of the Lord which he spoke by the hand of Eliu.

17 And it came to pass afterward, that the son of the woman the mistress of the house was sick; and his sickness was very severe, until there was no breath left in him.

18 And she said to Eliu, What have I to do with you, O man of God? have you come in to me to bring my sins to remembrance, and to slay my son?

19 And Eliu said to the woman, Give me your son. And he took him out of her bosom, and took him up to the chamber in which he himself lodged, and laid him on the bed.

20 And Eliu cried aloud, and said, Alas, O Lord, the witness of the widow with whom I sojourn, you have wrought evil for her in slaying her son.

21 And he breathed on the child thrice, and called on the Lord, and said, O Lord my God, let, I pray you, the soul of this child return to him.

22 And it was so, and the child cried out,

23 and he brought him down from the upper chamber into the house, and gave him to his mother; and Eliu said, See, your son lives.

24 And the woman said to Eliu, Behold, I know that you are a man of God, and the word of the Lord in your mouth is true.

Chapter 18

1 And it came to pass after many days, that the word of the Lord came to Eliu in the third year, saying, Go, and appear before Achaab, and I will bring rain upon the face of the earth.

2 And Eliu went to appear before Achaab: and the famine was severe in Samaria.

3 And Achaab called Abdiu the steward. Now Abdiu feared the Lord greatly.

4 And it came to pass when Jezabel smote the prophets of the Lord, that Abdiu took a hundred prophets, and hid them by fifty in a cave, and fed them with bread and water.

5 And Achaab said to Abdiu, Come, and let us go through the land, and to the fountains of water, and to the brooks, if by any means we may find grass, and may save the horses and mules, and so they will not perish from the tents.

6 And they made a division of the way between them to pass through it: Achaab went one way, and Abdiu went by another way alone.

7 And Abdiu was alone in the way; and Eliu came alone to meet him: and Abdiu hasted, and fell upon his face, and said, My lord Eliu, are you indeed he?

8 And Eliu said to him, I am: go, say to your master, Behold, Eliu is here.

9 And Abdiu said, What sin have I committed, that you give your servant into the hand of Achaab to slay me?

10 As the Lord your God lives, there is not a nation or kingdom, whither my lord has not sent to seek you; and if they said, He is not here, then has he set fire to the kingdom and its territories, because he has not found you.

11 And now you say, Go, tell your lord, Behold, Eliu is here.

12 And it shall come to pass when I shall have departed from you, that the Spirit of the Lord shall carry you to a land which I know not, and I shall go in to tell the matter to Achaab, and he will not find you and will slay me: yet your servant fears the Lord from his youth.

13 Has it not been told to you my lord, what I did when Jezabel slew the prophets of the Lord, that I hid a hundred men of the prophets of the Lord, by fifty in a cave, and fed them with bread and water?

14 And now you say to me, Go, say to your master, Behold, Eliu is here: and he shall slay me.

15 And Eliu said, As the Lord of Hosts before whom I stand lives, to-day I will appear before him.

16 And Abdiu went to meet Achaab, and told him: and Achaab hasted forth, and went to meet Eliu.

17 And it came to pass when Achaab saw Eliu, that Achaab said to Eliu, Are you he that perverts Israel?

18 And Eliu said, I do not pervert Israel; but it is you and your father's house, in that you forsake the Lord your God, and you have gone after Baalim.

19 And now send, gather to me all Israel to mount Carmel, and the prophets of shame four hundred and fifty, and the prophets of the groves four hundred, that eat at Jezabel's table.

20 And Achaab sent to all Israel, and gathered all the prophets to mount Carmel.

21 And Eliu drew near to them all: and Eliu said to them, How long will you halt on both feet? if the Lord be God, follow him; but if Baal, follow him. And the people answered not a word.

22 And Eliu said to the people, I am left, the only one prophet of the Lord; and the prophets of Baal are four hundred and fifty men, and the prophets of the groves four hundred.

23 Let them give us two oxen, and let them choose one for themselves, and cut it in pieces, and lay it on the wood, and put no fire on the wood: and I will dress the other bullock, and put on no fire.

24 And do you call loudly on the name of your gods, and I will call on the name of the Lord my God, and it shall come to pass that the God who shall answer by fire, he is God. And all the people answered and said, The word which you have spoken is good.

25 And Eliu said to the prophets of shame, Choose to yourselves one calf, and dress it first, for you are many; and call you on the name of your god; but apply no fire.

26 And they took the calf and drest it, and called on the name of Baal from morning till noon, and said, Hear us, O Baal, hear us. And there was no voice, neither was there hearing, and they ran up and down on the altar which they had made.

27 And it was noon, and Eliu the Thesbite mocked them, and said, Call with a loud voice, for he is a god; for he is

meditating, or else perhaps he is engaged in business, or perhaps he is asleep, and is to be awaked.

28 And they cried with a loud voice, and cut themselves according to their custom with knives and lancets until the blood gushed out upon them.

29 And they prophesied until the evening came; and it came to pass as it was the time of the offering of the sacrifice, that Eliu the Thesbite spoke to the prophets of the abominations, saying, Stand by for the present, and I will offer my sacrifice. And they stood aside and departed.

30 And Eliu said to the people, Come near to me. And all the people came near to him.

31 And Eliu took twelve stones, according to the number of the tribes of Israel, as the Lord spoke to him, saying, Israel shall be your name.

32 And he built up the stones in the name of the Lord, and repaired the altar that had been broken down; and he made a trench that would hold two measures of seed round about the altar.

33 And he piled the cleft wood on the altar which he had made, and divided the whole-burnt-offering, and laid it on the wood, and laid it in order on the altar, and said, Fetch me four pitchers of water, and pour it on the whole-burnt-offering, and on the wood. And they did so.

34 And he said, Do it the second time. And they did it the second time. And he said, Do it the third time. And they did it the third time.

35 And the water ran round about the altar, and they filled the trench with water.

36 And Eliu cried aloud to heaven, and said, Lord God of Abraam, and Isaac, and Israel, answer me, O Lord, answer me this day by fire, and let all this people know that you are the Lord, the God of Israel, and I am your servant, and for your sake I have wrought these works.

37 Hear me, O Lord, hear me, and let this people know that you are the Lord God, and you have turned back the heart of this people.

38 Then fire fell from the Lord out of heaven, and devoured the whole-burnt-offerings, and the wood and the water that was in the trench, and the fire licked up the stones and the earth.

39 And all the people fell upon their faces, and said, Truly the Lord is God; he is God.

40 And Eliu said to the people, Take the prophets of Baal; let not one of them escape. And they took them; and Eliu brings them down to the brook Kisson, and he slew them there.

41 And Eliu said to Achaab, Go up, and eat and drink, for there is a sound of the coming of rain.

42 And Achaab went up to eat and to drink; and Eliu went up to Carmel, and stooped to the ground, and put his face between his knees,

43 and said to his servant, Go up, and look toward the sea. And the servant looked, and said, There is nothing: and Eliu said, Do you then go again seven times.

44 And the servant went again seven times: and it came to pass at the seventh time, that, behold, a little cloud like the sole of a man's foot brought water; and he said, Go up, and say to Achaab, Make ready your chariot, and go down, lest the rain overtake you.

45 And it came to pass in the meanwhile, that the heaven grew black with clouds and wind, and there was a great rain. And Achaab wept, and went to Jezreel.

46 And the hand of the Lord was upon Eliu, and he girt up his loins, and ran before Achaab to Jezreel.

Chapter 19

1 And Achaab told Jezabel his wife all that Eliu had done, and how he had slain the prophets with the sword.

2 And Jezabel sent to Eliu, and said, If you are Eliu and I am Jezabel, God do so to me, and more also, if I do not make your life by this time to-morrow as the life of one of them.

3 And Eliu feared, and rose, and departed for his life: and he comes to Beersheba to the land of Judah, and he left his servant there.

4 And he himself went a day's journey in the wilderness, and came and sat under a juniper tree; and asked concerning his life that he might die, and said, Let it be enough now, O Lord, take, I pray you, my life from me; for I am no better than my fathers.

5 And he lay down and slept there under a tree; and behold, some one touched him, and said to him, Arise and eat.

6 And Eliu looked, and, behold, at his head there was a cake of meal and a cruse of water; and he arose, and ate and drank, and returned and lay down.

7 And the angel of the Lord returned again, and touched him, and said to him, Arise, and eat, for the journey is far from you.

8 And he arose, and ate and drank, and went in the strength of that meat forty days and forty nights to mount Horeb.

9 And he entered there into a cave, and rested there; and, behold, the word of the Lord came to him, and he said, What do you here, Eliu?

10 And Eliu said, I have been very jealous for the Lord Almighty, because the children of Israel have forsaken you: they have digged down your altars, and have slain your prophets with the sword; and I only am left alone, and they seek my life to take it.

11 And he said, You shall go forth to-morrow, and shall stand before the Lord in the mount; behold, the Lord will pass by. And, behold, a great and strong wind rending the mountains, and crushing the rocks before the Lord; but the Lord was not in the wind; and after the wind an earthquake; but the Lord was not in the earthquake:

12 and after the earthquake a fire; but the Lord was not in the fire: and after the fire the voice of a gentle breeze.

13 And it came to pass when Eliu heard, that he wrapt his face in his mantle, and went forth and stood in the cave: and, behold, a voice came to him and said, What do you here, Eliu?

14 And Eliu said, I have been very jealous for the Lord Almighty; for the children of Israel have forsaken your covenant, and they have overthrown your altars, and have slain your prophets with the sword! and I am left entirely alone, and they seek my life to take it.

15 And the Lord said to him, Go, return, and you shall come into the way of the wilderness of Damascus: and you shall go and anoint Azael to be king over Syria.

16 And Ju the son of Namessi shall you anoint to be king over Israel; and Elisaie the son of Saphat shall you anoint to be prophet in your room.

17 And it shall come to pass, that him that escapes from the sword of Azael, Ju shall slay; and him that escapes from the sword of Ju, Elisaie shall slay.

18 And you shall leave in Israel seven thousand men, all the knees which had not bowed themselves to Baal, and every mouth which had not worshipped him.

19 And he departed thence, and finds Elisaie the son of Saphat, and he was ploughing with oxen; there were twelve yoke before him, and he with the twelve, and he passed by to him, and cast his mantle upon him.

20 And Elisaie left the cattle, and ran after Eliu and said, I will kiss my father, and follow after you. And Eliu said, Return, for I have done a work for you.

21 And he returned from following him, and took a yoke of oxen, and slew them, and boiled them with the instruments of the oxen, and gave to the people, and they ate: and he arose, and went after Eliu, and ministered to him.

Chapter 20

1 And Nabuthai the Jezreelite had a vineyard, near the threshingfloor of Achaab king of Samaria.

2 And Achaab spoke to Nabuthai, saying, Give me your vineyard, and I will have it for a garden of herbs, for it is near my house: and I will give you another vineyard better than it; or if it please you, I will give you money, the price of this your vineyard, and I will have it for a garden of herbs.

3 And Nabuthai said to Achaab, My God forbid me that I should give you the inheritance of my fathers.

4 And the spirit of Achaab was troubled, and he lay down upon his bed, and covered his face, and ate no bread.

5 And Jezabel his wife went in to him, and spoke to him, saying, Why is your spirit troubled, and why do you eat no bread?

6 And he said to her, Because I spoke to Nabuthai the Jezreelite, saying, Give me your vineyard for money; or if you will, I will give you another vineyard for it: and he said, I will not give you the inheritance of my fathers.

7 And Jezabel his wife said to him, Do you now thus act the king over Israel? arise, and eat bread, and be your own master, and I will give you the vineyard of Nabuthai the Jezreelite.

8 And she wrote a letter in the name of Achaab, and sealed it with his seal, and sent the letter to the elders, and to the freemen who dwelt with Nabuthai.

9 And it was written in the letters, saying, Keep a fast, and set Naboth in a chief place among the people.

10 And set two men, sons of transgressors, before him, and let them testify against him, saying, He blessed God and the king: and let them lead him forth, and stone him, and let him die.

11 And the men of his city, the elders, and the nobles who dwelt in his city, did as Jezabel sent to them, and as it had been written in the letters which she sent to them.

12 And they proclaimed a fast, and set Nabuthai in a chief place among the people.

13 And two men, sons of transgressors, came in, and sat opposite him, and bore witness against him, saying, You have blessed God and the king. And they led him forth out of the city, and stoned him with stones, and he died.

14 And they sent to Jezabel, saying, Nabuthai is stoned, and is dead.

15 And it came to pass, when Jezabel heard it, that she said to Achaab, Arise, take possession of the vineyard of Nabuthai the Jezreelite, who would not sell it to you: for Nabuthai is not alive, for he is dead.

16 And it came to pass, when Achaab heard that Nabuthai the Jezreelite was dead, that he rent his garments, and put on sackcloth. And it came to pass afterward, that Achaab arose and went down to the vineyard of Nabuthai the Jezreelite, to take possession of it.

17 And the Lord spoke to Eliu the Thesbite, saying,

18 Arise, and go down to meet Achaab king of Israel, who is in Samaria, for he is in the vineyard of Nabuthai, for he has gone down thither to take possession of it.

19 And you shall speak to him, saying, Thus says the Lord, Forasmuch as you have slain and taken possession, therefore thus says the Lord, In every place where the swine and the dogs have licked the blood of Nabuthai, there shall the dogs lick your blood; and the harlots shall wash themselves in your blood.

20 And Achaab said to Eliu, Have you found me, mine enemy? and he said, I have found you: because you have wickedly sold yourself to work evil in the sight of the Lord, to provoke him to anger;

21 behold, I bring evil upon you: and I will kindle a fire after you, and I will utterly destroy every male of Achaab, and him that is shut up and him that is left in Israel.

22 And I will make your house as the house of Jeroboam the son of Nabat, and as the house of Baasa son of Achia, because of the provocations wherewith you have provoked me, and caused Israel to sin.

23 And the Lord spoke of Jezabel, saying, The dogs shall devour her within the fortification of Jezreel.

24 Him that is dead of Achaab in the city shall the dogs eat, and him that is dead of him in the field shall the birds of the sky eat.

25 But Achaab did wickedly, in that he sold himself to do that which was evil in the sight of the Lord, as his wife Jezabel led him astray.

26 And he did very abominably in following after the abominations, according to all that the Amorite did, whom the Lord utterly destroyed from before the children of Israel.

27 And because of the word, Achaab was pierced with sorrow before the Lord, and he both went weeping, and rent his garment, and girt sackcloth upon his body, and fasted; he put on sackcloth also in the day that he smote Nabuthai the Jezreelite, and went his way.

28 And the word of the Lord came by the hand of his servant Eliu concerning Achaab, and the Lord said,

29 Have you seen how Achaab has been pricked to the heart before me? I will not bring on the evil in his days, but in his son's days will I bring on the evil.

Chapter 21

1 And the son of Ader gathered all his forces, and went up and besieged Samaria, he and thirty-two kings with him, and all his horse and chariots: and they went up and besieged Samaria, and fought against it.

2 And he sent into the city to Achaab king of Israel, and said to him, Thus says the son of Ader,

3 Your silver and your gold are mine, and your wives and your children are mine.

4 And the king of Israel answered and said, As you have said, my lord, O king, I am yours, and all mine also.

5 And the messengers came again, and said, Thus says the son of Ader, I sent to you, saying, You shall give me your silver and your gold, and your wives and your children.

6 For at this time to-morrow I will send my servants to you, and they shall search your house, and the houses of your servants, and it shall be that all the desirable objects of their eyes on which they shall lay their hands, they shall even take them.

7 And the king of Israel called all the elders of the land, and said, Take notice now and consider, that this man seeks mischief: for he has sent to me concerning my wives, and concerning my sons, and concerning my daughters: I have not kept back from him my silver and my gold.

8 And the elders and all the people said to him, Hearken not, and consent not.

9 And he said to the messengers of the son of Ader, Say to your master, All things that you have sent to your servant about at first I will do; but this thing I shall not be able to do. And the men departed, and carried back the answer to him.

10 And the son of Ader sent to him, saying, So do God to me, and more also, if the dust of Samaria shall suffice for foxes to all the people, even my infantry.

11 And the king of Israel answered and said, Let it be sufficient; let not the humpbacked boast as he that is upright.

12 And it came to pass when he returned him this answer, he and all the kings with him were drinking in tents: and he said to his servants, Form a trench. And they made a trench against the city.

13 And, behold, a prophet came to Achaab king of Israel, and said, Thus says the Lord, Have you seen this great multitude? behold, I give it this day into yours hands; and you shall know that I am the Lord.

14 And Achaab said, Whereby? And he said, Thus says the Lord, By the young men of the heads of the districts. And Achaab said, Who shall begin the battle? and he said, You.

15 And Achaab numbered the young men the heads of the districts, and they were two hundred and thirty: and afterwards he numbered the people, even every man fit for war, seven thousand.

16 And he went forth at noon, and the son of Ader was drinking and getting drunk in Succoth, he and the kings, even thirty and two kings, his allies.

17 And the young men the heads of the districts went forth first; and they send and report to the king of Syria, saying, There are men come forth out of Samaria.

18 And he said to them, If they come forth peaceably, take them alive; and if they come forth to war, take them alive:

19 and let not the young men the heads of the districts go forth of the city. And the force that was behind them

20 smote each one the man next to him; and each one a second time smote the man next to him: and Syria fled, and Israel pursued them; and the son of Ader, even the king of Syria, escapes on the horse of a horseman.

21 And the king of Israel went forth, and took all the horses and the chariots, and smote the enemy with a great slaughter in Syria.

22 And the prophet came to the king of Israel, and said, Strengthen yourself, and observe, and see what you shall do; for at the return of the year the son of Ader king of Syria comes up against you.

23 And the servants of the king of Syria, even they said, The God of Israel is a God of mountains, and not a God of valleys; therefore has he prevailed against us: but if we should fight against them in the plain, verily we shall prevail against them.

24 And do you this thing: Send away the kings, each one to his place, and set princes in their stead.

25 And we will give you another army according to the army that was destroyed, and cavalry according to the cavalry, and chariots according to the chariots, and we will fight against them in the plain, and we shall prevail against them. And he hearkened to their voice, and did so.

26 And it came to pass at the return of the year, that the son of Ader reviewed Syria, and went up to Apheca to war against Israel.

27 And the children of Israel were numbered, and came to meet them: and Israel encamped before them as two little flocks of goats, but Syria filled the land.

28 And there came the man of God, and said to the king of Israel, Thus says the Lord, Because Syria has said, The Lord God of Israel is a God of the hills, and he is not a God of the valleys, therefore will I give this great army into your hand, and you shall know that I am the Lord.

29 And they encamp one over against the other before them seven days. And it came to pass on the seventh day that the battle drew on, and Israel smote Syria, even a hundred thousand footmen in one day.

30 And the rest fled to Apheca, into the city; and the wall fell upon twenty-seven thousand men that were left: and the son of Ader fled, and entered into an inner chamber, into a closet.

31 And he said to his servants, I know that the kings of Israel are merciful kings: let us now put sackcloth upon our loins, and ropes upon our heads, and let us go forth to the king of Israel, if by any means he will save our souls alive.

32 So they girt sackcloth upon their loins, and put ropes upon their heads, and said to the king of Israel, Your servant the son of Ader says, Let our souls live, I pray you. And he said, Does he yet live? He is my brother.

33 And the men divined, and offered drink-offerings; and they caught the word out of his mouth, and said, Your brother the son of Ader. And he said, Go you in and fetch him. And the son of Ader went out to him, and they cause him to go up to him into the chariot.

34 And he said to him, The cities which my father took from your father I will restore to you; and you shall make streets for yourself in Damascus, as my father made streets in Samaria; and I will let you go with a covenant. And he made a covenant with him, and let him go.

35 And a certain man of the sons of the prophets said to his neighbour by the word of the Lord, Smite me, I pray. And the man would not smite him.

36 And he said to him, Because you have not hearkened to the voice of the Lord, therefore, behold, as you depart from me, a lion shall smite you: and he departed from him, and a lion found him, and smote him.

37 And he finds another man, and says, Smite me, I pray you. And the man smote him, and in smiting wounded him.

38 And the prophet went and stood before the king of Israel by the way, and bound his eyes with a bandage.

39 And it came to pass as the king passed by, that he cried aloud to the king, and said, Your servant went out to war, and, behold, a man brought another man to me, and said to me, Keep this man; and if he should by any means escape, then your life shall go for his life, or you shall pay a talent of silver.

40 And it came to pass, that your servant looked round this way and that way, and the man was gone. And the king of Israel said to him, Behold, you have also destroyed snares set for me.

41 And he hasted, and took away the bandage from his eyes; and the king of Israel recognised him, that he was one of the prophets.

42 And he said to him, Thus says the Lord, Because you have suffered to escape out of yours hand a man appointed to destruction, therefore your life shall go for his life, and your people for his people.

43 And the king of Israel departed confounded and discouraged, and came to Samaria.

Chapter 22

1 And he rested three years, and there was no war between Syria and Israel.

2 And it came to pass in the third year, that Jehoshaphat king of Judah went down to the king of Israel.

3 And the king of Israel said to his servants, Know you that Remmath Gilead is ours, and we are slow to take it out of the hand of the king of Syria?

4 And the king of Israel said to Jehoshaphat, Will you go up with us to Remmath Gilead to battle?

5 And Jehoshaphat said, As I am, so are you also; as my people, so is your people; as my horses, so are your horses. And Jehoshaphat king of Judah said to the king of Israel, Enquire, I pray you, of the Lord to-day.

6 And the king of Israel gathered all the prophets together, about four hundred men; and the king said to them, Shall I go up to Remmath Gilead to battle, or shall I forbear? and they said, Go up, and the Lord will surely give it into the hands of the king.

7 And Jehoshaphat said to the king of Israel, Is there not here a prophet of the Lord, that we may enquire of the Lord by him?

8 And the king of Israel said to Jehoshaphat, There is one man here for us to enquire of the Lord by; but I hate him, for he does not speak good of me, but only evil; Michaias son of Jemblaa. And Jehoshaphat king of Judah said, Let not the king say so.

9 And the king of Israel called a eunuch and said, Bring hither quickly Michaias son of Jemblaa.

10 And the king of Israel and Jehoshaphat king of Judah sat, each on his throne, armed in the gates of Samaria; and all the prophets prophesied before them.

11 And Zedekiah son of Canaan made for himself iron horns, and said, Thus says the Lord, With these you shall push Syria, until it be consumed.

12 And all the prophets prophesied in like manner, saying, Go up to Remmath Gilead, and the thing shall prosper, and the Lord shall deliver it and the king of Syria into yours hands.

13 And the messenger that went to call Michaias spoke to him, saying, Behold now, all the prophets speak with one mouth good concerning the king, let now your words be like the words of one of them, and speak good things.

14 And Michaias said, As the Lord lives, whatsoever the Lord shall say to me, that will I speak.

15 And he came to the king: and the king said to him, Michaias, shall I go up to Remmath Gilead to battle, or shall I forbear? and he said, Go up, and the Lord shall deliver it into the hand of the king.

16 And the king said to him, How often shall I adjure you, that you speak to me truth in the name of the Lord?

17 And he said, Not so. I saw all Israel scattered on the mountains as a flock without a shepherd: and the Lord said, Is not God lord of these? let each one return to his home in peace.

18 And the king of Israel said to Jehoshaphat king of Judah, Did I not say to you that this man does not prophesy good to me, for he speaks nothing but evil?

19 And Michaias said, Not so, it is not I: hear the word of the Lord; it is not so. I saw the God of Israel sitting on his throne, and all the host of heaven stood about him on his right hand and on his left.

20 And the Lord said, Who will deceive Achaab king of Israel, that he may go up and fall in Remmath Gilead? and one spoke one way, and another another way.

21 And there came forth a spirit and stood before the Lord, and said, I will deceive him.

22 And the Lord said to him, Whereby? And he said, I will go forth, and will be a false spirit in the mouth of all his prophets. And he said, You shall deceive him, yea, and shall prevail: go forth, and do so.

23 And now, behold, the Lord has put a false spirit in the mouth of all these your prophets, and the Lord has spoken evil against you.

24 And Zedekiah the son of Canaan came near and smote Michaias on the cheek, and said, What sort of a spirit of the Lord has spoken in you?

25 And Michaias said, Behold, you shall see in that day, when you shall go into an innermost chamber to hide yourself there.

26 And the king of Israel said, Take Michaias, and convey him away to Semer the keeper of the city;

27 and tell Joas the king's son to put this fellow in prison, and to feed him with bread of affliction and water of affliction until I return in peace.

28 And Michaias said, If you return at all in peace, the Lord has not spoken by me.

29 So the king of Israel went up, and Jehoshaphat king of Judah with him to Remmath Gilead.

30 And the king of Israel said to Jehoshaphat king of Judah, I will disguise myself, and enter into the battle, and do you put on my raiment. So the king of Israel disguised himself, and went into the battle.

31 And the king of Syria had charged the thirty-two captains of his chariots, saying, Fight not against small or great, but against the king of Israel only.

32 And it came to pass, when the captains of the chariots saw Jehoshaphat king of Judah, that they said, This seems to be the king of Israel. And they compassed him about to fight against him; and Jehoshaphat cried out.

33 And it came to pass, when the captains of the chariots saw that this was not the king of Israel, that they returned from him.

34 And one drew a bow with a good aim, and smote the king of Israel between the lungs and the breast-plate: and

he said to his charioteer, Turn yours hands, and carry me away out of the battle, for I am wounded.

35 And the war was turned in that day, and the king was standing on the chariot against Syria from morning till evening; and he shed the blood out of his wound, into the bottom of the chariot, and died at even, and the blood ran out of the wound into the bottom of the chariot.

36 And the herald of the army stood at sunset, saying, Let every man go to his own city and his own land,

37 for the king is dead. And they came to Samaria, and buried the king in Samaria.

38 And they washed the chariot at the fountain of Samaria; and the swine and the dogs licked up the blood, and the harlots washed themselves in the blood, according to the word of the Lord which he spoke.

39 And the rest of the acts of Achaab, and all that he did, and the ivory house which he built, and all the cities which he built, behold, are not these things written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Israel?

40 And Achaab slept with his fathers, and Ahaziah his son reigned in his stead.

41 And Jehoshaphat the son of Asa reigned over Judah: in the fourth year of Achaab king of Israel began Jehoshaphat to reign.

42 Thirty and five years old was he when he began to reign, and he reigned twenty and five years in Jerusalem; and his mother's name was Azuba daughter of Salai.

43 And he walked in all the way of Asa his father: he turned not from it, even from doing that which was right in the eyes of the Lord.

44 Only he took not away any of the high places: the people still sacrificed and burnt incense on the high places.

45 And Jehoshaphat was at peace with the king of Israel.

46 And the rest of the acts of Jehoshaphat, and his mighty deeds, whatever he did, behold, are not these things written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Judah?

51 And Jehoshaphat slept with his fathers, and was buried by his fathers in the city of David his father, and Jehoram his son reigned in his stead.

52 And Ahaziah son of Achaab reigned over Israel in Samaria: in the seventeenth year of Jehoshaphat king of Judah, Ahaziah son of Achaab reigned over Israel in Samaria two years.

53 And he did that which was evil in the sight of the Lord, and walked in the way of Achaab his father, and in the way of Jezabel his mother, and in the sins of the house of Jeroboam the son of Nabat, who caused Israel to sin.

54 And he served Baalim, and worshipped them, and provoked the Lord God of Israel, according to all that had been done before him.

2 Kings

Chapter 1

1 AND Moab rebelled against Israel after the death of Achaab.

2 And Ahaziah fell through the lattice that was in his upper chamber in Samaria, and was sick; and he sent messengers, and said to them, Go and enquire of Baal fly, the god of Ekron, whether I shall recover of this my sickness. And they went to enquire of him.

3 And an angel of the Lord called Eliu the Thesbite, saying, Arise, and go to meet the messengers of Ahaziah king of Samaria, and you shall say to them, Is it because there is no God in Israel, that you go to enquire of Baal fly, the god of Ekron? but it shall not be so.

4 For thus says the Lord, The bed on which you are gone up, you shall not come down from it, for you shall surely die. And Eliu went, and said so to them.

5 And the messengers returned to him, and he said to them, Why have you returned?

6 And they said to him, A man came up to meet us, and said to us, Go, return to the king that sent you, and say to him, Thus says the Lord, Is it because there is no God in Israel, that you go to enquire of Baal fly, the god of Ekron? it shall not be so: the bed on which you are gone up, you shall not come down from it, for you shall surely die.

7 So they returned and reported to the king as Eliu said: and he said to them, What was the manner of the man who went up to meet you, and spoke to you these words?

8 And they said to him, He was a hairy man, and girt with a leathern girdle about his loins. And he said, This is Eliu the Thesbite.

9 And he sent to him a captain of fifty and his fifty; and he went up to him: and, behold, Eliu sat on the top of a mountain. And the captain of fifty spoke to him, and said, O man of God, the king has called you, come down.

10 And Eliu answered and said to the captain of fifty, And if I am a man of God, fire shall come down out of heaven, and devour you and your fifty. And fire came down out of heaven, and devoured him and his fifty.

11 And the king sent a second time to him another captain of fifty, and his fifty. And the captain of fifty spoke to him, and said, O man of God, thus says the king, Come down quickly.

12 And Eliu answered and spoke to him, and said, If I am a man of God, fire shall come down out of heaven, and devour you and your fifty. And fire came down out of heaven, and devoured him and his fifty.

13 And the king sent yet again a captain and his fifty. And the third captain of fifty came, and knelt on his knees before Eliu, and entreated him, and spoke to him and said, O man of God, let my life, and the life of these fifty your servants, be precious in your eyes.

14 Behold, fire came down from heaven, and devoured the two first captains of fifty: and now, I pray, let my life be precious in your eyes.

15 And the angel of the Lord spoke to Eliu, and said, Go down with him, be not afraid of them. And Eliu rose up, and went down with him to the king.

16 And Eliu spoke to him, and said, Thus says the Lord, Why have you sent messengers to enquire of Baal fly, the god of Ekron? it shall not be so: the bed on which you are gone up, you shall not come down from it, for you shall surely die.

17 So he died according to the word of the Lord which Eliu had spoken.

18 And the rest of the acts of Ahaziah which he did, behold, are they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Israel?

18a And Jehoram son of Achaab reigns over Israel in Samaria twelve years beginning in the eighteenth year of Jehoshaphat king of Judah:

18b and he did that which was evil in the sight of the Lord, only not as his brethren, nor as his mother:

18c and he removed the pillars of Baal which his father made, and broke them in pieces: only he was joined to the sins of the house of Jeroboam, who led Israel to sin; he departed not from them.

18d And the Lord was very angry with the house of Achaab.

Chapter 2

1 And it came to pass, when the Lord was going to take Eliu with a whirlwind as it were into heaven, that Eliu and Elisaie went out of Gilgal.

2 And Eliu said to Elisaie, Stay here, I pray you; for God has sent me to Bethel. And Elisaie said, As the Lord lives and your soul lives, I will not leave you; so they came to Bethel.

3 And the sons of the prophets who were in Bethel came to Elisaie, and said to him, Do you know, that the Lord this day is going to take your lord away from your head? And he said, Yea, I know it; be silent.

4 And Eliu said to Elisaie, Stay here, I pray you; for the Lord has sent me to Jericho. And he said, As the Lord lives and your soul lives, I will not leave you. And they came to Jericho.

5 And the sons of the prophets who were in Jericho drew near to Elisaie, and said to him, Do you know that the Lord

is about to take away your master to-day from your head? And he said, Yea, I know it; hold your peace.

6 And Eliu said to him, Stay here, I pray you, for the Lord has sent me to Jordan. And Elisaie said, As the Lord lives and your soul lives, I will not leave you: and they both went on.

7 And fifty men of the sons of the prophets went also, and they stood opposite afar off: and both stood on the bank of Jordan.

8 And Eliu took his mantle, and wrapped it together, and smote the water: and the water was divided on this side and on that side, and they both went over on dry ground.

9 And it came to pass while they were crossing over, that Eliu said to Elisaie, Ask what I shall do for you before I am taken up from you. And Elisaie said, Let there be, I pray you, a double portion of your spirit upon me.

10 And Eliu said, You have asked a hard thing: if you shall see me when I am taken up from you, then shall it be so to you; and if not, it shall not be so.

11 And it came to pass as they were going, they went on talking; and, behold, a chariot of fire, and horses of fire, and it separated between them both; and Eliu was taken up in a whirlwind as it were into heaven.

12 And Elisaie saw, and cried, Father, father, the chariot of Israel, and the horseman thereof! And he saw him no more: and he took hold of his garments, and rent them into two pieces.

13 And Elisaie took up the mantle of Eliu, which fell from off him upon Elisaie; and Elisaie returned, and stood upon the brink of Jordan;

14 and he took the mantle of Eliu, which fell from off him, and smote the water, and said, Where is the Lord God of Eliu? and he smote the waters, and they were divided hither and thither; and Elisaie went over.

15 And the sons of the prophets who were in Jericho on the opposite side saw him, and said, The spirit of Eliu has rested upon Elisaie. And they came to meet him, and did obeisance to him to the ground.

16 And they said to him, Behold now, there are with your servants fifty men of strength: let them go now, and seek your lord: peradventure the Spirit of the Lord has taken him up, and cast him into Jordan, or on one of the mountains, or on one of the hills. And Elisaie said, You shall not send.

17 And they pressed him until he was ashamed; and he said, Send. And they sent fifty men, and sought three days, and found him not.

18 And they returned to him, for he dwelt in Jericho: and Elisaie said, Did I not say to you, Go not?

19 And the men of the city said to Elisaie, Behold, the situation of the city is good, as our lord sees; but the waters are bad, and the ground barren.

20 And Elisaie said, Bring me a new pitcher, and put salt in it. And they took one, and brought it to him.

21 And Elisaie went out to the spring of the waters, and cast salt therein, and says, Thus says the Lord, I have healed these waters; there shall not be any longer death thence or barren land.

22 And the waters were healed until this day, according to the word of Elisaie which he spoke.

23 And he went up thence to Bethel: and as he was going up by the way there came up also little children from the city, and mocked him, and said to him, Go up, baldhead, go up.

24 And he turned after them, and saw them, and cursed them in the name of the Lord. And, behold, there came out two bears out of the wood, and they tore forty and two children of them.

25 And he went thence to mount Carmel, and returned thence to Samaria.

Chapter 3

1 And Jehoram the son of Achaab began to reign in Israel in the eighteenth year of Jehoshaphat king of Judah, and he reigned twelve years.

2 And he did that which was evil in the sight of the Lord, only not as his father, nor as his mother: and he removed the pillars of Baal which his father had made.

3 Only he adhered to the sin of Jeroboam the son of Nabat, who made Israel to sin; he departed not from it.

4 And Mosa king of Moab was a sheep-master, and he rendered to the king of Israel in the beginning of the year, a hundred thousand lambs, and a hundred thousand rams, with the wool.

5 And it came to pass, after the death of Achaab, that the king of Moab rebelled against the king of Israel.

6 And king Jehoram went forth in that day out of Samaria, and numbered Israel.

7 And he went and sent to Jehoshaphat king of Judah, saying, The king of Moab has rebelled against me: will you go with me against Moab to war? And he said, I will go up: you are as I, I am as you; as my people, so is your people, as my horses, so are your horses.

8 And he said, What way shall I go up? and he said, The way of the wilderness of Edom.

9 And the king of Israel went, and the king of Judah, and the king of Edom: and they fetched a compass of seven days' journey; and there was no water for the army, and for the cattle that went with them.

10 And the king of Israel said, Alas! that the Lord should have called the three kings on their way, to give them into the hand of Moab.

11 And Jehoshaphat said, Is there not here a prophet of the Lord, that we may enquire of the Lord by him? And one of the servants of the king of Israel answered and said, There is here Elisaie son of Saphat, who poured water on the hands of Eliu.

12 And Jehoshaphat said, He has the word of the Lord. And the king of Israel, and Jehoshaphat king of Judah, and the king of Edom, went down to him.

13 And Elisaie said to the king of Israel, What have I to do with you? go to the prophets of your father, and the prophets of your mother. And the king of Israel said to him, Has the Lord called the three kings to deliver them into the hands of Moab?

14 And Elisaie said, As the Lord of hosts before whom I stand lives, unless I regarded the presence of Jehoshaphat the king of Judah, I would not have looked on you, nor seen you.

15 And now fetch me a harper. And it came to pass, as the harper harped, that the hand of the Lord came upon him.

16 And he said, Thus says the Lord, Make this valley full of trenches.

17 For thus says the Lord, You shall not see wind, neither shall you see rain, yet this valley shall be filled with water, and you, and your flocks, and your cattle shall drink.

18 And this is a light thing in the eyes of the Lord: I will also deliver Moab into your hand.

19 And you shall smite every strong city, and you shall cut down every good tree, and you shall stop all wells of water, and spoil every good piece of land with stones.

20 And it came to pass in the morning, when the sacrifice was offered, that, behold! waters came from the way of Edom, and the land was filled with water.

21 And all Moab heard that the three kings were come up to fight against them; and they cried out on every side, even all that were girt with a girdle, and they said, Ho! and stood upon the border.

22 And they rose early in the morning, and the sun rose upon the waters, and Moab saw the waters on the opposite side red as blood.

23 And they said, This is the blood of the sword; and the kings have fought, and each man has smitten his neighbour; now then to the spoils, Moab.

24 And they entered into the camp of Israel; and Israel arose and smote Moab, and they fled from before them; and they went on and smote Moab as they went.

25 And they razed the cities, and cast every man his stone on every good piece of land and filled it; and they stopped every well, and cut down every good tree, until they left only the stones of the wall cast down; and the slingers compassed the land, and smote it.

26 And the king of Moab saw that the battle prevailed against him; and he took with him seven hundred men that drew sword, to cut through to the king of Edom: and they could not.

27 And he took his eldest son whom he had designed to reign in his stead, and offered him up for a whole-burnt-offering on the walls. And there was a great indignation against Israel; and they departed from him, and returned to their land.

Chapter 4

1 And one of the wives of the sons of the prophets cried to Elisaie, saying, Your servant my husband is dead; and you know that your servant feared the Lord: and the creditor is come to take my two sons to be his servants.

2 And Elisaie said, What shall I do for you? tell me what you have in the house. And she said, Your servant has nothing in the house, except oil wherewith I anoint myself.

3 And he said to her, Go, borrow for yourself vessels without of all your neighbours, even empty vessels; borrow not a few.

4 And you shall go in and shut the door upon you and upon your sons, and you shall pour forth into these vessels, and remove that which is filled.

5 And she departed from him, and shut the door upon herself and upon her sons: they brought the vessels near to her, and she poured in until the vessels were filled.

6 And she said to her sons, Bring me yet a vessel. And they said to her, There is not a vessel more. And the oil stayed.

7 And she came and told the man of God: and Elisaie said, Go, and sell the oil, and you shall pay your debts, and you and your sons shall live of the remaining oil.

8 And a day came, when Elisaie passed over to Soman, and there was a great lady there, and she constrained him to eat bread: and it came to pass as often as he went into the city, that he turned aside to eat there.

9 And the woman said to her husband, See now, I know that this is a holy man of God who comes over continually to us.

10 Let us now make for him an upper chamber, a small place; and let us put there for him a bed, and a table, and a stool, and a candlestick: and it shall come to pass that when he comes in to us, he shall turn in thither.

11 And a day came, and he went in thither, and turned aside into the upper chamber, and lay there.

12 And he said to Giezi his servant, Call me this Somanite. And he called her, and she stood before him.

13 And he said to him, Say now to her, Behold, you have taken all this trouble for us; what should I do for you? Have you any request to make to the king, or to the captain of the host? And she said, I dwell in the midst of my people.

14 And he said to Giezi, What must we do for her? and Giezi his servant said, Indeed she has no son, and her husband is old.

15 And he called her, and she stood by the door.

16 And Elisaie said to her, At this time next year, as the season is, you shall be alive, and embrace a son. And she said, Nay, my lord, do not lie to your servant.

17 And the woman conceived, and bore a son at the very time, as the season was, being alive, as Elisaie said to her.

18 And the child grew: and it came to pass when he went out to his father to the reapers,

19 that he said to his father, My head, my head. And his father said to a servant, Carry him to his mother.

20 And he carried him to his mother, and he lay upon her knees till noon, and died.

21 And she carried him up and laid him on the bed of the man of God; and she shut the door upon him, and went out.

22 And she called her husband, and said, Send now for me one of the young men, and one of the asses, and I will ride quickly to the man of God, and return.

23 And he said, Why are you going to him to-day? It is neither new moon, nor the sabbath. And she said, It is well.

24 And she saddled the ass, and said to her servant, Be quick, proceed: spare not on my account to ride, unless I shall tell you. Go, and you shall proceed, and come to the man of God to mount Carmel.

25 And she rode and came to the man of God to the mountain: and it came to pass when Elisaie saw her coming, that he said to Giezi his servant, See now, that Somanite comes.

26 Now run to meet her, and you shall say, Is it well with you? is it well with your husband? is it well with the child? and she said, It is well.

27 And she came to Elisaie to the mountain, and laid hold of his feet; and Giezi drew near to thrust her away. And Elisaie said, Let her alone, for her soul is much grieved in her, and the Lord has hidden it from me, and has not told it me.

28 And she said, Did I ask a son of my lord? For did I not say, Do not deal deceitfully with me?

29 And Elisaie said to Giezi, Gird up your loins, and take my staff in your hand, and go: if you meet any man, you shall not salute him, and if a man salute you you shall not answer him: and you shall lay my staff on the child's face.

30 And the mother of the child said, As the Lord lives and as your soul lives, I will not leave you. And Elisaie arose, and went after her.

31 And Giezi went on before her, and laid his staff on the child's face: but there was neither voice nor any hearing. So he returned to meet him, and told him, saying, The child is not awaked.

32 And Elisaie went into the house, and, behold, the dead child was laid upon his bed.

33 And Elisaie went into the house, and shut the door upon themselves, the two, and prayed to the Lord.

34 And he went up, and lay upon the child, and put his mouth upon his mouth, and his eyes upon his eyes, and his hands upon his hands; and bowed himself upon him, and the flesh of the child grew warm.

35 And he returned, and walked up and down in the house: and he went up, and bowed himself on the child seven times; and the child opened his eyes.

36 And Elisaie cried out to Giezi, and said, Call this Somanite. So he called her, and she came in to him: and Elisaie said, Take your son.

37 And the woman went in, and fell at his feet, and did obeisance bowing to the ground; and she took her son, and went out.

38 And Elisaie returned to Gilgal: and a famine was in the land; and the sons of the prophets sat before him: and Elisaie said to his servant, Set on the great pot, and boil pottage for the sons of the prophets.

39 And he went out into the field to gather herbs, and found a vine in the field, and gathered of it wild gourds, his garment full; and he cast it into the caldron of pottage, for they knew them not.

40 And he poured it out for the men to eat: and it came to pass, when they were eating of the pottage, that lo! they cried out, and said, There is death in the pot, O man of God. And they could not eat.

41 And he said, Take meal, and cast it into the pot. And Elisaie said to his servant Giezi, Pour out for the people, and let them eat. And there was no longer there any hurtful thing in the pot.

42 And there came a man over from Bætharisa, and brought to the man of God twenty barley loaves and cakes of figs, of the first-fruits. And he said, Give to the people, and let them eat.

43 And his servant said, Why should I set this before a hundred men? and he said, Give to the people, and let them eat; for thus says the Lord, They shall eat and leave.

44 And they ate and left, according to the word of the Lord.

Chapter 5

1 Now Naiman, the captain of the host of Syria, was a great man before his master, and highly respected, because by him the Lord had given deliverance to Syria, and the man was mighty in strength, but a leper.

2 And the Syrians went forth in small bands, and took captive out of the land of Israel a little maid: and she waited on Naiman's wife.

3 And she said to her mistress, O that my lord were before the prophet of God in Samaria; then he would recover him from his leprosy.

4 And she went in and told her lord, and said, Thus and thus spoke the maid from the land of Israel.

5 And the king of Syria said to Naiman, Go to, go, and I will send a letter to the king of Israel. And he went, and took in his hand ten talents of silver, and six thousand pieces of gold, and ten changes of raiment.

6 And he brought the letter to the king of Israel, saying, Now then, as soon as this letter shall reach you, behold, I have sent to you my servant Naiman, and you shall recover him from his leprosy.

7 And it came to pass, when the king of Israel read the letter, that he rent his garments, and said, Am I God, to kill and to make alive, that this man sends to me to recover a man of his leprosy? consider, however, I pray you, and see that this man seeks an occasion against me.

8 And it came to pass, when Elisaie heard that the king of Israel had rent his garments, that he sent to the king of Israel, saying, Wherefore have you rent your garments? Let Naiman, I pray you, come to me, and let him know that there is a prophet in Israel.

9 So Naiman came with horse and chariot, and stood at the door of the house of Elisaie.

10 And Elisaie sent a messenger to him, saying, Go and wash seven times in Jordan, and your flesh shall return to you, and you shall be cleansed.

11 And Naiman was angry, and departed, and said, Behold, I said, He will by all means come out to me, and stand, and call on the name of his God, and lay his hand upon the place, and recover the leper.

12 Are not Abana and Pharphar, rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? may I not go and wash in them, and be cleansed? and he turned and went away in a rage.

13 And his servants came near and said to him, Suppose the prophet had spoken a great thing to you, would you not perform it? yet he has but said to you, Wash, and be cleansed.

14 So Naiman went down, and dipped himself seven times in Jordan, according to the word of Elisaie: and his flesh returned to him as the flesh of a little child, and he was cleansed.

15 And he and all his company returned to Elisaie, and he came and stood before him, and said, Behold, I know that there is no God in all the earth, save only in Israel: and now receive a blessing of your servant.

16 And Elisaie said, As the Lord lives, before whom I stand, I will not take one. And he pressed him to take one: but he would not.

17 And Naiman said, Well then, if not, let there be given to your servant, I pray you, the load of a yoke of mules; and you shall give me of the red earth: for henceforth your servant will not offer whole-burnt-offering or sacrifice to other gods, but only to the Lord by reason of this thing.

18 And let the Lord be propitious to your servant when my master goes into the house of Remman to worship there, and he shall lean on my hand, and I shall bow down in the house of Remman when he bows down in the house of Remman; even let the Lord, I pray, be merciful to your servant in this matter.

19 And Elisaie said to Naiman, Go in peace. And he departed from him a little way.

20 And Giezi the servant of Elisaie said, Behold, my Lord has spared this Syrian Naiman, so as not to take of his hand what he has brought: as the Lord lives, I will surely run after him, and take somewhat of him.

21 So Giezi followed after Naiman: and Naiman saw him running after him, and turned back from his chariot to meet him.

22 And Giezi said, All is well: my master has sent me, saying, Behold, now are there come to me two young men of the sons of the prophets from mount Ephraim; give them, I pray you, a talent of silver, and two changes of raiment.

23 And Naiman said, Take two talents of silver. And he took two talents of silver in two bags, and two changes of raiment, and put them upon two of his servants, and they bore them before him.

24 And he came to a secret place, and took them from their hands, and laid them up in the house, and dismissed the men.

25 And he went in himself and stood before his master; and Elisaie said to him,

26 Whence come you, Giezi? and Giezi said, Your servant has not been hither or thither. And Elisaie said to him, Went not my heart with you, when the man returned from his chariot to meet you? and now you have received silver, and now you have received raiment, and oliveyards, and

vineyards, and sheep, and oxen, and menservants, and maidservants.

27 The leprosy also of Naiman shall cleave to you, and to your seed for ever. And he went out from his presence leprous, like snow.

Chapter 6

1 And the sons of the prophets said to Elisaie, Behold now, the place wherein we dwell before you is too narrow for us.

2 Let us go, we pray you, unto Jordan, and take thence every man a beam, and make for ourselves a habitation there.

3 And he said, Go. And one of them said gently, Come with your servants. And he said, I will go.

4 And he went with them, and they came to Jordan, and began to cut down wood.

5 And behold, one was cutting down a beam, and the axe head fell into the water: and he cried out, Alas! master: and it was hidden.

6 And the man of God said, Where did it fall? and he shewed him the place: and he broke off a stick, and threw it in there, and the iron came to the surface.

7 And he said, Take it up to yourself. And he stretched out his hand, and took it.

8 And the king of Syria was at war with Israel: and he consulted with his servants, saying, I will encamp in such a place.

9 And Elisaie sent to the king of Israel, saying, Take heed that you pass not by that place, for the Syrians are hidden there.

10 And the king of Israel sent to the place which Elisaie mentioned to him, and saved himself thence not once or twice.

11 And the mind of the king of Syria was very much disturbed concerning this thing; and he called his servants, and said to them, Will you not tell me who betrays me to the king of Israel?

12 And one of his servants said, Nay, my Lord, O king, for Elisaie the prophet that is in Israel reports to the king of Israel all the words whatsoever you may say in your bedchamber.

13 And he said, Go, see where this man is, and I will send and take him. And they sent word to him, saying, Behold, he is in Dothaim.

14 And he sent thither horses, and chariots, and a mighty host: and they came by night, and compassed about the city.

15 And the servant of Elisaie rose up early and went out; and, behold, a host compassed the city, and horses and chariots: and the servant said to him, O master, what shall we do?

16 And Elisaie said, Fear not, for they who are with us are more than they that are with them.

17 And Elisaie prayed, and said, Lord, open, I pray you, the eyes of the servant, and let him see. And the Lord opened his eyes, and he saw: and, behold, the mountain was full of horses, and there were chariots of fire round about Elisaie.

18 And they came down to him; and he prayed to the Lord, and said, Smite, I pray you, this people with blindness. And he smote them with blindness, according to the word of Elisaie.

19 And Elisaie said to them, This is not the city, and this is not the way: follow me, and I will bring you to the man whom you seek. And he led them away to Samaria.

20 And it came to pass when they entered into Samaria, that Elisaie said, Open, I pray you, O Lord, their eyes, and let them see. And the Lord opened their eyes, and they saw; and, behold, they were in the midst of Samaria.

21 And the king of Israel said to Elisaie, when he saw them, Shall I not verily smite them, my father?

22 And he said, You shall not smite them, unless you would smite those whom you have taken captive with your sword and with your bow: set bread and water before them, and let them eat and drink, and depart to their master.

23 And he set before them a great feast, and they ate and drank: and he dismissed them, and they departed to their master. And the bands of Syria came no longer into the land of Israel.

24 And it came to pass after this, that the son of Ader king of Syria gathered all his army, and went up, and besieged Samaria.

25 And there was a great famine in Samaria: and, behold, they besieged it, until an ass's head was valued at fifty pieces of silver, and the fourth part of a cab of dove's dung at five pieces of silver.

26 And the king of Israel was passing by on the wall, and a woman cried to him, saying, Help, my lord, O king.

27 And he said to her, Unless the Lord help you, whence shall I help you? from the corn-floor, or from the wine-press?

28 And the king said to her, What is the matter with you? And the woman said to him, This woman said to me, Give your son, and we will eat him today, and we will eat my son to-morrow.

29 So we boiled my son, and ate him; and I said to her on the second day, Give your son, and let us eat him: and she has hidden her son.

30 And it came to pass, when the king of Israel heard the words of the woman, that he rent his garments; and he

passed by on the wall, and the people saw sackcloth within upon his flesh.

31 And he said, God do so to me and more also, if the head of Elisaie shall stand upon him this day.

32 And Elisaie was sitting in his house, and the elders were sitting with him; and the king sent a man before him: before the messenger came to him, he also said to the elders, Do you see that this son of a murderer has sent to take away my head? See, as soon as the messenger shall have come, shut the door, and forcibly detain him at the door: is not the sound of his master's feet behind him?

33 While he was yet speaking with them, behold, a messenger came to him: and he said, Behold, this evil is of the Lord; why should I wait for the Lord any longer?

Chapter 7

1 And Elisaie said, Hear you the word of the Lord; Thus says the Lord, As at this time, to-morrow a measure of fine flour shall be sold for a shekel, and two measures of barley for a shekel, in the gates of Samaria.

2 And the officer on whose hand the king rested, answered Elisaie, and said, Behold, if the Lord shall make flood-gates in heaven, might this thing be? and Elisaie said, Behold, you shall see with your eyes, but shall not eat thereof.

3 And there were four leprous men by the gate of the city: and one said to his neighbour, Why sit we here until we die?

4 If we should say, Let us go into the city, then there is famine in the city, and we shall die there: and if we sit here, then we shall die. Now then come, and let us fall upon the camp of the Syrians: if they should take us alive, then we shall live; and if they should put us to death, then we shall only die.

5 And they rose up while it was yet night, to go into the camp of Syria; and they came into a part of the camp of Syria, and behold, there was no man there.

6 For the Lord had made the army of Syria to hear a sound of chariots, and a sound of horses, even the sound of a great host: and each man said to his fellow, Now has the king of Israel hired against us the kings of the Chettites, and the kings of Egypt, to come against us.

7 And they arose and fled while it was yet dark, and left their tents, and their horses, and their asses in the camp, as they were, and fled for their lives.

8 And these lepers entered a little way into the camp, and went into one tent, and ate and drank, and took thence silver, and gold, and raiment; and they went and returned thence, and entered into another tent, and took thence, and went and hid the spoil.

9 And one man said to his neighbour, We are not doing well thus: this day is a day of glad tidings, and we hold our peace, and are waiting till the morning light, and shall find mischief: now then come, and let us go into the city, and report to the house of the king.

10 So they went and cried toward the gate of the city, and reported to them, saying, We went into the camp of Syria, and, behold, there is not there a man, nor voice of man, only horses tied and asses, and their tents as they were.

11 And the porters cried aloud, and reported to the house of the king within.

12 And the king rose up by night, and said to his servants, I will now tell you what the Syrians have done to us. They knew that we are hungry; and they have gone forth from the camp and hidden themselves in the field, saying, They will come out of the city, and we shall catch them alive, and go into the city.

13 And one of his servants answered and said, Let them now take five of the horses that were left, which were left here; behold, they are the number left to all the multitude of Israel; and we will send thither and see.

14 So they took two horsemen; and the king of Israel sent after the king of Syria, saying, Go, and see.

15 And they went after them even to Jordan: and, behold, all the way was full of garments and vessels, which the Syrians had cast away in their panic. And the messengers returned, and brought word to the king.

16 And the people went out, and plundered the camp of Syria: and a measure of fine flour was sold for a shekel, according to the word of the Lord, and two measures of barley for a shekel.

17 And the king appointed the officer on whose hand the king leaned to have charge over the gate: and the people trampled on him in the gate, and he died, as the man of God had said, who spoke when the messenger came down to him.

18 So it came to pass as Elisaie had spoken to the king, saying, Two measures of barley shall be sold for a shekel, and a measure of fine flour for a shekel; and it shall be as at this time to-morrow in the gate of Samaria.

19 And the officer answered Elisaie, and said, Behold, if the Lord makes flood-gates in heaven, shall this thing be? and Elisaie said, Behold, you shall see it with your eyes, but you shall not eat thereof.

20 And it was so: for the people trampled on him in the gate, and he died.

Chapter 8

1 And Elisaie spoke to the woman, whose son he had restored to life, saying, Arise, and go you and your house, and sojourn wherever you may sojourn: for the Lord has called for a famine upon the land; indeed it is come upon the land for seven years.

2 And the woman arose, and did according to the word of Elisaie, both she and her house; and they sojourned in the land of the Philistines seven years.

3 And it came to pass after the expiration of the seven years, that the woman returned out of the land of the Philistines to the city; and came to cry to the king for her house and for her lands.

4 And the king spoke to Giezi the servant of Elisaie the man of God, saying, Tell me, I pray you, all the great things which Elisaie has done.

5 And it came to pass, as he was telling the king how he had restored to life the dead son, behold, the woman whose son Elisaie restored to life came crying to the king for her house and for her lands. And Giezi said, My lord, O king, this is the woman, and this is her son, whom Elisaie restored to life.

6 And the king asked the woman, and she told him: and the king appointed her a eunuch, saying, Restore all that was hers, and all the fruits of the field from the day that she left the land until now.

7 And Elisaie came to Damascus; and the king of Syria the son of Ader was ill, and they brought him word, saying, The man of God is come hither.

8 And the king said to Azael, Take in yours hand a present, and go to meet the man of God, and enquire of the Lord by him, saying, Shall I recover of this my disease?

9 And Azael went to meet him, and he took a present in his hand, and all the good things of Damascus, forty camels' load, and came and stood before him, and said to Elisaie, Your son the son of Ader, the king of Syria, has sent me to you to enquire, saying, Shall I recover of this my disease?

10 And Elisaie said, Go, say, You shall certainly live; yet the Lord has shewed me that you shall surely die.

11 And he stood before him, and fixed his countenance till he was ashamed: and the man of God wept.

12 And Azael said, Why does my lord weep? And he said, Because I know all the evil that you will do to the children of Israel: you will utterly destroy their strong holds with fire, and you will slay their choice men with the sword, and you will dash their infants against the ground, and their women with child you will rip up.

13 And Azael said, Who is your servant? a dead dog, that he should do this thing? And Elisaie said, The Lord has shewn me you ruling over Syria.

14 And he departed from Elisaie, and went in to his lord; and he said to him, What said Elisaie to you? and he said, He said to me, You shall surely live.

15 And it came to pass on the next day that he took a thick cloth, and dipped it in water, and put it on his face, and he died: and Azael reigned in his stead.

16 In the fifth year of Jehoram son of Achaab king of Israel, and while Jehoshaphat was king of Judah, Jehoram the son of Jehoshaphat king of Judah began to reign.

17 Thirty and two years old was he when he began to reign, and he reigned eight years in Jerusalem.

18 And he walked in the way of the kings of Israel, as did the house of Achaab; for the daughter of Achaab was his wife: and he did that which was evil in the sight of the Lord.

19 But the Lord would not destroy Judah for David his servant's sake, as he said he would give a light to him and to his sons continually.

20 In his days Edom revolted from under the hand of Judah, and they made a king over themselves.

21 And Jehoram went up to Sior, and all the chariots that were with him: and it came to pass after he had arisen, that he smote Edom who compassed him about, and the captains of the chariots; and the people fled to their tents.

22 Yet Edom revolted from under the hand of Judah till this day. Then Lobna revolted at that time.

23 And the rest of the acts of Jehoram, and all that he did, behold, are not these written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Judah?

24 So Jehoram slept with his fathers, and was buried with his fathers in the city of his father David: and Ahaziah his son reigned in his stead.

25 In the twelfth year of Jehoram son of Achaab king of Israel, Ahaziah son of Jehoram began to reign.

26 Twenty and two years old was Ahaziah when he began to reign, and he reigned one year in Jerusalem: and the name of his mother was Gotholia, daughter of Ambri king of Israel.

27 And he walked in the way of the house of Achaab, and did that which was evil in the sight of the Lord, as did the house of Achaab.

28 And he went with Jehoram the son of Achaab to war against Azael king of the Syrians in Remmoth Gilead; and the Syrians wounded Jehoram.

29 And king Jehoram returned to be healed in Jezreel of the wounds with which they wounded him in Remmoth, when he fought with Azael king of Syria. And Ahaziah son of Jehoram went down to see Jehoram the son of Achaab in Jezreel, because he was sick.

Chapter 9

1 And Elisaie the prophet called one of the sons of the prophets, and said to him, Gird up your loins, and take this cruse of oil in your hand, and go to Remmoth Gilead.

2 And you shall enter there, and shall see there Ju the son of Jehoshaphat son of Namessi, and shall go in and make him rise up from among his brethren, and shall bring him into a secret chamber.

3 And you shall take the cruse of oil, and pour it on his head, and say you, Thus says the Lord, I have anointed you king over Israel: and you shall open the door, and flee, and not tarry.

4 And the young man the prophet went to Remmoth Gilead.

5 And he went in, and, behold, the captains of the host were sitting; and he said, I have a message to you, O captain. And Ju said, To which of all us? And he said, To you, O captain.

6 And he arose, and went into the house: and he poured the oil upon his head, and said to him, Thus says the Lord God of Israel, I have anointed you to be king over the people of the Lord, even over Israel.

7 And you shall utterly destroy the house of Achaab your master from before me, and shall avenge the blood of my servants the prophets, and the blood of all the servants of the Lord, at the hand of Jezabel,

8 and at the hand of the whole house of Achaab: and you shall utterly cut off from the house of Achaab every male, and him that is shut up and left in Israel.

9 And I will make the house of Achaab like the house of Jeroboam the son of Nabat, and as the house of Baasa the son of Achia.

10 And the dogs shall eat Jezabel in the portion of Jezreel, and there shall be none to bury her. And he opened the door, and fled.

11 And Ju went forth to the servants of his lord, and they said to him, Is all well? Why came this mad fellow in to you? And he said to them, You know the man, and his communication.

12 And they said, It is wrong: tell us now. And Ju said to them, Thus and thus spoke he to me, saying,—and he said, Thus says the Lord, I have anointed you to be king over Israel.

13 And when they heard it, they hasted, and took every man his garment, and put it under him on the top of the stairs, and blew with the trumpet, and said, Ju is king.

14 So Ju the son of Jehoshaphat the son of Namessi conspired against Jehoram, and Jehoram was defending Remmoth Gilead, he and all Israel, because of Azael king of Syria.

15 And king Jehoram had returned to be healed in Jezreel of the wounds which the Syrians had given him, in his war with Azael king of Syria. And Ju said, If your heart is with me, let there not go forth out of the city one fugitive to go and report to Jezreel.

16 And Ju rode and advanced, and came down to Jezreel; for Jehoram king of Israel was getting healed in Jezreel of the arrow-wounds wherewith the Syrians had wounded him in Rammath in the war with Azael king of Syria; for he was strong and a mighty man: and Ahaziah king of Judah was come down to see Jehoram.

17 And there went up a watchman upon the tower of Jezreel, and saw the dust made by Ju as he approached; and he said, I see dust. And Jehoram said, Take a horseman, and send to meet them, and let him say, Peace.

18 And there went a horseman to meet them, and said, Thus says the king, Peace. And Ju said, What have you to do with peace? turn behind me. And the watchman reported, saying, The messenger came up to them, and has not returned.

19 And he sent another horseman, and he came to him, and said, Thus says the king, Peace. And Ju said, What have you to do with peace? turn behind me.

20 And the watchman reported, saying, He came up to them, and has not returned: and the driver drives Ju the son of Namessi, for it is with furious haste.

21 And Jehoram said, Make ready. And one made ready the chariot: and Jehoram the king of Israel went forth, and Ahaziah king of Judah, each in his chariot, and they went to meet Ju, and found him in the portion of Nabuthai the Jezreelite.

22 And it came to pass when Jehoram saw Ju, that he said, Is it peace, Ju? And Ju said, How can it be peace? as yet there are the whoredoms of your mother Jezabel, and her abundant witchcrafts.

23 And Jehoram turned his hands, and fled, and said to Ahaziah, Treachery, Ahaziah.

24 And Ju bent his bow with his full strength, and smote Jehoram between his arms, and his arrow went out at his heart, and he bowed upon his knees.

25 And Ju said to Badecar his chief officer, Cast him into the portion of ground of Nabuthai the Jezreelite, for I and you remember, riding as we were on chariots after Achaab his father, that the Lord took up this burden against him, saying,

26 Surely, I have seen yesterday the blood of Nabuthai, and the blood of his sons, says the Lord; and I will recompense him in this portion, says the Lord. Now then, I pray you,

take him up and cast him into the portion, according to the word of the Lord.

27 And Ahaziah king of Judah saw it, and fled by the way of Bæthgan. And Ju pursued after him, and said, Slay him also. And one smote him in the chariot at the going up of Gai, which is Jeblaam: and he fled to Megiddo, and died there.

28 And his servants put him on a chariot, and brought him to Jerusalem, and they buried him in his sepulchre in the city of David.

29 And in the eleventh year of Jehoram king of Israel, Ahaziah began to reign over Judah.

30 And Ju came to Jezreel; and Jezabel heard of it, and coloured her eyes, and adorned her head, and looked through the window.

31 And Ju entered into the city; and she said, Had Zambri, the murderer of his master, peace?

32 And he lifted up his face toward the window, and saw her, and said, Who are you? Come down with me. And two eunuchs looked down towards him.

33 And he said, Throw her down. And they threw her down; and some of her blood was sprinkled on the wall, and on the horses: and they trampled on her.

34 And Ju went in and ate and drank, and said, Look now, after this cursed woman, and bury her, for she is a king's daughter.

35 And they went to bury her; but they found nothing of her but the skull, and the feet, and the palms of her hands.

36 And they returned and told him. And he said, It is the word of the Lord, which he spoke by the hand of Eliu the Thesbite, saying, In the portion of Jezreel shall the dogs eat the flesh of Jezabel.

37 And the carcase of Jezabel shall be as dung on the face of the field in the portion of Jezreel, so that they shall not say, This is Jezabel.

Chapter 10

1 And Achaab had seventy sons in Samaria. And Ju wrote a letter, and sent it into Samaria to the rulers of Samaria, and to the elders, and to the guardians of the children of Achaab, saying,

2 Now then, as soon as this letter shall have reached you, whereas there are with you the sons of your master, and with you chariots and horses, and strong cities, and arms,

3 do you accordingly look out the best and fittest among your master's sons, and set him on the throne of his father, and fight for the house of your master.

4 And they feared greatly, and said, Behold, two kings stood not before him: and how shall we stand?

5 So they that were over the house, and they that were over the city, and the elders and the guardians, sent to Ju, saying, We also are your servants, and whatsoever you shall say to us we will do; we will not make any man king: we will do that which is right in your eyes.

6 And Ju wrote them a second letter, saying, If you are for me, and hearken to my voice, take the heads of the men your master's sons, and bring them to me at this time to-morrow in Jezreel. Now the sons of the king were seventy men; these great men of the city brought them up.

7 And it came to pass, when the letter came to them, that they took the king's sons, and slew them, even seventy men, and put their heads in baskets, and sent them to him at Jezreel.

8 And a messenger came and told him, saying, They have brought the heads of the king's sons. And he said, Lay them in two heaps by the door of the gate until the morning.

9 And the morning came, and he went forth, and stood, and said to all the people, You are righteous: behold, I conspired against my master, and slew him: but who slew all these?

10 See now that there shall not fall to the ground anything of the word of the Lord which the Lord spoke against the house of Achaab: for the Lord has performed all that he spoke of by the hand of his servant Eliu.

11 And Ju smote all that were left of the house of Achaab in Jezreel, and all his great men, and his acquaintance, and his priests, so as not to leave him any remnant.

12 And he arose and went to Samaria, and he was in the house of sheep-shearing in the way.

13 And Ju found the brethren of Ahaziah king of Judah, and said, Who are you? And they said, We are the brethren of Ahaziah, and we have come down to salute the sons of the king, and the sons of the queen.

14 And he said, Take them alive. And they slew them at the shearinghouse, forty and two men: he left not a man of them.

15 And he went thence and found Jonadab the son of Rechab coming to meet him; and he saluted him, and Ju said to him, Is your heart right with my heart, as my heart is with your heart? And Jonadab said, It is. And Ju said, If it is then, give me your hand. And he gave him his hand, and he took him up to him into the chariot.

16 And he said to him, Come with me, and see me zealous for the Lord. And he caused him to sit in his chariot.

17 And he entered into Samaria, and smote all that were left of Achaab in Samaria, until he had utterly destroyed him, according to the word of the Lord, which he spoke to Eliu.

18 And Ju gathered all the people, and said to them, Achaab served Baal a little; Ju shall serve him much.

19 Now then do all you the prophets of Baal call all his servants and his priests to me; let not a man be wanting: for I have a great sacrifice to offer to Baal; every one who shall be missing shall die. But Ju did it in subtilty, that he might destroy the servants of Baal.

20 And Ju said, Sanctify a solemn festival to Baal, and they made a proclamation.

21 And Ju sent throughout all Israel, saying, Now then let all Baal's servants, and all his priests, and all his prophets come, let none be lacking: for I am going to offer a great sacrifice; whosoever shall be missing, shall not live. So all the servants of Baal came, and all his priests, and all his prophets: there was not one left who came not. And they entered into the house of Baal; and the house of Baal was filled from one end to the other.

22 And he said to the man who was over the house of the wardrobe, Bring forth a robe for all the servants of Baal. And the keeper of the robes brought forth to them.

23 And Ju and Jonadab the son of Rechab entered into the house of Baal, and said to the servants of Baal, Search, and see whether there is among you any of the servants of the Lord, or only the servants of Baal, by themselves.

24 And he went in to offer sacrifices and whole-burnt-offerings; and Ju set for himself eighty men without, and said, Every man who shall escape of the men whom I bring into your hand, the life of him that spares him shall go for his life.

25 And it came to pass, when he had finished offering the whole-burnt-offering, that Ju said to the footmen and the officers, Go you in and slay them; let not a man of them escape. So they smote them with the edge of the sword, and the footmen and the officers cast the bodies forth, and went to the city of the house of Baal.

26 And they brought out the pillar of Baal, and burnt it.

27 And they tore down the pillars of Baal, and made his house a draught-house until this day.

28 So Ju abolished Baal out of Israel.

29 Nevertheless Ju departed not from following the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nabat, who led Israel to sin: these were the golden heifers in Bethel and in Dan.

30 And the Lord said to Ju, Because of all your deeds wherein you have acted well in doing that which was right in my eyes, according to all things which you have done to the house of Achaab as they were in my heart, your sons to the fourth generation shall sit upon the throne of Israel.

31 But Ju took no heed to walk in the law of the Lord God of Israel with all his heart: he departed not from following the sins of Jeroboam, who made Israel to sin.

32 In those days the Lord began to cut Israel short; and Azael smote them in every coast of Israel;

33 from Jordan eastward all the land of Gilead belonging to the Gadites, of Gaddi and that of Reuben, and of Manasseh, from Aroer, which is on the brink of the brook of Arnon, and Gilead and Basan.

34 And the rest of the acts of Ju, and all that he did, and all his might, and the wars wherein he engaged, are not these things written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Israel?

35 And Ju slept with his fathers; and they buried him in Samaria: and Jehoahaz his son reigned in his stead.

36 And the days which Ju reigned over Israel were twenty-eight years in Samaria.

Chapter 11

1 And Gotholia the mother of Ahaziah saw that her son was dead, and she destroyed all the seed royal.

2 And Josabee daughter of king Jehoram, sister of Ahaziah, took Joas the son of her brother, and stole him from among the king's sons that were put to death, secreting him and his nurse in the bedchamber, and hid him from the face of Gotholia, and he was not slain.

3 And he remained with her hid in the house of the Lord six years: and Gotholia reigned over the land.

4 And in the seventh year Jodae sent and took the captains of hundreds of the Chorri and of the Rhasim, and brought them to him into the house of the Lord, and made a covenant of the Lord with them, and adjured them, and Jodae shewed them the king's son.

5 And charged them, saying, This is the thing which you shall do.

6 Let a third part of you go in on the sabbath-day, and keep you the watch of the king's house in the porch; and another third in the gate of the high way, and a third at the gate behind the footmen; and keep you the guard of the house.

7 And there shall be two parties among you, even every one that goes out on the sabbath, and they shall keep the guard of the Lord's house before the king.

8 And do you compass the king about every man with his weapon in his hand, and he that goes into the ranges shall die: and they shall be with the king in his going out and in his coming in.

9 And the captains of hundreds did all things that the wise Jodae commanded; and they took each his men, both those that went in on the sabbath-day, and those that went out on the sabbath-day, and went in to Jodae the priest.

10 And the priest gave to the captains of hundreds the swords and spears of king David that were in the house of the Lord.

11 And the footmen stood each with his weapon in his hand from the right corner of the house to the left corner of the house, by the altar and the house round about the king.

12 And he brought forth the king's son, and put upon him the crown and gave him the testimony; and he made him king, and anointed him: and they clapped their hands, and said, Long live the king.

13 And Gotholia heard the sound of the people running, and she went in to the people to the house of the Lord.

14 And she looked, and, behold, the king stood near a pillar according to the manner; and the singers and the trumpeters were before the king and all the people of the land even rejoicing and sounding with trumpets: and Gotholia rent her garments, and cried, A conspiracy, a conspiracy.

15 And Jodae the priest commanded the captains of hundreds who were over the host, and said to them, Bring her forth without the ranges, and he that goes in after her shall certainly die by the sword. For the priest said, Let her not however be slain in the house of the Lord.

16 And they laid hands upon her, and went in by the way of the horses' entrance into the house of the Lord, and she was slain there.

17 And Jodae made a covenant between the Lord and the king and the people, that they should be the Lord's people; also between the king and the people.

18 And all the people of the land went into the house of Baal, and tore it down, and completely broke in pieces his altars and his images, and they slew Mathan the priest of Baal before the altars. And the priest appointed overseers over the house of the Lord.

19 And he took the captains of the hundreds, and the Chorri, and the Rhasim, and all the people of the land, and brought down the king out of the house of the Lord; and they went in by the way of the gate of the footmen of the king's house, and seated him there on the throne of the kings.

20 And all the people of the land rejoiced, and the city was at rest: and they slew Gotholia with the sword in the house of the king.

Chapter 12

1 Joas was seven years old when he began to reign.

2 Joas began to reign in the seventh year of Ju, and he reigned forty years in Jerusalem: and his mother's name was Sabia of Beersheba.

3 And Joas did that which was right in the sight of the Lord all the days that Jodae the priest instructed him.

4 Only there were not any of the high places removed, and the people still sacrificed there, and burned incense on the high places.

5 And Joas said to the priests, As for all the money of the holy things that is brought into the house of the Lord, the money of valuation, as each man brings the money of valuation, all the money which any man may feel disposed to bring into the house of the Lord,

6 let the priests take it to themselves, every man from the proceeds of his sale: and they shall repair the breaches of the house in all places wheresoever a breach shall be found.

7 And it came to pass in the twenty-third year of king Joas the priests had not repaired the breaches of the house.

8 And king Joas called Jodae the priest, and the other priests, and said to them, Why have you not repaired the breaches of the house? now then receive no more money from your sales, for you shall give it to repair the breaches of the house.

9 And the priests consented to receive no more money of the people, and not to repair the breaches of the house.

10 And Jodae the priest took a chest, and bored a hole in the lid of it, and set it by the altar in the house of a man belonging to the house of the Lord, and the priests that kept the door put therein all the money that was found in the house of the Lord.

11 And it came to pass, when they saw that there was much money in the chest, that the king's scribe and the high priest went up, and they tied up and counted the money that was found in the house of the Lord.

12 And they gave the money that had been collected into the hands of them that wrought the works, the overseers of the house of the Lord; and they gave it out to the carpenters and to the builders that wrought in the house of the Lord.

13 And to the masons, and to the hewers of stone, to purchase timber and hewn stone to repair the breaches of the house of the Lord, for all that was spent on the house of the Lord to repair it.

14 Only there were not to be made for the house of the Lord silver plates, studs, bowls, or trumpets, any vessel of gold or vessel of silver, of the money that was brought into the house of the Lord:

15 for they were to give it to the workmen, and they repaired therewith the house of the Lord.

16 Also they took no account of the men into whose hands they gave the money to give to the workmen, for they acted faithfully.

17 Money for a sin-offering, and money for a trespass-offering, whatever happened to be brought into the house of the Lord, went to the priests.

18 Then went up Azael king of Syria, and fought against Gath, and took it: and Azael set his face to go against Jerusalem.

19 And Joas king of Judah took all the holy things which Jehoshaphat, and Jehoram, Ahaziah, his fathers, and kings of Judah had consecrated, and what he had himself dedicated, and all the gold that was found in the treasures of the Lord's house and the king's house, and he sent them to Azael king of Syria; and he went up from Jerusalem.

20 And the rest of the acts of Joas, and all that he did, behold, are not these things written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Judah?

21 And his servants rose up and made a conspiracy, and smote Joas in the house of Mallo that is in Sela.

22 And Jezirchar the son of Jemuath, and Jezabuth Somer's son, his servants, smote him, and he died; and they buried him with his fathers in the city of David: and Amessias his son reigned in his stead.

Chapter 13

1 In the twenty-third year of Joas son of Ahaziah king of Judah began Jehoahaz the son of Ju to reign in Samaria, and he reigned seventeen years.

2 And he did that which was evil in the sight of the Lord, and walked after the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nabat, who led Israel to sin; he departed not from them.

3 And the Lord was very angry with Israel, and delivered them into the hand of Azael king of Syria, and into the hand of the son of Ader son of Azael, all their days.

4 And Jehoahaz besought the Lord, and the Lord hearkened to him, for he saw the affliction of Israel, because the king of Syria afflicted them.

5 And the Lord gave deliverance to Israel, and they escaped from under the hand of Syria: and the children of Israel dwelt in their tents as heretofore.

6 Only they departed not from the sins of the house of Jeroboam, who led Israel to sin: they walked in them—moreover the grove also remained in Samaria.

7 Whereas there was not left any army to Jehoahaz, except fifty horsemen, and ten chariots, and ten thousand infantry: for the king of Syria had destroyed them, and they made them as dust for trampling.

8 And the rest of the acts of Jehoahaz, and all that he did, and his mighty acts are not these things written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Israel?

9 And Jehoahaz slept with his fathers, and they buried him in Samaria: and Joas his son reigned in his stead.

10 In the thirty-seventh year of Joas king of Judah, Joas the son of Jehoahaz began to reign over Israel in Samaria sixteen years.

11 And he did that which was evil in the sight of the Lord; he departed not from all the sin of Jeroboam the son of Nabat, who led Israel to sin: he walked in it.

12 And the rest of the acts of Joas, and all that he did, and his mighty acts which he performed together with Amessias king of Judah, are not these written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Israel?

13 And Joas slept with his fathers, and Jeroboam sat upon his throne, and he was buried in Samaria with the kings of Israel.

14 Now Elisaie was sick of his sickness, whereof he died: and Joas king of Israel went down to him, and wept over his face, and said, My father, my father, the chariot of Israel, and the horseman thereof!

15 And Elisaie said to him, Take bow and arrows. And he took to himself a bow and arrows.

16 And he said to the king, Put your hand on the bow. And Joas put his hand upon it: and Elisaie put his hands upon the king's hands.

17 And he said, Open the window eastward. And he opened it. And Elisaie said, Shoot. And he shot. And Elisaie said, The arrow of the Lord's deliverance, and the arrow of deliverance from Syria; and you shall smite the Syrians in Aphec until you have consumed them.

18 And Elisaie said to him, Take bow and arrows. And he took them. And he said to the king of Israel, Smite upon the ground. And the king smote three times, and stayed.

19 And the man of God was grieved at him, and said, If you had smitten five or six times, then you should have smitten Syria till you had consumed them; but now you shall smite Syria only thrice.

20 And Elisaie died, and they buried him. And the bands of the Moabites came into the land, at the beginning of the year.

21 And it came to pass as they were burying a man, that behold, they saw a band of men, and they cast the man into the grave of Elisaie: and as soon as he touched the bones of Elisaie, he revived and stood up on his feet.

22 And Azael greatly afflicted Israel all the days of Jehoahaz.

23 And the Lord had mercy and compassion upon them, and had respect to them because of his covenant with Abraam, and Isaac, and Jacob; and the Lord would not destroy them, and did not cast them out from his presence.

24 And Azael king of Syria died, and the son of Ader his son reigned in his stead.

25 And Joas the son of Jehoahaz returned, and took the cities out of the hand of the son of Ader the son of Azael, which he had taken out of the hand of Jehoahaz his father in the war: thrice did Joas smite him, and he recovered the cities of Israel.

Chapter 14

1 In the second year of Joas the son of Jehoahaz king of Israel, did Amessias also the son of Joas the king of Judah begin to reign.

2 Twenty and five years old was he when he began to reign, and he reigned twenty and nine years in Jerusalem: and his mother's name was Joadim of Jerusalem.

3 And he did that which was right in the sight of the Lord, but not as David his father: he did according to all things that his father Joas did.

4 Only he removed not the high places: as yet the people sacrificed and burnt incense on the high places.

5 And it came to pass when the kingdom was established in his hand, that he slew his servants that had slain the king his father.

6 But he slew not the sons of those that had slain him; according as it is written in the book of the laws of Moses, as the Lord gave commandment, saying, The fathers shall not be put to death for the children, and the children shall not be put to death for the fathers; but every one shall die for his own sins.

7 He smote of Edom ten thousand in the valley of salt, and took the Rock in the war, and called its name Jethoel until this day.

8 Then Amessias sent messengers to Joas son of Jehoahaz son of Ju king of Israel, saying, Come, let us look one another in the face.

9 And Joas the king of Israel sent to Amessias king of Judah, saying, The thistle that was in Lebanon sent to the cedar that was in Lebanon, saying, Give my daughter to your son to wife: and the wild beasts of the field that were in Lebanon passed by and trod down the thistle.

10 You have smitten and wounded Edom, and your heart has lifted you up: stay at home and glorify yourself; for wherefore are you quarrelsome to your hurt? So both you will fall and Judah with you.

11 Nevertheless Amessias hearkened not: so Joas king of Israel went up, and he and Amessias king of Judah looked one another in the face in Bæthsamys of Judah.

12 And Judah was overthrown before Israel, and every man fled to his tent.

13 And Joas king of Israel took Amessias the son of Joas the son of Ahaziah, in Bæthsamys; and he came to Jerusalem, and broke down the wall of Jerusalem, beginning at the gate of Ephraim as far as the gate of the corner, four hundred cubits.

14 And he took the gold, and the silver, and all the vessels that were found in the house of the Lord, and in the treasures of the king's house, and the hostages, and returned to Samaria.

15 And the rest of the acts of Joas, even all that he did in his might, how he warred with Amessias king of Judah, are not these things written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Israel?

16 And Joas slept with his fathers, and was buried in Samaria with the kings of Israel; and Jeroboam his son reigned in his stead.

17 And Amessias the son of Joas king of Judah lived after the death of Joas son of Jehoahaz king of Israel fifteen years.

18 And the rest of the acts of Amessias, and all that he did, are not these written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Judah?

19 And they formed a conspiracy against him in Jerusalem, and he fled to Lachis: and they sent after him to Lachis, and slew him there.

20 And they brought him upon horses; and he was buried in Jerusalem with his fathers in the city of David.

21 And all the people of Judah took Azarias, and he was sixteen years old, and made him king in the room of his father Amessias.

22 He built Æloth, and restored it to Judah, after the king slept with his fathers.

23 In the fifteenth year of Amessias son of Joas king of Judah began Jeroboam son of Joas to reign over Israel in Samaria forty and one years.

24 And he did that which was evil in the sight of the Lord: he departed not from all the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nabat, who led Israel to sin.

25 He recovered the coast of Israel from the entering in of Æmath to the sea of Araba, according to the word of the Lord God of Israel, which he spoke by his servant Jonah the son of Amathi, the prophet of Gethchopher.

26 For the Lord saw that the affliction of Israel was very bitter, and that they were few in number, straitened and in want, and destitute, and Israel had no helper.

27 And the Lord said that he would not blot out the seed of Israel from under heaven; so he delivered them by the hand of Jeroboam the son of Joas.

28 And the rest of the acts of Jeroboam, and all that he did, and his mighty deeds, which he achieved in war, and how he recovered Damascus and Æmath to Judah in Israel, are not these things written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Israel?

29 And Jeroboam slept with his fathers, even with the kings of Israel; and Zechariah his son reigned in his stead.

Chapter 15

1 In the twenty-seventh year of Jeroboam king of Israel Azarias the son of Amessias king of Judah began to reign.

2 Sixteen years old was he when he began to reign, and he reigned fifty-two years in Jerusalem: and his mother's name was Jechelia of Jerusalem.

3 And he did that which was right in the eyes of the Lord, according to all things that Amessias his father did.

4 Only he took not away any of the high places: as yet the people sacrificed and burnt incense on the high places.

5 And the Lord plagued the king, and he was leprous till the day of his death; and he reigned in a separate house. And Jotham the king's son was over the household, judging the people of the land.

6 And the rest of the acts of Azarias, and all that he did, are not these written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Judah?

7 And Azarias slept with his fathers, and they buried him with his fathers in the city of David: and Jotham his son reigned in his stead.

8 In the thirty and eighth year of Azarias king of Judah Zechariah the son of Jeroboam began to reign over Israel in Samaria six months.

9 And he did that which was evil in the eyes of the Lord, as his fathers had done: he departed not from all the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nabat, who made Israel to sin.

10 And Sellum the son of Jabesh and others conspired against him, and they smote him in Keblaam, and slew him, and he reigned in his stead.

11 And the rest of the acts of Zechariah, behold, they are written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Israel.

12 This was the word of the Lord which he spoke to Ju, saying, Your sons of the fourth generation shall sit upon the throne of Israel: and it was so.

13 And Sellum the son of Jabesh reigned: and in the thirty and ninth year of Azarias king of Judah began Sellum to reign a full month in Samaria.

14 And Manaem the son of Gaddi went up out of Tharsila, and came to Samaria, and smote Sellum the son of Jabesh in Samaria, and slew him.

15 And the rest of the acts of Sellum, and his conspiracy wherein he was engaged, behold, they are written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Israel.

16 Then Manaem smote both Thersa and all that was in it, and its borders extending beyond Thersa, because they opened not to him: and he smote it, and ripped up the women with child.

17 In the thirty and ninth year of Azarias king of Judah began Manaem the son of Gaddi to reign over Israel in Samaria ten years.

18 And he did that which was evil in the sight of the Lord: he departed not from all the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nabat, who led Israel to sin.

19 In his days went up Phua king of the Assyrians against the land: and Manaem gave to Phua a thousand talents of silver to aid him with his power.

20 And Manaem raised the silver by a tax upon Israel, even on every mighty man in wealth, to give to the king of the Assyrians, fifty shekels levied on each man; and the king of the Assyrians departed, and remained not there in the land.

21 And the rest of the acts of Manaem, and all that he did, behold, are not these written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Israel?

22 And Manaem slept with his fathers; and Phakesias his son reigned in his stead.

23 In the fiftieth year of Azarias king of Judah, began Phakesias the son of Manaem to reign over Israel in Samaria two years.

24 And he did that which was evil in the sight of the Lord: he departed not from the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nabat, who made Israel to sin.

25 And Phakee the son of Romelias, his officer, conspired against him, and smote him in Samaria in the front of the king's house, with Argob and Aria, and with him there were fifty men of the four hundred: and he slew him, and reigned in his stead.

26 And the rest of the acts of Phakesias, and all that he did, behold, they are written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Israel.

27 In the fifty-second year of Azarias king of Judah began Phakee the son of Romelias to reign over Israel in Samaria twenty years.

28 And he did that which was evil in the eyes of the Lord: he departed not from all the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nabat, who led Israel to sin.

29 In the days of Phakee king of Israel came Thalgath-phellasar king of the Assyrians, and took Ain, and Abel, and Thamaacha, and Anioch, and Kenez, and Asor, and Galaa, and Galilee, even all the land of Naphtali, and carried them away to the Assyrians.

30 And Hosea son of Ela formed a conspiracy against Phakee the son of Romelias, and smote him, and slew him, and reigned in his stead, in the twentieth year of Jotham the son of Azarias.

31 And the rest of the acts of Phakee, and all that he did, behold, these are written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Israel.

32 In the second year of Phakee son of Romelias king of Israel began Jotham the son of Azarias king of Judah to reign.

33 Twenty and five years old was he when he began to reign, and he reigned sixteen years in Jerusalem: and his mother's name was Jerusa daughter of Sadoc.

34 And he did that which was right in the sight of the Lord, according to all things that his father Azarias did.

35 Nevertheless he took not away the high places: as yet the people sacrificed and burnt incense on the high places. He built the upper gate of the Lord's house.

36 And the rest of the acts of Jotham, and all that he did, are not these written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Judah?

37 In those days the Lord began to send forth against Judah Raasson king of Syria, and Phakee son of Romelias.

38 And Jotham slept with his fathers, and was buried with his fathers in the city of David his father: and Ahaz his son reigned in his stead.

Chapter 16

1 In the seventeenth year of Phakee son of Romelias began Ahaz the son of Jotham king of Judah to reign.

2 Twenty years old was Ahaz when he began to reign, and he reigned sixteen years in Jerusalem; and he did not that which was right in the eyes of the Lord his God faithfully, as David his father had done.

3 And he walked in the way of the kings of Israel, yea, he made his son to pass through the fire, according to the abominations of the heathen whom the Lord cast out from before the children of Israel.

4 And he sacrificed and burnt incense on the high places, and upon the hills, and under every shady tree.

5 Then went up Raasson king of Syria and Phakee son of Romelias king of Israel against Jerusalem to war, and besieged Ahaz, but could not prevail against him.

6 At that time Raasson king of Syria recovered Ælath to Syria, and drove out the Jews from Ælath, and the Idumeans came to Ælath, and dwelt there until this day.

7 And Ahaz sent messengers to Thalgath-phellasar king of the Assyrians, saying, I am your servant and your son: come up, deliver me out of the hand of the king of Syria, and out of the hand of the king of Israel, who are rising up against me.

8 And Ahaz took the silver and the gold that was found in the treasures of the house of the Lord, and of the king's house, and sent gifts to the king.

9 And the king of the Assyrians hearkened to him: and the king of the Assyrians went up to Damascus and took it, and removed the inhabitants, and slew king Raasson.

10 And king Ahaz went to Damascus to meet Thalgath-phellasar king of the Assyrians at Damascus; and he saw an altar at Damascus. And king Ahaz sent to Urias the priest the pattern of the altar, and its proportions, and all its workmanship.

11 And Urias the priest built the altar, according to all the directions which king Ahaz sent from Damascus.

12 And the king saw the altar, and went up to it,

13 and offered his whole-burnt-offering, and his meat-offering, and his drink-offering, and poured out the blood of his peace-offerings on the brazen altar that was before the Lord.

14 And he brought forward the one before the house of the Lord from between the altar and the house of the Lord, and he set it openly by the side of the altar northwards.

15 And king Ahaz charged Urias the priest, saying, Offer upon the great altar the whole-burnt-offering in the morning and the meat-offering in the evening, and the whole-burnt-offering of the king, and his meat-offering, and the whole-burnt-offering of all the people, and their meat-offering, and their drink-offering; and you shall pour all the blood of the whole-burnt-offering, and all the blood of any other sacrifice upon it: and the brazen altar shall be for me in the morning.

16 And Urias the priest did according to all that king Ahaz commanded him.

17 And king Ahaz cut off the borders of the bases, and removed the laver from off them, and took down the sea from the brazen oxen that were under it, and set it upon a base of stone.

18 And he made a base for the throne in the house of the Lord, and he turned the king's entrance without in the house of the Lord because of the king of the Assyrians.

19 And the rest of the acts of Ahaz, even all that he did, are not these written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Judah?

20 And Ahaz slept with his fathers, and was buried in the city of David: and Hezekiah his son reigned in his stead.

Chapter 17

1 In the twelfth year of Ahaz king of Judah began Hosea the son of Ela to reign in Samaria over Israel nine years.

2 And he did evil in the eyes of the Lord, only not as the kings of Israel that were before him.

3 Against him came up Salamanassar king of the Assyrians; and Hosea became his servant, and rendered him tribute.

4 And the king of the Assyrians found iniquity in Hosea, in that he sent messengers to Zoar king of Egypt, and brought not a tribute to the king of the Assyrians in that year: and the king of the Assyrians besieged him, and bound him in the prison-house.

5 And the king of the Assyrians went up against all the land, and went up to Samaria, and besieged it for three years.

6 In the ninth year of Hosea the king of the Assyrians took Samaria, and carried Israel away to the Assyrians, and settled them in Alae, and in Abor, near the rivers of Gozan, and in the mountains of the Medes.

7 For it came to pass that the children of Israel had transgressed against the Lord their God, who had brought them up out of the land of Egypt, from under the hand of Pharaoh king of Egypt, and they feared other gods,

8 and walked in the statutes of the nations which the Lord cast out before the face of the children of Israel, and of the kings of Israel as many as did such things,

9 and in those of the children of Israel as many as secretly practised customs, not as they should have done, against the Lord their God:

10 and they built for themselves high places in all their cities, from the tower of the watchmen to the fortified city. And they made for themselves pillars and groves on every high hill, and under every shady tree.

11 And burned incense there on all high places, as the nations did whom the Lord removed from before them, and dealt with familiar spirits, and they carved images to provoke the Lord to anger.

12 And they served the idols, of which the Lord said to them, You shall not do this thing against the Lord.

13 And the Lord testified against Israel and against Judah, even by the hand of all his prophets, and of every seer, saying, Turn you from your evil ways, and keep my commandments and my ordinances, and all the law which I commanded your fathers, and all that I sent to them by the hand of my servants the prophets.

14 But they hearkened not, and made their neck harder than the neck of their fathers.

15 And they kept not any of his testimonies which he charged them; and they walked after vanities, and became vain, and after the nations round about them, concerning which the Lord had charged them not to do accordingly.

16 They forsook the commandments of the Lord their God, and made themselves graven images, even two heifers, and they made groves, and worshipped all the host of heaven, and served Baal.

17 And they caused their sons and their daughters to pass through the fire, and used divinations and auspices, and sold themselves to work wickedness in the sight of the Lord, to provoke him.

18 And the Lord was very angry with Israel, and removed them out of his sight; and there was only left the tribe of Judah quite alone.

19 Nay even Judah kept not the commandments of the Lord their God, but they walked according to the customs of Israel which they practised, and rejected the Lord.

20 And the Lord was angry with the whole seed of Israel, and troubled them, and gave them into the hand of them that spoiled them, until he cast them out of his presence.

21 Forasmuch as Israel revolted from the house of David, and they made Jeroboam the son of Nabat king: and Jeroboam drew off Israel from following the Lord, and led them to sin a great sin.

22 And the children of Israel walked in all the sin of Jeroboam which he committed; they departed not from it,

23 until the Lord removed Israel from his presence, as the Lord spoke by all his servants the prophets; and Israel was removed from off their land to the Assyrians until this day.

24 And the king of Assyria brought from Babylon the men of Chutha, and men from Aia, and from Æmath, and Seppharvaim, and they were settled in the cities of Samaria in the place of the children of Israel: and they inherited Samaria, and were settled in its cities.

25 And it was so at the beginning of their establishment there that they feared not the Lord, and the Lord sent lions among them, and they slew some of them.

26 And they spoke to the king of the Assyrians, saying, The nations whom you have removed and substituted in the cities of Samaria for the Israelites, know not the manner of the God of the land: and he has sent the lions against them, and, behold, they are slaying them, because they know not the manner of the God of the land.

27 And the king of the Assyrians commanded, saying, Bring some Israelites thence, and let them go and dwell there, and they shall teach them the manner of the God of the land.

28 And they brought one of the priests whom they had removed from Samaria, and he settled in Bethel, and taught them how they should fear the Lord.

29 But the nations made each their own gods, and put them in the house of the high places which the Samaritans had made, each nation in the cities in which they dwelt.

30 And the men of Babylon made Succoth Benith, and the men of Chuth made Ergel, and the men of Hæmath made Asimath.

31 And the Evites made Eblazer and Tharthac, and the inhabitant of Seppharvaim did evil when they burnt their sons in the fire to Adramelech and Anemelech, the gods of Seppharvaim.

32 And they feared the Lord, yet they established their abominations in the houses of the high places which they made in Samaria, each nation in the city in which they dwelt: and they feared the Lord, and they made for themselves priests of the high places, and sacrificed for themselves in the house of the high places.

33 And they feared the Lord, and served their gods according to the manner of the nations, whence their lords brought them.

34 Until this day they did according to their manner: they fear the Lord, and they do according to their customs, and according to their manner, and according to the law, and according to the commandment which the Lord commanded the sons of Jacob, whose name he made Israel.

35 And the Lord made a covenant with them, and charged them, saying, You shall not fear other gods, neither shall you worship them, nor serve them, nor sacrifice to them:

36 but only to the Lord, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt with great strength and with a high arm: him shall you fear, and him shall you worship; to him shall you sacrifice.

37 You shall observe continually the ordinances, and the judgments, and the law, and the commandments which he wrote for you to do; and you shall not fear other gods.

38 Neither shall you forget the covenant which he made with you: and you shall not fear other gods.

39 But you shall fear the Lord your God, and he shall deliver you from all your enemies.

40 Neither shall you comply with their practice, which they follow.

41 So these nations feared the Lord, and served their graven images: yea, their sons and their sons' sons do until this day even as their fathers did.

Chapter 18

1 And it came to pass in the third year of Hosea son of Ela king of Israel that Hezekiah son of Ahaz king of Judah began to reign.

2 Five and twenty years old was he when he began to reign, and he reigned twenty and nine years in Jerusalem: and his mother's name was Abu, daughter of Zechariah.

3 And he did that which was right in the sight of the Lord, according to all that his father David did.

4 He removed the high places, and broke in pieces the pillars, and utterly destroyed the groves, and the brazen serpent which Moses made: because until those days the children of Israel burnt incense to it: and he called it Neesthan.

5 He trusted in the Lord God of Israel; and after him there was not any like him among the kings of Judah, nor among those that were before him.

6 And he clave to the Lord, he departed not from following him; and he kept his commandments, as many as he commanded Moses.

7 And the Lord was with him; and he was wise in all that he undertook: and he revolted from the king of the Assyrians, and served him not.

8 He smote the Philistines even to Gaza, and to the border of it, from the tower of the watchmen even to the strong city.

9 And it came to pass in the fourth year of king Hezekiah (this is the seventh year of Hosea son of Ela king of Israel,) that Salamanassar king of the Assyrians came up against Samaria, and besieged it.

10 And he took it at the end of three years, in the sixth year of Hezekiah, (this is the ninth year of Hosea king of Israel, when Samaria was taken.)

11 And the king of the Assyrians carried away the Samaritans to Assyria, and put them in Alaë and in Abor, by the river Gozan, and in the mountains of the Medes;

12 because they hearkened not to the voice of the Lord their God, and transgressed his covenant, even in all things that Moses the servant of the Lord commanded, and hearkened not to them, nor did them.

13 And in the fourteenth year of king Hezekiah came up Sennacherim king of the Assyrians against the strong cities of Judah, and took them.

14 And Hezekiah king of Judah sent messengers to the king of the Assyrians to Lachis, saying, I have offended; depart from me: whatsoever you shall lay upon me, I will bear. And the king of Assyria laid upon Hezekiah king of Judah a tribute of three hundred talents of silver, and thirty talents of gold.

15 And Hezekiah gave all the silver that was found in the house of the Lord, and in the treasures of the king's house.

16 At that time Hezekiah cut off the gold from the doors of the temple, and from the pillars which Hezekiah king of Judah had overlaid with gold, and gave it to the king of the Assyrians.

17 And the king of the Assyrians sent Tharthan and Raphis and Rapsakes from Lachis to king Hezekiah with a strong force against Jerusalem. And they went up and came to Jerusalem, and stood by the aqueduct of the upper pool, which is by the way of the fuller's field.

18 And they cried to Hezekiah: and there came to him Heliakim the son of Chelcias the steward, and Somnas the scribe, and Joas the son of Saphat the recorder.

19 And Rapsakes said to them, Say now to Hezekiah, Thus says the king, the great king of the Assyrians, What is this confidence wherein you trust?

20 You have said, (but they are mere words,) I have counsel and strength for war. Now then in whom do you trust, that you have revolted from me?

21 See now, are you trusting for yourself on this broken staff of reed, even upon Egypt? whosoever shall stay himself upon it, it shall even go into his hand, and pierce it: so is Pharaoh king of Egypt to all that trust on him.

22 And whereas you have said to me, We trust on the Lord God: is not this he, whose high places and altars Hezekiah has removed, and has said to Judah and Jerusalem, You shall worship before this altar in Jerusalem?

23 And now, I pray you, make an agreement with my lord the king of the Assyrians, and I will give you two thousand horses, if you shall be able on your part to set riders upon them.

24 How then will you turn away the face of one petty governor from among the least of my lord's servants? whereas you trust for yourself on Egypt for chariots and horsemen.

25 And now have we come up without the Lord against this place to destroy it? The Lord said to me, Go up against this land, and destroy it.

26 And Heliakim the son of Chelkias, and Somnas, and Joas, said to Rapsakes, Speak now to your servants in the Syrian language, for we understand it; and speak not with us in the Jewish language: and why do you speak in the ears of the people that are on the wall?

27 And Rapsakes said to them, Has my master sent me to your master, and to you, to speak these words? has he not sent me to the men who sit on the wall, that they may eat their own dung, and drink their own water together with you?

28 And Rapsakes stood, and cried with a loud voice in the Jewish language, and spoke, and said, Hear the words of the great king of the Assyrians:

29 thus says the king, Let not Hezekiah encourage you with words: for he shall not be able to deliver you out of his hand.

30 And let not Hezekiah cause you to trust on the Lord, saying, The Lord will certainly deliver us; this city shall not be delivered into the hand of the king of the Assyrians: hearken not to Hezekiah:

31 for thus says the king of the Assyrians, Gain my favour, and come forth to me, and every man shall drink of the wine of his own vine, and every man shall eat of his own fig-tree, and shall drink water out of his own cistern;

32 until I come and remove you to a land like your own land, a land of corn and wine, and bread and vineyards, a land of olive oil, and honey, and you shall live and not die: and do not you hearken to Hezekiah, for he deceives you, saying, The Lord shall deliver you.

33 Have the gods of the nations at all delivered each their own land out of the hand of the king of the Assyrians?

34 Where is the god of Hæmath, and of Arphad? where is the god of Seppharvaim, Ana, and Aba? for have they delivered Samaria out of my hand?

35 Who is there among all the gods of the countries, who have delivered their countries out of my hand, that the Lord should deliver Jerusalem out of my hand?

36 But the men were silent, and answered him not a word: for there was a commandment of the king, saying, You shall not answer him.

37 And Heliakim the son of Chelcias, the steward, and Somnas the scribe, and Joas the son of Saphat the recorder came in to Hezekiah, having rent their garments; and they reported to him the words of Rapsakes.

Chapter 19

1 And it came to pass when king Hezekiah heard it, that he rent his clothes, and put on sackcloth, and went into the house of the Lord.

2 And he sent Heliakim the steward, and Somnas the scribe, and the elders of the priests, clothed with sackcloth, to Isaiah the prophet the son of Amos.

3 And they said to him, Thus says Hezekiah, This day is a day of tribulation, and rebuke, and provocation: for the children are come to the travailpangs, but the mother has no strength.

4 Peradventure the Lord your God will hear all the words of Rapsakes, whom the king of Assyria his master has sent to reproach the living God and to revile him with the words which the Lord your God has heard: and you shall offer your prayer for the remnant that is found.

5 So the servants of king Hezekiah came to Isaiah.

6 And Isaiah said to them, Thus shall you say to your master, Thus says the Lord, Be not afraid of the words which you have heard, wherewith the servants of the king of the Assyrians have blasphemed.

7 Behold, I send a blast upon him, and he shall hear a report, and shall return to his own land; and I will overthrow him with the sword in his own land.

8 So Rapsakes returned, and found the king of Assyria warring against Lobna: for he heard that he had departed from Lachis.

9 And he heard concerning Tharaca king of the Ethiopians, saying, Behold, he is come forth to fight with you: and he returned, and sent messengers to Hezekiah, saying,

10 Let not your God on whom you trust encourage you, saying, Jerusalem shall not be delivered into the hands of the king of the Assyrians.

11 Behold, you have heard all that the kings of the Assyrians have done in all the lands, to waste them utterly: and shall you be delivered?

12 Have the gods of the nations at all delivered them, whom my fathers destroyed; both Gozan, and Haran, and Raphis, and the sons of Edem who were in Thaesthen?

13 Where is the king of Hæmath, and the king of Arphad? and where is the king of the city of Seppharvaim, of Ana, and Aba?

14 And Hezekiah took the letter from the hand of the messengers, and read it: and he went up to the house of the Lord, and Hezekiah spread it before the Lord,

15 and said, O Lord God of Israel, that dwell over the cherubs, you are the only God in all the kingdoms of the earth; you have made heaven and earth.

16 Incline your ear, O Lord, and hear: open, Lord, your eyes, and see: and hear the words of Sennacherim, which he has sent to reproach the living God.

17 For truly, Lord, the kings of Assyria have wasted the nations,

18 and have cast their gods into the fire: because they are no gods, but the works of men's hands, wood and stone; and they have destroyed them.

19 And now, O Lord our God, deliver us out of his hand, and all the kingdoms of the earth shall know that you alone art the Lord God.

20 And Isaiah the son of Amos sent to Hezekiah, saying, Thus says the Lord God of hosts, the God of Israel, I have heard your prayer to me concerning Sennacherim king of the Assyrians.

21 This is the word which the Lord has spoken against him; The virgin daughter of Zion has made light of you, and mocked you; the daughter of Jerusalem has shaken her head at you.

22 Whom have you reproached, and whom have you reviled? and against whom have you lifted up your voice, and raised your eyes on high? Is it against the Holy One of Israel?

23 By your messengers you have reproached the Lord, and have said, I will go up with the multitude of my chariots, to the height of the mountains, to the sides of Lebanon, and I have cut down the height of his cedar, and his choice cypresses; and I have come into the midst of the forest and of Carmel.

24 I have refreshed myself, and have drunk strange waters, and I have dried up with the sole of my foot all the rivers of fortified places.

25 I have brought about the matter, I have brought it to a conclusion; and it is come to the destruction of the bands of warlike prisoners, even of strong cities.

26 And they that dwelt in them were weak in hand, they quaked and were confounded, they became as grass of the field, or as the green herb, the grass growing on houses, and that which is trodden down by him that stands upon it.

27 But I know your down-sitting, and your going forth, and your rage against me.

28 Because you were angry against me, and your fierceness is come up into my ears, therefore will I put my hooks in your nostrils, and my bridle in your lips, and I will turn you back by the way by which you came.

29 And this shall be a sign to you; eat this year the things that grow of themselves, and in the second year the things which spring up: and in the third year let there be sowing, and reaping, and planting of vineyards, and eat you the fruit of them.

30 And he shall increase him that has escaped of the house of Judah: and the remnant shall strike root beneath, and it shall produce fruit above.

31 For from Jerusalem shall go forth a remnant, and he that escapes from the mountain of Zion: the zeal of the Lord of hosts shall do this.

32 Is it not so? Thus says the Lord concerning the king of the Assyrians, He shall not enter into this city, and he shall not shoot an arrow there, neither shall a shield come against it, neither shall he heap a mound against it.

33 By the way by which he comes, by it shall he return, and he shall not enter into this city, says the Lord.

34 And I will defend this city as with a shield, for my own sake, and for my servant David's sake.

35 And it came to pass at night that the angel of the Lord went forth, and smote in the camp of the Assyrians a hundred and eighty-five thousand: and they rose early in the morning, and, behold, these were all dead corpses.

36 And Sennacherim king of the Assyrians departed, and went and returned, and dwelt in Nineveh.

37 And it came to pass, while he was worshipping in the house of Meserach his god, that Adramelech and Sarasar his sons smote him with the sword: and they escaped into the land of Ararath; and Asordan his son reigned in his stead.

Chapter 20

1 In those days was Hezekiah sick even to death. And the prophet Isaiah the son of Amos came in to him, and said to him, Thus says the Lord, Give charge to your household; for you shall die, and not live.

2 And Hezekiah turned to the wall, and prayed to the Lord, saying,

3 Lord, remember, I pray you, how I have walked before you in truth and with a perfect heart, and have done that which is good in your eyes. And Hezekiah wept with a great weeping.

4 And Isaiah was in the middle court, and the word of the Lord came to him, saying,

5 Turn back, and you shall say to Hezekiah the ruler of my people, Thus says the Lord God of your father David, I have heard your prayer, I have seen your tears: behold, I will heal you: on the third day you shall go up to the house of the Lord.

6 And I will add to your days fifteen years; and I will deliver you and this city out of the hand of the king of the Assyrians, and I will defend this city for my own sake, and for my servant David's sake.

7 And he said, Let them take a cake of figs, and lay it upon the ulcer, and he shall be well.

8 And Hezekiah said to Isaiah, What is the sign that the Lord will heal me, and I shall go up to the house of the Lord on the third day?

9 And Isaiah said, This is the sign from the Lord, that the Lord will perform the word which he has spoken, the shadow of the dial shall advance ten degrees: or if it should go back ten degrees this would also be the sign.

10 And Hezekiah said, It is a light thing for the shadow to go down ten degrees: nay, but let the shadow return ten degrees backward on the dial.

11 And Isaiah the prophet cried to the Lord: and the shadow returned back ten degrees on the dial.

12 At that time Marodach Baladan, son of Baladan king of Babylon, sent letters and a present to Hezekiah, because he had heard that Hezekiah was sick.

13 And Hezekiah rejoiced at them, and shewed all the house of his spices, the silver and the gold, the spices, and the fine oil, and the armoury, and all that was found in his treasures: there was nothing which Hezekiah did not shew them in his house, and in all his dominion.

14 And Isaiah the prophet went in to king Hezekiah, and said to him, What said these men? and whence came they to you? And Hezekiah said, They came to me from a distant land, even from Babylon.

15 And he said, What saw they in your house? And he said, They saw all things that are in my house: there was nothing in my house which I shewed not to them; yea, all that was in my treasures also.

16 And Isaiah said to Hezekiah, Hear the word of the Lord:

17 Behold, the days come, that all things that are in your house shall be taken, and all that your fathers have treasured up until this day, to Babylon; and there shall not fail a word which the Lord has spoken.

18 And as for your sons which shall come forth of you, which you shall beget, the enemy shall take them, and they shall be eunuchs in the house of the king of Babylon.

19 And Hezekiah said to Isaiah, Good is the word of the Lord which he has spoken: only let there be peace in my days.

20 And the rest of the acts of Hezekiah, and all his might, and all that he made, the fountain and the aqueduct, and how he brought water into the city, are not these things written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Judah?

21 And Hezekiah slept with his fathers: and Manasseh his son reigned in his stead.

Chapter 21

1 Manasseh was twelve years old when he began to reign, and he reigned fifty-five years in Jerusalem: and his mother's name was Apsiba.

2 And he did that which was evil in the eyes of the Lord, according to the abominations of the nations which the Lord cast out from before the children of Israel.

3 And he built again the high places, which Hezekiah his father had demolished; and set up an altar to Baal, and made groves as Achaab king of Israel made them; and worshipped all the host of heaven, and served them.

4 And he built an altar in the house of the Lord, whereas he had said, In Jerusalem I will place my name.

5 And he built an altar to all the host of heaven in the two courts of the house of the Lord.

6 And he caused his sons to pass through the fire, and used divination and auspices, and made groves, and multiplied wizards, so as to do that which was evil in the sight of the Lord, to provoke him to anger.

7 And he set up the graven image of the grove in the house of which the Lord said to David, and to Solomon his son, In this house, and in Jerusalem which I have chosen out of all the tribes of Israel, will I even place my name for ever.

8 And I will not again remove the foot of Israel from the land which I gave to their fathers, even of those who shall keep all that I commanded, according to all the commandments which my servant Moses commanded them.

9 But they hearkened not; and Manasseh led them astray to do evil in the sight of the Lord, beyond the nations whom the Lord utterly destroyed from before the children of Israel.

10 And the Lord spoke by his servants the prophets, saying,

11 Forasmuch as Manasseh the king of Judah has wrought all these evil abominations, beyond all that the Amorite did, who lived before him, and has led Judah also into sin by their idols,

12 it shall not be so. Thus says the Lord God of Israel, Behold, I bring calamities upon Jerusalem and Judah, so that both the ears of every one that hears shall tingle.

13 And I will stretch out over Jerusalem the measure of Samaria, and the plummet of the house of Achaab: and I will wipe Jerusalem as a jar is wiped, and turned upside down in the wiping.

14 And I will reject the remnant of my inheritance, and will deliver them into the hands of their enemies; and they shall be for a plunder and for a spoil to all their enemies:

15 forasmuch as they have done wickedly in my sight, and have provoked me from the day that I brought out their fathers out of Egypt, even until this day.

16 Moreover Manasseh shed very much innocent blood, until he filled Jerusalem with it from one end to the other, beside his sins with which he caused Judah to sin, in doing evil in the eyes of the Lord.

17 And the rest of the acts of Manasseh, and all that he did, and his sin which he sinned, are not these things written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Judah?

18 And Manasseh slept with his fathers, and was buried in the garden of his house, even in the garden of Oza: and Amos his son reigned in his stead.

19 Twenty and two years old was Amos when he began to reign, and he reigned two years in Jerusalem: and his mother's name was Mesollam, daughter of Arus of Jeteba.

20 And he did that which was evil in the sight of the Lord, as Manasseh his father did.

21 And he walked in all the way in which his father walked, and served the idols which his father served, and worshipped them.

22 And he forsook the Lord God of his fathers, and walked not in the way of the Lord.

23 And the servants of Amos conspired against him, and slew the king in his house.

24 And the people of the land slew all that had conspired against king Amos; and the people of the land made Josiah his son king in his room.

25 And the rest of the acts of Amos, even all that he did, behold, are not these written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Judah?

26 And they buried him in his tomb in the garden of Oza: and Josiah his son reigned in his stead.

Chapter 22

1 Josiah was eight years old when he began to reign, and he reigned thirty and one years in Jerusalem: and his mother's name was Jedia, daughter of Edeia of Basuroth.

2 And he did that which was right in the sight of the Lord, and walked in all the way of David his father; he turned not aside to the right hand or to the left.

3 And it came to pass in the eighteenth year of king Josiah, in the eighth month, the king sent Sapphan the son of Ezelias the son of Mesollam, the scribe of the house of the Lord, saying,

4 Go up to Chelcias the high priest, and take account of the money that is brought into the house of the Lord, which they that keep the door have collected of the people.

5 And let them give it into the hand of the workmen that are appointed in the house of the Lord. And he gave it to the workmen in the house of the Lord, to repair the breaches of the house,

6 even to the carpenters, and builders, and masons, and also to purchase timber and hewn stones, to repair the breaches of the house.

7 Only they did not call them to account for the money that was given to them, because they dealt faithfully.

8 And Chelcias the high priest said to Sapphan the scribe, I have found the book of the law in the house of the Lord. And Chelcias gave the book to Sapphan, and he read it.

9 And he went into the house of the Lord to the king, and reported the matter to the king, and said, Your servants have collected the money that was found in the house of the Lord, and have given it into the hand of the workmen that are appointed in the house of the Lord.

10 And Sapphan the scribe spoke to the king, saying, Chelcias the priest has given me a book. And Sapphan read it before the king.

11 And it came to pass, when the king heard the words of the book of the law, that he rent his garments.

12 And the king commanded Chelcias the priest, and Achikam the son of Sapphan, and Achobor the son of Michaias, and Sapphan the scribe, and Asaias the king's servant, saying,

13 Go, enquire of the Lord for me, and for all the people, and for all Judah, and concerning the words of this book that has been found: for the wrath of the Lord that has been kindled against us is great, because our fathers hearkened not to the words of this book, to do according to all the things written concerning us.

14 So Chelcias the priest went, and Achicam, and Achobor, and Sapphan, and Asaias, to Olda the prophetess, the mother of Sellem the son of Thecuan son of Aras, keeper

of the robes; and she dwelt in Jerusalem in Masena; and they spoke to her.

15 And she said to them, Thus says the Lord God of Israel, Say to the man that sent you to me,

16 Thus says the Lord, Behold, I bring evil upon this place, and upon them that dwell in it, even all the words of the book which the king of Judah has read:

17 because they have forsaken me, and burnt incense to other gods, that they might provoke me with the works of their hands: therefore my wrath shall burn forth against this place, and shall not be quenched.

18 And to the king of Judah that sent you to enquire of the Lord,—thus shall you say to him, Thus says the Lord God of Israel, As for the words which you have heard;

19 because your heart was softened, and you were humbled before me, when you heard all that I spoke against this place, and against the inhabitants of it, that it should be utterly destroyed and accursed, and you did rend your garments, and weep before me; I also have heard, says the Lord.

20 It shall not be so therefore: behold, I will add you to your fathers, and you shall be gathered to your tomb in peace, and your eyes shall not see any among all the evils which I bring upon this place.

Chapter 23

1 So they reported the word to the king: and the king sent and gathered all the elders of Judah and Jerusalem to himself.

2 And the king went up to the house of the Lord, and every man of Judah and all who dwelt in Jerusalem with him, and the priests, and the prophets, and all the people small and great; and he read in their ears all the words of the book of the covenant that was found in the house of the Lord.

3 And the king stood by a pillar, and made a covenant before the Lord, to walk after the Lord, to keep his commandments and his testimonies and his ordinances with all the heart and with all the soul, to confirm the words of this covenant; even the things written in this book. And all the people stood to the covenant.

4 And the king commanded Chelcias the high priest, and the priests of the second order, and them that kept the door, to bring out of the temple of the Lord all the vessels that were made for Baal, and for the grove, and all the host of heaven, and he burned them without Jerusalem in the fields of Kedron, and took the ashes of them to Bethel.

5 And he burned the idolatrous priests, whom the kings of Judah had appointed, (and they burned incense in the high places and in the cities of Judah, and the places round about Jerusalem); and them that burned incense to Baal, and to the sun, and to the moon, and to Mazuroth, and to all the host of heaven.

6 And he carried out the grove from the house of the Lord to the brook Kedron, and burned it at the brook Kedron, and reduced it to powder, and cast its powder on the sepulchres of the sons of the people.

7 And he pulled down the house of the sodomites that were by the house of the Lord, where the women wove tents for the grove.

8 And he brought up all the priests from the cities of Judah, and defiled the high places where the priests burned incense, from Gæbal even to Beersheba; and he pulled down the house of the gates that was by the door of the gate of Joshua the ruler of the city, on a man's left hand at the gate of the city.

9 Only the priests of the high places went not up to the altar of the Lord in Jerusalem, for they only ate leavened bread in the midst of their brethren.

10 And he defiled Tapheth which is in the valley of the son of Ennom, constructed for a man to cause his son or his daughter to pass through fire to Moloch.

11 And he burned the horses which the kings of Judah had given to the sun in the entrance of the house of the Lord, by the treasury of Nathan the king's eunuch, in the suburbs; and he burned the chariot of the sun with fire.

12 And the altars that were on the roof of the upper chamber of Ahaz, which the kings of Judah had made, and the altars which Manasseh had made in the two courts of the house of the Lord, did the king pull down and forcibly remove from thence, and cast their dust into the brook of Kedron.

13 And the king defiled the house that was before Jerusalem, on the right hand of the mount of Mosthath, which Solomon king of Israel built to Astarte the abomination of the Sidonians, and to Chamos the abomination of Moab, and to Moloch the abomination of the children of Ammon.

14 And he broke in pieces the pillars, and utterly destroyed the groves, and filled their places with the bones of men.

15 Also the high altar in Bethel, which Jeroboam the son of Nabat, who made Israel to sin, had made, even that high altar he tore down, and broke in pieces the stones of it, and reduced it to powder, and burnt the grove.

16 And Josiah turned aside, and saw the tombs that were there in the city, and sent, and took the bones out of the tombs, and burnt them on the altar, and defiled it, according to the word of the Lord which the man of God spoke, when Jeroboam stood by the altar at the feast: and he turned and raised his eyes to the tomb of the man of God that spoke these words.

17 And he said, What is that mound which I see? And the men of the city said to him, It is the grave of the man of God that came out of Judah, and uttered these imprecations which he imprecated upon the altar of Bethel.

18 And he said, Let him alone; let no one disturb his bones. So his bones were spared, together with the bones of the prophet that came out of Samaria.

19 Moreover Josiah removed all the houses of the high places that were in the cities of Samaria, which the kings of Israel made to provoke the Lord, and did to them all that he did in Bethel.

20 And he sacrificed all the priests of the high places that were there on the altars, and burnt the bones of men upon them, and returned to Jerusalem.

21 And the king commanded all the people, saying, Keep the passover to the Lord your God, as it is written in the book of this covenant.

22 For a passover such as this had not been kept from the days of the judges who judged Israel, even all the days of the kings of Israel, and of the kings of Judah.

23 But in the eighteenth year of king Josiah, was the passover kept to the Lord in Jerusalem.

24 Moreover Josiah removed the sorcerers, and the wizards, and the theraphin, and the idols, and all the abominations that had been set up in the land of Judah and in Jerusalem, that he might keep the words of the law that were written in the book, which Chelcias the priest found in the house of the Lord.

25 There was no king like him before him, who turned to the Lord with all his heart, and with all his soul, and with all his strength, according to all the law of Moses; and after him there rose not one like him.

26 Nevertheless the Lord turned not from the fierceness of his great anger, wherewith he was wroth in his anger against Judah, because of the provocations, wherewith Manasseh provoked him.

27 And the Lord said, I will also remove Judah from my presence, as I removed Israel, and will reject this city which I have chosen, even Jerusalem, and the house of which I said, My name shall be there.

28 And the rest of the acts of Josiah, and all that he did, are not these things written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Judah?

29 And in his days went up Pharaoh Nechao king of Egypt against the king of the Assyrians to the river Euphrates: and Josiah went out to meet him: and Nechao slew him in Megiddo when he saw him.

30 And his servants carried him dead from Megiddo, and brought him to Jerusalem, and buried him in his sepulchre: and the people of the land took Jehoahaz the son of Josiah, and anointed him, and made him king in the room of his father.

31 Twenty and three years old was Jehoahaz when he began to reign, and he reigned three months in Jerusalem: and his mother's name was Amital, daughter of Jeremiah of Lobna.

32 And he did that which was evil in the sight of the Lord, according to all that his fathers did.

33 And Pharaoh Nechao removed him to Rablaam in the land of Emath, so that he should not reign in Jerusalem; and imposed a tribute on the land, a hundred talents of silver, and a hundred talents of gold.

34 And Pharaoh Nechao made Eliakim son of Josiah king of Judah king over them in the place of his father Josiah, and he changed his name to Jehoiakim, and he took Jehoahaz and brought him to Egypt, and he died there.

35 And Jehoiakim gave the silver and the gold to Pharaoh; but he assessed the land to give the money at the command of Pharaoh: they gave the silver and the gold each man according to his assessment together with the people of the land to give to Pharaoh Nechao.

36 Twenty-five years old was Jehoiakim when he began to reign, and he reigned eleven years in Jerusalem: and his mother's name was Jeldaph, daughter of Phadaïl of Ruma.

37 And he did that which was evil in the eyes of the Lord, according to all that his fathers had done.

Chapter 24

1 In his days went up Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon, and Jehoiakim became his servant three years; and then he turned and revolted from him.

2 And the Lord sent against him the bands of the Chaldeans, and the bands of Syria, and the bands of Moab, and the bands of the children of Ammon, and sent them into the land of Judah to prevail against it, according to the word of the Lord, which he spoke by his servants the prophets.

3 Moreover it was the purpose of the Lord concerning Judah, to remove them from his presence, because of the sins of Manasseh, according to all that he did.

4 Moreover he shed innocent blood, and filled Jerusalem with innocent blood, and the Lord would not pardon it.

5 And the rest of the acts of Jehoiakim, and all that he did, behold, are not these written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Judah?

6 And Jehoiakim slept with his fathers: and Joachim his son reigned in his stead.

7 And the king of Egypt came no more out of his land: for the king of Babylon took away all that belonged to the king of Egypt from the river of Egypt as far as the river Euphrates.

8 Eighteen years old was Joachim when he began to reign, and he reigned three months in Jerusalem: and his mother's name was Nestha, daughter of Ellanastham, of Jerusalem.

9 And he did that which was evil in the sight of the Lord, according to all that his father did.

10 At that time went up Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon to Jerusalem, and the city was besieged.

11 And Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon came against the city, and his servants besieged it.

12 And Joachim king of Judah came forth to the king of Babylon, he and his servants, and his mother, and his princes, and his eunuchs; and the king of Babylon took him in the eighth year of his reign.

13 And he brought forth thence all the treasures of the house of the Lord, and the treasures of the king's house, and he cut up all the golden vessels which Solomon the king of Israel had made in the temple of the Lord, according to the word of the Lord.

14 And he carried away the inhabitants of Jerusalem, and all the captains, and the mighty men, taking captive ten thousand prisoners, and every artificer and smith: and only the poor of the land were left.

15 And he carried Joachim away to Babylon, and the king's mother, and the king's wives, and his eunuchs: and he carried away the mighty men of the land into captivity from Jerusalem to Babylon.

16 And all the men of might, even seven thousand, and one thousand artificers and smiths: all were mighty men fit for war; and the king of Babylon carried them captive to Babylon.

17 And the king of Babylon made Batthanias his son king in his stead, and called his name Zedekiah.

18 Twenty and one years old was Zedekiah when he began to reign, and he reigned eleven years in Jerusalem: and his mother's name was Amital, daughter of Jeremiah.

19 And he did that which was evil in the sight of the Lord, according to all that Joachim did.

20 For it was according to the Lord's anger against Jerusalem and on Judah, until he cast them out of his presence, that Zedekiah revolted against the king of Babylon.

Chapter 25

1 And it came to pass in the ninth year of his reign, in the tenth month, that Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon came, and all his host, against Jerusalem; and he encamped against it, and built a mound against it.

2 And the city was besieged until the eleventh year of king Zedekiah on the ninth day of the month.

3 And the famine prevailed in the city, and there was no bread for the people of the land.

4 And the city was broken up, and all the men of war went forth by night, by the way of the gate between the walls, this is the gate of the king's garden: and the Chaldeans were set against the city round about: and the king went by the way of the plain.

5 And the force of the Chaldeans pursued the king, and overtook him in the plains of Jericho: and all his army was dispersed from about him.

6 And they took the king, and brought him to the king of Babylon to Reblatha; and he gave judgment upon him.

7 And he slew the sons of Zedekiah before his eyes, and put out the eyes of Zedekiah, and bound him in fetters, and brought him to Babylon.

8 And in the fifth month, on the seventh day of the month (this is the nineteenth year of Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon), came Nebuzaradan, captain of the guard, who stood before the king of Babylon, to Jerusalem.

9 And he burnt the house of the Lord, and the king's house, and all the houses of Jerusalem, even every house did the captain of the guard burn.

10 And the force of the Chaldeans pulled down the wall of Jerusalem round about.

11 And Nebuzaradan the captain of the guard removed the rest of the people that were left in the city, and the men who had deserted to the king of Babylon, and the rest of the multitude.

12 But the captain of the guard left of the poor of the land to be vinedressers and husbandmen.

13 And the Chaldeans broke to pieces the brazen pillars that were in the house of the Lord, and the bases, and the brazen sea that was in the house of the Lord, and carried their brass to Babylon.

14 And the caldrons, and the shovels, and the bowls, and the censers, and all the brazen vessels with which they minister, he took.

15 And the captain of the guard took the fire-pans, and the gold and silver bowls.

16 Two pillars, and one sea, and the bases which Solomon made for the house of the Lord: there was no weight of the brass of all the vessels.

17 The height of one pillar was eighteen cubits, and the chapiter upon it was of brass: and the height of the chapiter was three cubits: the border, and the pomegranates on the chapiter round about were all of brass: and so it was with the second pillar with its border.

18 And the captain of the guard took Saraias the high-priest, and Zephaniah the second in order, and the three door-keepers.

19 And they took out of the city one eunuch who was commander of the men of war, and five men that saw the face of the king, that were found in the city, and the secretary of the commander-in-chief, who took account of the people of the land, and sixty men of the people of the land that were found in the city.

20 And Nebuzaradan the captain of the guard took them, and brought them to the king of Babylon to Reblatha.

21 And the king of Babylon smote them and slew them at Reblatha in the land of Æmath. So Judah was carried away from his land.

22 And as for the people that were left in the land of Judah, whom Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon left, even over them he set Godolias son of Achicam son of Saphan.

23 And all the captains of the host, they and their men, heard that the king of Babylon had thus appointed Godolias, and they came to Godolias to Massephath, both Ishmael the son of Nathanias, and Jona son of Careth, and Saraias, son of Thanamath the Netophathite, and Jezonias son of a Machathite, they and their men.

24 And Godolias swore to them and their men, and said to them, Fear not the incursion of the Chaldeans; dwell in the land, and serve the king of Babylon, and it shall be well with you.

25 And it came to pass in the seventh month that Ishmael son of Nathanias son of Helisama, of the seed royal, came, and ten men with him, and he smote Godolias, that he died, him and the Jews and the Chaldeans that were with him in Mizpah.

26 And all the people, great and small rose up, they and the captains of the forces, and went into Egypt; because they were afraid of the Chaldeans.

27 And it came to pass in the thirty-seventh year of the carrying away of Joachim king of Judah, in the twelfth month, on the twenty-seventh day of the month, that Evialmarodec king of Babylon in the first year of his reign lifted up the head of Joachim king of Judah, and brought him out of his prison-house.

28 And he spoke kindly to him, and set his throne above the thrones of the kings that were with him in Babylon;

29 and changed his prison garments: and he ate bread continually before him all the days of his life.

30 And his portion, a continual portion, was given him out of the house of the king, a daily rate for every day all the days of his life.

1 Chronicles

Chapter 1

1 ADAM, Seth, Enos,

2 and Cainan, Maleleel, Jared,

3 Enoch, Methuselah, Lamech,

4 Noah: the sons of Noah, Shem, Ham, Japheth.

5 The sons of Japheth, Gamer, Magog, Madaim, Jovan, Helisa, Thobel, Mosoch, and Thiras.

6 And the sons of Gamer, Aschanaz, and Riphath, and Thorgama.

7 And the sons of Jovan, Helisa, and Tarshish, the Citians, and Rhodians.

8 And the sons of Ham, Chus, and Mesraim, Phud and Canaan.

9 And the sons of Chus, Saba, and Evila, and Sabatha, and Regma, and Sebethaca: and the sons of Regma, Saba, and Dadan.

10 And Chus begot Nebrod: he began to be a mighty hunter on the earth.

17 The sons of Shem, Ælam, and Assur,

24 and Arphaxad, Sala,

25 Eber, Pheleg, Ragan,

26 Seruch, Nachor, Tharrha,

27 Abraam.

28 And the sons of Abraam, Isaac, and Ishmael.

29 And these are their generations: the first-born of Ishmael, Nabæoth, and Kedar, Nabdeel, Massam,

30 Masma, Iduma, Masse, Chondan, Thæman,

31 Jettur, Naphes, Kedma: these are the sons of Ishmael.

32 And the sons of Chettura Abraam's concubine:—and she bore him Zembram, Jexan, Midian, Madam, Sobac, Soe: and the sons of Jexan; Dædan, and Sabai;

33 and the sons of Midian; Gephar, and Opher, and Enoch, and Abida, and Eldada; all these were the sons of Chettura.

34 And Abraam begot Isaac: and the sons of Isaac were Jacob, and Esau.

35 The sons of Esau, Eliphaz, and Raguel, and Jeul, and Jeglom, and Korah.

36 The sons of Eliphaz: Thæman, and Omar, Sophar, and Goötham, and Kenez, and Timnah, and Amalec.

37 And the sons of Raguel, Naches, Zare, Some, and Moze.

38 The sons of Seir, Lotan, Sobal, Sebegon, Ana, Deson, Osar, and Disan.

39 And the sons of Lotan, Chorri, and Æman; and the sister of Lotan was Timnah.

40 The sons of Sobal; Alon, Machanath, Tæbel, Sophi, and Onan: and the sons of Sebegon; Æth, and Sonan.

41 The sons of Sonan, Dæson: and the sons of Dæson; Emeron, and Asebon, and Jethram, and Haran.

42 And the sons of Hosar, Balaam, and Zucam, and Acan: the sons of Disan, Os, and Aran.

43 And these are their kings, Balac the son of Beor; and the name of his city was Dennaba.

44 And Balac died, and Jobab the son of Zara of Bosorrha reigned in his stead.

45 And Jobab died, and Asom of the land of the Thæmanites reigned in his stead.

46 And Asom died, and Adad the son of Barad reigned in his stead, who smote Midian in the plain of Moab: and the name of his city was Gethaim.

47 And Adad died, and Sebla of Masecca reigned in his stead.

48 And Sebla died, and Saul of Rhoboth by the river reigned in his stead.

49 And Saul died, and Balaennor son of Achobor reigned in his stead.

50 And Balaennor died, and Adad son of Barad reigned in his stead; and the name of his city was Peor.

51 The princes of Edom: prince Timnah, prince Golada, prince Jether,

52 prince Elibamas, prince Elas, prince Phinon,

53 prince Kenez, prince Thæman, prince Babsar, prince Magediel,

54 prince Zaphoin. These are the princes of Edom.

Chapter 2

1 These are the names of the sons of Israel;

2 Reuben, Simeon, Levi, Judah, Issachar, Zebulun, Dan, Joseph, Benjamin, Naphtali, Gad, Aser.

3 The sons of Judah; Er, Aunan, Selom. These three were born to him of the daughter of Sava the Chananitish woman: and Er, the first-born of Judah, was wicked before the Lord, and he slew him.

4 And Thamar his daughter-in-law bore to him Phares, and Zara: all the sons of Judah were five.

5 The sons of Phares, Esrom, and Jemuel.

6 And the sons of Zara, Zambri, and Ætham, and Æmuan, and Calchal, and Darad, in all five.

7 And the sons of Charmi; Achar the troubler of Israel, who was disobedient in the accursed thing.

8 And the sons of Ætham; Azarias,

9 and the sons of Esrom who were born to him; Jerameel, and Aram, and Chaleb.

10 And Aram begot Aminadab, and Aminadab begot Naasson, chief of the house of Judah.

11 And Naasson begot Salmon, and Salmon begot Booz,

12 and Booz begot Obed, and Obed begot Jessæ.

13 And Jessæ begot his first-born Eliab, Aminadab was the second, Samaa the third,

14 Nathanael the fourth, Zabdai the fifth,

15 Asam the sixth, David the seventh.

16 And their sister was Saruia, and another Abigaia: and the sons of Saruia were Abisa, and Joab, and Asael, three.

17 And Abigaia bore Amessab: and the father of Amessab was Jothor the Ismaelite.

18 And Chaleb the son of Esrom took Gazuba to wife, and Jerioth: and these were her sons; Jasar, and Subab, and Ardon.

19 And Gazuba died; and Chaleb took to himself Ephrath, and she bore to him Or.

20 And Or begot Uri, and Uri begot Beseleel.

21 And after this Esron went in to the daughter of Machir the father of Gilead, and he took her when he was sixty-five years old; and she bore him Seruch.

22 And Seruch begot Jair, and he had twenty-three cities in Gilead.

23 And he took Gedsur and Aram, the towns of Jair from them; with Canath and its towns, sixty cities. All these belonged to the sons of Machir the father of Gilead.

24 And after the death of Esron, Chaleb came to Ephratha; and the wife of Esron was Abijah; and she bore him Ascho the father of Thecoe.

25 And the sons of Jerameel the first-born of Esron were, the first-born Ram, and Banaa, and Aram, and Asan his brother.

26 And Jerameel had another wife, and her name was Atara: she is the mother of Ozom.

27 And the sons of Ram the first-born of Jerameel were Maas, and Jamin, and Acor.

28 And the sons of Ozom were, Samai, and Jadae: and the sons of Samai; Nadab, and Abisur.

29 And the name of the wife of Abisur was Abichaia, and she bore him Achabar, and Moel.

30 And the sons of Nadab; Salad and Apphain; and Salad died without children.

31 And the sons of Apphain, Isemiel; and the sons of Isemiel, Sosan; and the sons of Sosan, Dadai.

32 And the sons of Dadai, Achisamas, Jether, Jonathan: and Jether died childless.

33 And the sons of Jonathan; Phaleth, and Hozam. These were the sons of Jerameel.

34 And Sosan had no sons, but daughters. And Sosan had an Egyptian servant, and his name was Jochel.

35 And Sosan gave his daughter to Jochel his servant to wife; and she bore him Ethi.

36 And Ethi begot Nathan, and Nathan begot Zabed,

37 and Zabed begot Aphamel, and Aphamel begot Obed.

38 And Obed begot Jeu, and Jeu begot Azarias,

39 and Azarias begot Chelles, and Chelles begot Eleasa,

40 and Eleasa begot Sosomai, and Sosomai begot Salum,

41 and Salum begot Jechemias, and Jechemias begot Elisama, and Elisama begot Ishmael.

42 And the sons of Chaleb the brother of Jerameel were, Marisa his first-born, he is the father of Ziph:—and the sons of Marisa the father of Hebron.

43 And the sons of Hebron; Korah, and Thapphus, and Recom, and Samaa.

44 And Samaa begot Raem the father of Jeclan: and Jeclan begot Samai.

45 And his son was Maon: and Maon is the father of Bæthsur.

46 And Gæpha the concubine of Chaleb bore Aram, and Mosa, and Gezue.

47 And the sons of Addai were Ragem, and Jotham, and Sogar, and Phalec, and Gæpha, and Sagae.

48 And Chaleb's concubine Mocha bore Saber, and Tharam.

49 She bore also Sagae the father of Madmena, and Sau the father of Machabena, and the father of Gæbal: and the daughter of Chaleb was Ascha.

50 These were the sons of Chaleb: the sons of Or the first-born of Ephratha; Sobal the father of Cariathiarim,

51 Salomon the father of Bætha, Lammon the father of Bæthalaem, and Arim the father of Bethgedor.

52 And the sons of Sobal the father of Cariathiarim were Araa, and Æsi, and Ammanith,

53 and Umasphaë, cities of Jair; Æthalim, and Miphithim, and Hesamathim, and Hemasaraim; from these went forth the Sarathæans, and the sons of Esthaam.

54 The sons of Salomon; Bæthalaem, the Netophathite, Ataroth of the house of Joab, and half of the family of Malathi, Esari.

55 The families of the scribes dwelling in Jabesh; Thargathiim, and Samathiim, and Sochathim, these are the Kinæans that came of Hemath, the father of the house of Rechab.

Chapter 3

1 Now these were the sons of David that were born to him in Hebron; the first-born Amnon, born of Achinaam the Jezraelitess; the second Damniel, of Abigaia the Carmelitess.

2 The third, Abessalom, the son of Mocha the daughter of Tholmai king of Gedsur; the fourth, Adonia the son of Aggith.

3 The fifth, Saphatia, the son of Abital; the sixth, Jethraam, born of Agla his wife.

4 Six were born to him in Hebron; and he reigned there seven years and six months: and he reigned thirty-three years in Jerusalem.

5 And these were born to him in Jerusalem; Samaa, Sobab, Nathan, and Solomon; four of Beersheba the daughter of Amiel:

6 and Ebaar, and Elisa, and Eliphaleth,

7 and Nagai, and Naphec, and Japhie,

8 and Helisama, and Eliada, and Eliphala, nine.

9 All these were the sons of David, besides the sons of the concubines, and there was also Themar their sister.

10 The sons of Solomon; Rehoboam, Abijah his son, Asa his son, Jehoshaphat his son,

11 Jehoram his son, Ahaziah his son, Joas his son,

12 Amaziah his son, Azarias his son, Joathan his son,

13 Ahaz his son, Hezekiah his son, Manasseh his son,

14 Amon his son, Josia his son.

15 And the sons of Josia; the first-born Joanan, the second Jehoiakim, the third Zedekiah, the fourth Salum.

16 And the sons of Jehoiakim; Jeconiah his son, Zedekiah his son.

17 And the sons of Jeconiah; Asir, Shealtiel his son,

18 Melchiram, and Phadaias, and Sanesar, and Jekimia, and Hosamath, and Nabadias.

19 And the sons of Phadaias; Zerubbabel, and Semei: and the sons of Zerubbabel; Mosollam, and Anania, and Salomethi was their sister.

20 And Asube, and Ool, and Barachia, and Asadia, and Asobed, five.

21 And the sons of Anania, Phalettia, and Jesias his son, Raphal his son, Orna his son, Abdia his son, Sechenias his son.

22 And the son of Sechenias; Samaia: and the sons of Samaia; Chattus, and Joel, and Berri and Noadia, and Saphath, six.

23 And the sons of Noadia: Elithenan, and Ezekia, and Ezricam, three.

24 And the sons of Elithenan; Odolia, and Heliasebon, and Phadaia, and Akub, and Joanan, and Dalaaïa, and Anan, seven.

Chapter 4

1 And the sons of Judah; Phares, Esrom, and Charmi, and Or, Subal,

2 and Rada his son; and Subal begot Jeth; and Jeth begot Achimai, and Laad: these are the generations of the Arathites.

3 And these are the sons of Ætam; Jezreel and Jesman, and Jebdas: and their sister's name was Eselebbon.

4 And Phanuel the father of Gedor, and Jazer the father of Osan: these are the sons of Or, the first-born of Ephratha, the father of Bæthalaen.

5 And Asur the father of Thecoe had two wives, Aoda and Thoada.

6 And Aoda bore to him Ochaia, and Ephal, and Thæman, and Aasther: all these were the sons of Aoda.

7 And the sons of Thoada; Sereth, and Saar, and Esthanam.

8 And Coe begot Enob, and Sabatha, and the progeny of the brother of Rechab, the son of Jarin.

9 And Igabes was more famous than his brethren; and his mother called his name Igabes, saying, I have born as a sorrowful one.

10 And Igabes called on the God of Israel, saying, O that you would indeed bless me, and enlarge my coasts, and that your hand might be with me, and that you would make me know that you will not grieve me! And God granted him all that he asked.

11 And Chaleb the father of Ascha begot Machir; he was the father of Assathon.

12 He begot Bathraias, and Besseë, and Thæman the founder of the city of Naas the brother of Eselom the Kenezite: these were the men of Rechab.

13 And the sons of Kenez; Gothoniel, and Saraia: and the sons of Gothoniel; Athath.

14 And Manathi begot Gophera: and Saraia begot Jobab, the father of Ageaddair, for they were artificers.

15 And the sons of Chaleb the son of Jephonne; Er, Ada, and Noom: and the sons of Ada, Kenez.

16 And the sons of Aleel, Zib, and Zepha, and Thiria, and Eserel.

17 And the sons of Esri; Jether, Morad, and Apher, and Jamon: and Jether begot Maron, and Semei, and Jesba the father of Esthæmon.

18 And his wife, that is Adia, bore Jared the father of Gedor, and Aber the father of Sochon, and Chetiel the

father of Zamon: and these are the sons of Betthia the daughter of Pharaoh, whom Mored took.

19 And the sons of the wife of Iduia the sister of Nachaim the father of Keila; Garmi, and Esthæmon the Nochathite.

20 And the sons of Semon; Amnon, and Ana the son of Phana, and Inon: and the sons of Sei, Zoan, and the sons of Zoab.

21 The sons of Selom the son of Judah; Er the father of Lechab, and Laada the father of Marisa, and the offspring of the family of Ephrathabac belonging to the house of Esoba.

22 And Jehoiakim, and the men of Chozeba, and Joas, and Saraph, who dwelt in Moab, and he changed their names to Abederin and Athukiim.

23 These are the potters who dwelt in Ataim and Gadira with the king: they grew strong in his kingdom, and dwelt there.

24 The sons of Semeon; Namuel, and Jamin, Jarib, Zares, Saul:

25 Salem his son, Mabasam his son, Masma his son:

26 Amuel his son, Sabud his son, Zacchur his son, Semei his son.

27 Semei had sixteen sons, and six daughters; and his brethren had not many sons, neither did all their families multiply as the sons of Judah.

28 And they dwelt in Beersheba, and Molada, and in Esersual,

29 and in Balaa, and in Æsem, and in Tholad,

30 and in Bathuel, and in Herma, and in Sikelag,

31 and in Bæthmarimoth, and Hemisuseosin, and the house of Baruseorim: these were their cities until the time of king David.

32 And their villages were Ætan, and En, Remnon, and Thocca, and Æsar, five cities.

33 And all their villages were round about these cities, as far as Baal: this was their possession, and their distribution.

34 And Mosobab, and Jemoloch, and Josia the son of Amasia;

35 and Joel, and Jeu the son of Asabia, the son of Sarau, the son of Asiel;

36 and Elionai, and Jocaba, and Jasuia, and Asaia, and Jediel, and Ishmael, and Banaias;

37 and Zuza the son of Saphai, the son of Alon, the son of Jedia, the son of Semri, the son of Samaias.

38 These went by the names of princes in their families, and they increased abundantly in their fathers' households.

39 And they went till they came to Gerar, to the east of Gai, to seek pasture for their cattle.

40 And they found abundant and good pastures, and the land before them was wide, and there was peace and quietness; for there were some of the children of Ham who dwelt there before.

41 And these who are written by name came in the days of Hezekiah king of Judah, and they smote the people's houses, and the Minæans whom they found there, and utterly destroyed them until this day: and they dwelt in their place, because there was pasture there for their cattle.

42 And some of them, even of the sons of Simeon, went to mount Seir, even five hundred men; and Phalaettia, and Noadia, and Raphaia, and Oziel, sons of Jesi, were their rulers.

43 And they smote the remnant that were left of Amalec, until this day.

Chapter 5

1 And the sons of Reuben the first-born of Israel (for he was the firstborn; but because of his going up to his father's couch, his father gave his blessing to his son Joseph, even the son of Israel; and he was not reckoned as first-born;

2 for Judas was very mighty even among his brethren, and one was to be a ruler out of him: but the blessing was Joseph's).

3 The sons of Reuben the first-born of Israel; Enoch, and Phallus, Asrom, and Charmi.

4 The sons of Joel; Semei, and Banaia his son: and the sons of Gug the son of Semei.

5 His son was Micha, his son Recha, his son Joel,

6 his son Beël, whom Thagla-phallasar king of Assyria carried away captive: he is the chief of the Rubenites.

7 And his brethren in his family, in their distribution according to their generations; the chief, Joel, and Zacharia.

8 And Balec the son of Azuz, the son of Sama, the son of Joel: he dwelt in Aroer, and even to Naban, and Beelmasson.

9 And he dwelt eastward to the borders of the wilderness, from the river Euphrates: for they had much cattle in the land of Gilead.

10 And in the days of Saul they made war upon the sojourners in the land; and they fell into their hands, all of them dwelling in their tents eastward of Gilead.

11 The sons of Gad dwelt over against them in the land of Basan even to Sela.

12 Joel the first-born, and Sapham the second, and Janin the scribe in Basan.

13 And their brethren according to the houses of their fathers; Michael, Mosollam, and Sebee, and Joree, and Joachan, and Zue, and Obed, seven.

14 These are the sons of Abichaia the son of Uri, the son of Idai, the son of Gilead, the son of Michael, the son of Jesai, the son of Jeddai, the son of Buz,

15 who was the brother of the son of Abdiel, the son of Guni, he was chief of the house of their families.

16 They dwelt in Gilead, in Basan, and in their villages, and in all the country round about Sharon to the border.

17 The enumeration of them all took place in the days of Jotham king of Judah, and in the days of Jeroboam king of Israel.

18 The sons of Reuben and Gad, and the half-tribe of Manasseh, of mighty men, bearing shields and sword, and bending the bow, and skilled in war, were forty and four thousand and seven hundred and sixty, going forth to battle.

19 And they made war with the Agarenes, and Itureans, and Naphiseans, and Nadabeans,

20 and they prevailed against them: and the Hagaræans were given into their hands, they and all their tents: for they cried to God in the battle, and he hearkened to them, because they trusted on him.

21 And they took captive their store; five thousand camels, and two hundred and fifty thousand sheep, two thousand asses, and a hundred thousand men.

22 For many fell slain, because the war was of God. And they dwelt in their place until the captivity.

23 And the half-tribe of Manasseh dwelt from Basan to Baal, Ermon, and Sanir, and to the mount Aërmon: and they increased in Lebanon.

24 And these were the heads of the houses of their families; Opher, and Sei, and Eliel, and Jeremia, and Oduia, and Jediel, mighty men of valour, men of renown, heads of the houses of their families.

25 But they rebelled against the God of their fathers, and went a-whoring after the gods of the nations of the land, whom God cast out from before them.

26 And the God of Israel stirred up the spirit of Phaloch king of Assyria, and the spirit of Thagla-phallasar king of Assyria, and carried away Reuben and Gaddi, and the half-tribe of Manasseh, and brought them to Chaach, and Chabor, and to the river Gozan, until this day.

27 The sons of Levi: Gedson, Caath, and Merari.

28 And the sons of Caath; Ambram, and Issaar, Hebron, and Oziel.

29 And the sons of Ambram; Aaron, and Moses, and Mariam: and the sons of Aaron; Nadab, and Abiud, Eleazar, and Ithamar.

30 Eleazar begot Phinees, Phinees begot Abisu;

31 Abisu begot Bokki, and Bokki begot Ozi;

32 Ozi begot Zaraia, Zaraia begot Mariel;

33 and Mariel begot Amaria, and Amaria begot Achitob;

34 and Achitob begot Sadoc, and Sadoc begot Achimaas;

35 and Achimaas begot Azarias, and Azarias begot Joanan;

36 and Joanan begot Azarias: he ministered as priest in the house which Solomon built in Jerusalem.

37 And Azarias begot Amaria, and Amaria begot Achitob;

38 and Achitob begot Sadoc, and Sadoc begot Salom;

39 and Salom begot Chelcias, and Chelcias begot Azarias;

40 and Azarias begot Saraia, and Saraias begot Josadac.

41 And Josadac went into captivity with Judah and Jerusalem under Nebuchadnezzar.

Chapter 6

1 The sons of Levi: Gedson, Caath, and Merari.

2 And these are the names of the sons of Gedson; Lobeni, and Semei.

3 The sons of Caath; Ambram, and Issaar, Hebron, and Oziel.

4 The sons of Merari; Mooli and Musi: and these are the families of Levi, according to their families.

5 To Gedson—to Lobeni his son—were born Jeth his son, Zammath his son,

6 Joab his son, Addi his son, Zara his son, Jethri his son.

7 The sons of Caath; Aminadab his son, Korah his son, Aser his son;

8 Helcana his son, Abisaph his son, Aser his son:

9 Thaath his son, Uriel his son, Ozia his son, Saul his son.

10 And the sons of Helcana; Amessi, and Achimoth.

11 Helcana his son, Suphi his son, Cainaath his son;

12 Eliab his son, Jeroboam his son, Helcana his son.

13 The sons of Samuel; the first-born Sani, and Abijah.

14 The sons of Merari; Mooli, Lobeni his son, Semei his son, Oza his son;

15 Samaa his son, Angia his son, Asaias his son.

16 And these were the men whom David set over the service of the singers in the house of the Lord when the ark was at rest.

17 And they ministered in front of the tabernacle of witness playing on instruments, until Solomon built the house of the Lord in Jerusalem; and they stood according to their order for their services.

18 And these were the men that stood, and their sons, of the sons of Caath: Æman the psalm singer, son of Joel, the son of Samuel,

19 the son of Helcana, the son of Jeroboam, the son of Eliel, the son of Thoas,

20 the son of Suph, the son of Helcana, the son of Maath, the son of Amathi,

21 the son of Helcana, the son of Joel, the son of Azarias, the son of Japhanias,

22 the son of Thaath, the son of Aser, the son of Abiasaph, the son of Korah,

23 the son of Isaar, the son of Caath, the son of Levi, the son of Israel.

24 And his brother Asaph, who stood at his right hand; Asaph the son of Barachias, the son of Samaa,

25 the son of Michael, the son of Baasia, the son of Melchia,

26 the son of Athani, the son of Zaarai,

27 the son of Adai, the son of Ætham, the son of Zammam, the son of Semei,

28 the son of Jeeth, the son of Gedson, the son of Levi.

29 And the sons of Merari their brethren on the left hand: Ætham the son of Kisa, the son of Abai, the son of Maloch,

30 the son of Asebi,

31 the son of Amessias, the son of Bani, the son of Semer,

32 the son of Mooli, the son of Musi, the son of Merari, the son of Levi.

33 And their brethren according to the houses of their fathers, were the Levites who were appointed to all the work of ministration of the tabernacle of the house of God.

34 And Aaron and his sons were to burn incense on the altar of whole-burnt-offerings, and on the altar of incense, for all the ministry in the holy of holies, and to make atonement for Israel, according to all things that Moses the servant of the Lord commanded.

35 And these are the sons of Aaron; Eleazar his son, Phinees his son, Abisu his son,

36 Bokki his son, Ozi his son, Saraia his son,

37 Mariel his son, Amaria his son, Achitob his son,

38 Sadoc his son, Achimaas his son.

39 And these are their residences in their villages, in their coasts, to the sons of Aaron, to their family the Caathites: for they had the lot.

40 And they gave them Hebron in the land of Judah, and its suburbs round about it.

41 But the fields of the city, and its villages, they gave to Chaleb the son of Jephonne.

42 And to the sons of Aaron they gave the cities of refuge, even Hebron, and Lobna and her suburbs round about, and Selna and her suburbs, and Esthamo and her suburbs,

43 and Jethar and her suburbs, and Dabir and her suburbs,

44 and Asan and her suburbs, and Bæthsamys and her suburbs:

45 and of the tribe of Benjamin Gabai and her suburbs, and Galemath and her suburbs, and Anathoth and her suburbs: all their cities were thirteen cities according to their families.

46 And to the sons of Caath that were left of their families, there were given out of the tribe, namely, out of the half-tribe of Manasseh, by lot, ten cities.

47 And to the sons of Gedson according to their families there were given thirteen cities of the tribe of Issachar, of the tribe of Aser, of the tribe of Naphtali, of the tribe of Manasseh in Basan.

48 And to the sons of Merari according to their families there were given, by lot, twelve cities of the tribe of Reuben, of the tribe of Gad, and of the tribe of Zebulun.

49 So the children of Israel gave to the Levites the cities and their suburbs.

50 And they gave by lot out of the tribe of the children of Judah, and out of the tribe of the children of Simeon, and out of the tribe of the children of Benjamin, these cities which they call by name.

51 And to the members of the families of the sons of Caath there were also given the cities of their borders out of the tribe of Ephraim.

52 And they gave them the cities of refuge, Shechem and her suburbs in mount Ephraim, and Gezer and her suburbs,

53 and Jecmaan and her suburbs, and Bæthoron and her suburbs,

54 and Ælon and her suburbs, and Gethremmon and her suburbs:

55 and of the half-tribe of Manasseh Anar and her suburbs, and Jemblaan and her suburbs, to the sons of Caath that were left, according to each several family.

56 To the sons of Gedson from the families of the half-tribe of Manasseh they gave Golan of Basan and her suburbs, and Aseroth and her suburbs.

57 And out of the tribe of Issachar, Kedes and her suburbs, and Deberi and her suburbs, and Dabor and her suburbs,

58 and Ramoth, and Ænan and her suburbs.

59 And of the tribe of Aser; Maasal and her suburbs, and Abdon and her suburbs,

60 and Acac and her suburbs, and Roob and her suburbs.

61 And of the tribe of Naphtali; Kedes in Galilee and her suburbs, and Chamoth and her suburbs, and Kariathaim and her suburbs.

62 To the sons of Merari that were left, they gave out of the tribe of Zebulun Remmon and her suburbs, and Thabor and her suburbs:

63 out of the country beyond Jordan; Jericho westward of Jordan: out of the tribe of Reuben; Bosor in the wilderness and her suburbs, and Jasa and her suburbs,

64 and Kadmoth and her suburbs, and Maephla and her suburbs.

65 Outof the tribe of Gad; Rammoth Gilead and her suburbs, and Maanaim and her suburbs,

66 and Heshbon and her suburbs, and Jazer and her suburbs.

Chapter 7

1 And as to the sons of Issachar, they were Thola, and Phua, and Jasub, and Semeron, four.

2 And the sons of Thola; Ozi, Raphaia, and Jeriel, and Jamai, and Jemasan, and Samuel, chiefs of their fathers' houses belonging to Thola, men of might according to their generations; their number in the days of David was twenty and two thousand and six hundred.

3 And the sons of Ozi; Jezraia: and the sons of Jezraia; Michael, Abdiu, and Joel, and Jesia, five, all rulers.

4 And with them, according to their generations, according to the houses of their families, were men mighty to set armies in array for war, thirty and six thousand, for they had multiplied their wives and children.

5 And their brethren among all the families of Issachar, also mighty men, were eighty-seven thousand—this was the number of them all.

6 The sons of Benjamin; Bale, and Bachir, and Jediel, three.

7 And the sons of Bale; Heshbon, and Ozi, and Oziel, and Jerimuth, and Uri, five; heads of houses of families, mighty men; and their number was twenty and two thousand and thirty-four.

8 And the sons of Bachir; Zemira, and Joas, and Eliezer, and Elithenan, and Amaria, and Jerimuth, and Abiud, and Anathoth, and Eleemeth: all these were the sons of Bachir.

9 And their number according to their generations, (they were chiefs of their fathers' houses, men of might), was twenty thousand and two hundred.

10 And the sons of Jediel; Balaan: and the sons of Balaan; Jaüs, and Benjamin, and Aoth, and Chanana, and Zæthan, and Tharsi, and Achisaar.

11 All these were the sons of Jediel, chiefs of their families, men of might, seventeen thousand and two hundred, going forth to war with might.

12 And Sapphin, and Apphin, and the sons of Or, Asom, whose son was Aor.

13 The sons of Naphtali; Jasiel, Goni, and Aser, and Sellum, his sons, Balam his son.

14 The sons of Manasseh; Esriel, whom his Syrian concubine bore; and she bore to him also Machir the father of Gilead.

15 And Machir took a wife for Apphin and Sapphin, and his sister's name was Moöcha; and the name of the second son was Sapphaad; and to Sapphaad were born daughters.

16 And Moöcha the wife of Machir bore a son, and called his name Phares; and his brother's name was Surus; his sons were Ulam, and Rocom.

17 And the sons of Ulam; Badam. These were the sons of Gilead, the son of Machir, the son of Manasseh.

18 And his sister Malecheth bore Isud, and Abiezer, and Maela.

19 And the sons of Semira were, Aim, and Shechem, and Lakim, and Anian.

20 And the sons of Ephraim; Sothalath, and Barad his son, and Thaath his son, Elada his son, Saath his son,

21 and Zabad his son, Sothele his son, and Azer, and Elead: and the men of Gath who were born in the land slew them, because they went down to take their cattle.

22 And their father Ephraim mourned many days, and his brethren came to comfort him.

23 And he went in to his wife, and she conceived, and bore a son, and he called his name Beria, because, said he, He was afflicted in my house.

24 And his daughter was Saraa, and he was among them that were left, and he built Bæthoron the upper and the lower. And the descendants of Ozan were Seera,

25 and Raphe his son, Saraph and Thalees his sons, Thaen his son.

26 To Laadan his son was born his son Amiud, his son Helisamai, his son

27 Nun, his son Jesue, these were his sons.

28 And their possession and their dwelling were Bethel and her towns, to the east Noaran, westward Gezer and her towns, and Shechem and her towns, as far as Gaza and her towns.

29 And as far as the borders of the sons of Manasseh, Bæthsaan and her towns, Thanach and her towns, Megiddo and her towns, Dor and her towns. In this the children of Joseph the son of Israel dwelt.

30 The sons of Aser; Jemna, and Suia, and Isui, and Beria, and Sore their sister.

31 And the sons of Beria; Chaber, and Melchiel; he was the father of Berthaith.

32 And Chaber begot Japhlet, and Samer, and Chothan, and Sola their sister.

33 And the sons of Japhlet; Phasec, and Bamael, and Asith: these are the sons of Japhlet.

34 And the sons of Semmer; Achir, and Rooga, and Jaba, and Aram.

35 And the sons of Elam his brother; Sopha, and Imana, and Selles, and Amal.

36 The sons of Sopha; Sue, and Arnaphar, and Suda, and Barin, and Imran,

37 and Basan, and Oa, and Sama, and Salisa, and Jethra, and Beëra.

38 And the sons of Jether, Jephina, and Phaspha, and Ara.

39 And the sons of Ola; Orech, Aniel, and Rasia.

40 All these were the sons of Aser, all heads of families, choice, mighty men, chief leaders: their number for battle array—their number was twenty-six thousand men.

Chapter 8

1 Now Benjamin begot Bale his first-born, and Asbel his second son, Aara the third, Noa the fourth,

2 and Rapha the fifth.

3 And the sons of Bale were, Adir, and Gera, and Abiud,

4 and Abessue, and Noama, and Achia,

5 and Gera, and Sephupham, and Uram.

6 These were the sons of Aod: these are the heads of families to them that dwell in Gabee, and they removed them to Machanathi:

7 and Nooma, and Achia and Gera, he removed them, and he begot Aza, and Jachicho.

8 And Saarin begot children in the plain of Moab, after that he had sent away Osin and Baada his wives.

9 And he begot of his wife Ada, Jolab, and Sebia, and Misa, and Melchas,

10 and Jebus, and Zabia, and Marma: these were heads of families.

11 And of Osin he begot Abitol, and Alphaal.

12 And the sons of Alphaal; Obed, Misaal, Semmer: he built Ona, and Lod, and its towns:

13 and Beria, and Sama; these were heads of families among the dwellers in Elam, and they drove out the inhabitants of Gath.

14 And his brethren were Sosec, and Arimoth,

15 and Zabadia, and Ored, and Eder,

16 and Michael, and Jespha, and Joda, the sons of Beria:

17 and Zabadia, and Mosollam, and Azaki, and Abar,

18 and Isamari, and Jexlias, and Jobab, the sons of Elphaal:

19 and Jakim, and Zachri, and Zabdi,

20 and Elionai, and Salathi,

21 and Elieli, and Adaia, and Baraia, and Samarath, sons of Samaith:

22 and Jesphan, and Obed, and Eliel,

23 and Abdon, and Zechri, and Anan,

24 and Anania, and Ambri, and Ælam, and Anathoth,

25 and Jathin, and Jephadias, and Phanuel, the sons of Sosec:

26 and Samsari, and Saarias, and Gotholia,

27 and Jarasia, and Eria, and Zechri, son of Iroam.

28 These were heads of families, chiefs according to their generations: these dwelt in Jerusalem.

29 And the father of Gibeon dwelt in Gibeon; and his wife's name was Moacha.

30 And her first-born son was Abdon, and Sur, and Kis, and Baal, and Nadab, and Ner,

31 and Gedur and his brother, and Zacchur, and Makeloth.

32 And Makeloth begot Samaa: for these dwelt in Jerusalem in the presence of their brethren with their brethren.

33 And Ner begot Kis, and Kis begot Saul, and Saul begot Jonathan, and Melchisue, and Aminadab, and Asabal.

34 And the son of Jonathan was Meribaal; and Meribaal begot Micha.

35 And the sons of Micha; Phithon, and Melach, and Tharach, and Ahaz.

36 And Ahaz begot Jada, and Jada begot Salæmath, and Asmoth, and Zambri; and Zambri begot Mæsa;

37 and Mæsa begot Baana: Rhaphæa, was his son, Elasa his son, Esel his son.

38 And Esel had six sons, and these were their names; Ezricam his firstborn, and Ishmael, and Saraia, and Abdia, and Anan, and Asa: all these were the sons of Esel.

39 And the sons of Asel his brother; Ælam his first-born, and Jas the second, and Eliphalet the third.

40 And the sons of Ælam were mighty men, bending the bow, and multiplying sons and grandsons, a hundred and fifty. All these were of the sons of Benjamin.

Chapter 9

1 And this is all Israel, even their enrolment: and these are written down in the book of the kings of Israel and Judah, with the names of them that were carried away to Babylon for their transgressions.

2 And they that dwelt before in their possessions in the cities of Israel, the priests, the Levites, and the appointed ones.

3 And there dwelt in Jerusalem some of the children of Judah, and of the children of Benjamin, and of the children of Ephraim, and Manasseh.

4 And Gnothi, and the son of Samiud, the son of Amri, the son of Ambraim, the son of Buni, son of the sons of Phares, the son of Judah.

5 And of the Selonites; Asaia his first-born, and his sons.

6 Of the sons of Zara; Jeel, and their brethren, six hundred and ninety.

7 And of the sons of Benjamin; Salom, son of Mosollam, son of Odouia, son of Asinu.

8 And Jemnaa son of Jeroboam, and Elo: these are the sons of Ozi the son of Machir: and Mosollam, son of Saphatia, son of Raguel, son of Jemnai;

9 and their brethren according to their generations, nine hundred and fifty-six, all the men were heads of families according to the houses of their fathers.

10 And of the priests; Jodaë, and Joarim, and Jachin,

11 and Azaria the son of Chelcias, the son of Mosollam, the son of Sadoc, the son of Maraïoth, the son of Achitob, the ruler of the house of God;

12 and Adaia son of Iraam, son of Phascor, son of Melchia, and Maasaia son of Adiel, son of Ezira, son of Mosollam, son of Maselmoth, son of Emmer;

13 and their brethren, chiefs of their families, a thousand seven hundred and sixty, mighty men for the work of the ministration of the house of God.

14 And of the Levites; Samaia son of Asob, son of Ezricam, son of Asabia, of the sons of Merari.

15 And Bacbacar, and Ares, and Galaal, and Matthanias son of Micha, son of Zechri, son of Asaph;

16 and Abdia, son of Samia, son of Galaal, son of Idithun, and Barachia son of Ossa, son of Helcana—who dwelt in the villages of the Notephatites.

17 The door-keepers; Salom, Acum, Telmon, and Diman, and their brethren; Salom was the chief;

18 and he waited hitherto in the king's gate eastward: these are the gates of the companies of the sons of Levi.

19 And Sellum the son of Korah, the son of Abiasaph, the son of Korah, and his brethren belonging to the house of his father, the Corites were over the works of the service, keeping the watches of the tabernacle, and their fathers over the camp of the Lord, keeping the entrance.

20 And Phinees son of Eleazar was head over them before the Lord, and these were with him.

21 Zechariah the son of Mosollami was keeper of the door of the tabernacle of witness.

22 All the chosen porters in the gates were two hundred and twelve, these were in their courts, this was their distribution: these David and Samuel the seer established in their charge.

23 And these and their sons were over the gates in the house of the Lord, and in the house of the tabernacle, to keep watch.

24 The gates were toward the four winds, eastward, westward, northward, southward.

25 And their brethren were in their courts, to enter in weekly from time to time with these.

26 For four strong men have the charge of the gates; and the Levites were over the chambers, and they keep watch over the treasures of the house of God.

27 For the charge was upon them, and these were charged with the keys to open the doors of the temple every morning.

28 And some of them were appointed over the vessels of service, that they should carry them in by number, and carry them out by number.

29 And some of them were appointed over the furniture, and over all the holy vessels, and over the fine flour, the wine, the oil, the frankincense, and the spices.

30 And some of the priests were makers of the ointment, and appointed to prepare the spices.

31 And Matthathias of the Levites, (he was the first-born of Salom the Corite,) was set in charge over the sacrifices of meat-offering of the pan belonging to the high priest.

32 And Banaias the Caathite, from among their brethren, was set over the shewbread, to prepare it every sabbath.

33 And these were the singers, heads of families of the Levites, to whom were established daily courses, for they were employed in the services day and night.

34 These were the heads of the families of the Levites according to their generations; these chiefs dwelt in Jerusalem.

35 And Jeël the father of Gibeon dwelt in Gibeon; and his wife's name was Moöcha.

36 And his first-born son was Abdon, and he had Sur, and Kis, and Baal, and Ner, and Nadab,

37 and Gedur and his brother, and Zacchur, and Makeloth.

38 And Makeloth begot Samaa: and these dwelt in the midst of their brethren in Jerusalem, even in the midst of their brethren.

39 And Ner begot Kis, and Kis begot Saul, and Saul begot Jonathan, and Melchisue, and Aminadab, and Asabal.

40 And the son of Jonathan was Meribaal: and Meribaal begot Micha.

41 And the sons of Micha were Phithon and Malach, and Tharach.

42 And Ahaz begot Jada: and Jada begot Galemeth, and Gazmoth, and Zambri; and Zambri begot Massa.

43 And Massa begot Baana, and Rhaphaïa was his son, Elasa his son, Esel his son.

44 And Esel had six sons, and these were their names; Esricam his firstborn, and Ishmael, and Saraia, and Abdia, and Anan, and Asa: these were the sons of Esel.

Chapter 10

1 Now the Philistines warred against Israel; and they fled from before the Philistines, and fell down slain in mount Gelbue.

2 And the Philistines pursued after Saul, and after his sons; and the Philistines smote Jonathan, and Aminadab, and Melchisue, sons of Saul.

3 And the battle prevailed against Saul, and the archers hit him with bows and arrows, and they were wounded of the bows.

4 And Saul said to his armour-bearer, Draw your sword, and pierce me through with it, lest these uncircumcised come and mock me. But his armour-bearer would not, for he was greatly afraid: so Saul took a sword, and fell upon it.

5 And his armour-bearer saw that Saul was dead, and he also fell upon his sword.

6 So Saul died, and his three sons on that day, and all his family died at the same time.

7 And all the men of Israel that were in the valley saw that Israel fled, and that Saul and his sons were dead, and they left their cities, and fled: and the Philistines came and dwelt in them.

8 And it came to pass on the next day that the Philistines came to strip the slain, and they found Saul and his sons fallen on mount Gelbue.

9 And they stripped him, and took his head, and his armour, and sent them into the land of the Philistines round about, to proclaim the glad tidings to their idols, and to the people.

10 And they put their armour in the house of their god, and they put his head in the house of Dagon.

11 And all the dwellers in Gilead heard of all that the Philistines had done to Saul and to Israel.

12 And all the mighty men rose up from Gilead, and they took the body of Saul, and the bodies of his sons, and brought them to Jabesh, and buried their bones under the oak in Jabesh, and fasted seven days.

13 So Saul died for his transgressions, wherein he transgressed against God, against the word of the Lord, forasmuch as he kept it not, because Saul enquired of a wizard to seek counsel, and Samuel the prophet answered him:

14 and he sought not the Lord: so he slew him, and turned the kingdom to David the son of Jesse.

Chapter 11

1 And all Israel came to David in Hebron, saying, Behold, we are your bones and your flesh.

2 And heretofore when Saul was king, you were he that led Israel in and out, and the Lord of Israel said to you, You shall feed my people Israel, and you shall be for a ruler over Israel.

3 And all the elders of Israel came to the king to Hebron; and king David made a covenant with them in Hebron before the Lord: and they anointed David to be king over Israel, according to the word of the Lord by Samuel.

4 And the king and his men went to Jerusalem, this is Jebus; and there the Jebusites the inhabitants of the land said to David,

5 You shall not enter in hither. But he took the strong hold of Zion: this is the city of David.

6 And David said, Whoever first smites the Jebusite, even he shall be chief and captain. And Joab the son of Saruia went up first, and became chief.

7 And David dwelt in the strong hold; therefore he called it the city of David.

8 And he fortified the city round about.

9 And David continued to increase, and the Lord Almighty was with him.

10 And these are the chiefs of the mighty men, whom David had, who strengthened themselves with him in his kingdom, with all Israel, to make him king, according to the word of the Lord concerning Israel.

11 And this is the list of the mighty men of David; Jesebada, son of Achaman, first of the thirty: he drew his sword once against three hundred whom he slew at one time.

12 And after him Eleazar son of Dodai, the Achochite: he was among the three mighty men.

13 He was with David in Phasodamin, and the Philistines were gathered there to battle, and there was a portion of

the field full of barley; and the people fled before the Philistines.

14 And he stood in the midst of the portion, and rescued it, and smote the Philistines; and the Lord wrought a great deliverance.

15 And three of the thirty chiefs went down to the rock to David, to the cave of Odollam, and the camp of the Philistines was in the giants' valley.

16 And David was then in the hold, and the garrison of the Philistines was then in Bethlehem.

17 And David longed, and said, Who will give me water to drink of the well of Bethlehem, that is in the gate?

18 And the three broke through the camp of the Philistines, and they drew water out of the well that was in Bethlehem, which was in the gate, and they took it, and came to David: but David would not drink it, and poured it out to the Lord, and said,

19 God forbid that I should do this thing: shall I drink the blood of these men with their lives? for with the peril of their lives they brought it. So he would not drink it. These things did the three mighty men.

20 And Abisa the brother of Joab, he was chief of three: he drew his sword against three hundred slain at one time, and he had a name among the second three.

21 He was more famous than the two others of the three, and he was chief over them; yet he reached not to the first three.

22 And Banaia the son of Jodae was the son of a mighty man: many were his acts for Cabasael: he smote two lion-like men of Moab, and he went down and smote a lion in a pit on a snowy day.

23 And he smote an Egyptian, a wonderful man five cubits high; and in the hand of the Egyptian there was a spear like a weavers' beam; and Banaia went down to him with a staff, and took the spear out of the Egyptian's hand, and slew him with his own spear.

24 These things did Banaia son of Jodae, and his name was among the three mighties.

25 He was distinguished beyond the thirty, yet he reached not to the first three: and David set him over his family.

26 And the mighty men of the forces were, Asael the brother of Joab, Eleanan the son of Dodoe of Bethlehem,

27 Samaoth the Arorite, Chelles the Phelonite,

28 Ora the son of Ekkis the Thecoite, Abiezer the Anathothite,

29 Sobochai the Usathite, Eli the Achonite,

30 Marai the Netophathite, Chthaod the son of Nooza the Netophathite,

31 Airi the son of Rebie of the hill of Benjamin, Banaias the Pharathonite,

32 Uri of Nachali Gaas, Abiel the Garabæthite,

33 Azbon the Baromite, Eliaba the Salabonite,

34 the son of Asam the Gizonite, Jonathan the son of Sola the Ararite,

35 Achim the son of Achar the Ararite, Elphat the son of Thyrophar

36 the Mechorathrite, Achia the Phellonite,

37 Esere the Charmadaite, Naarai the son of Azobai,

38 Joel the son of Nathan, Mebaal son of Agari,

39 Sele the son of Ammoni, Nachor the Berothite, armour-bearer to the son of Saruia,

40 Ira the Jethrite, Gaber the Jethrite,

41 Uria the Chettite, Zabet son of Achaia,

42 Adina son of Sæza, a chief of Reuben, and thirty with him,

43 Anan the son of Moöcha, and Jehoshaphat the Matthanite,

44 Ozia the Astarothite, Samatha and Jeiel sons of Chotham the Ararite,

45 Jediel the son of Sameri, and Jozae his brother the Thosaite,

46 Eliel the Maoite, and Jaribi, and Josia his son, Ellaam, and Jethama the Moabite,

47 Daliel, and Obeth, and Jessiel of Mesobia.

Chapter 12

1 And these are they that came to Sikelag, when he yet kept himself close because of Saul the son of Kis; and these were among the mighty, aiding him in war,

2 and using the bow with the right hand and with the left, and slingers with stones, and shooters with bows. Of the brethren of Saul of Benjamin,

3 the chief was Achiezer, and Joas son of Asma the Gabathite, and Joel and Jophalet, sons of Asmoth, and Berchia, and Jeul of Anathoth,

4 and Samaias the Gabaonite a mighty man among the thirty, and over the thirty;

5 and Jeremia, and Jeziel, and Joanan, and Jozabath of Gadarathiim,

6 Azai and Arimuth, and Baalia, and Samaraia, and Saphatias of Charæphiel,

7 Helcana, and Jesuni, and Ozriel, and Jozara, and Sobocam, and the Corites,

8 and Jelia and Zabadia, sons of Iroam, and the men of Gedor.

9 And from Gad these separated themselves to David from the wilderness, strong mighty men of war, bearing shields

and spears, and their faces were as the face of a lion, and they were nimble as roes upon the mountains in speed.

10 Aza the chief, Abdia the second, Eliab the third,

11 Masmana the fourth, Jeremiah the fifth,

12 Jethi the sixth, Eliab the seventh,

13 Joanan the eighth, Eleazer the ninth,

14 Jeremia the tenth, Melchabanai the eleventh.

15 These were chiefs of the army of the sons of Gad, the least one commander of a hundred, and the greatest one of a thousand.

16 These are the men that crossed over Jordan in the first month, and it had overflowed all its banks; and they drove out all the inhabitants of the valleys, from the east to the west.

17 And there came some of the sons of Benjamin and Judah to the assistance of David.

18 And David went out to meet them, and said to them, If you are come peaceably to me, let my heart be at peace with you: but if you are come to betray me to my enemies unfaithfully, the God of your fathers look upon it, and reprove it.

19 And the Spirit came upon Amasai, a captain of the thirty, and he said, Go, David, son of Jesse, you and your people, peace, peace be to you, and peace to your helpers, for your God has helped you. And David received them, and made them captains of the forces.

20 And some came to David from Manasseh, when the Philistines came against Saul to war: and he helped them not, because the captains of the Philistines took counsel, saying, With the heads of those men will he return to his master Saul.

21 When David was going to Sikelag, there came to him of Manasseh, Edna and Jozabath, and Rodiel, and Michael, and Josabaith, and Elimuth, and Semathi: these are the captains of thousands of Manasseh.

22 And they fought on the side of David against a troop, for they were all men of might; and they were commanders in the army, because of their might.

23 For daily men came to David, till they amounted to a great force, as the force of God.

24 And these are the names of the commanders of the army, who came to David to Hebron, to turn the kingdom of Saul to him according to the word of the Lord.

25 The sons of Judah, bearing shields and spears, six thousand and eight hundred mighty in war.

26 Of the sons of Simeon mighty for battle, seven thousand and a hundred.

27 Of the sons of Levi, four thousand and six hundred.

28 And Joadas the chief of the family of Aaron, and with him three thousand and seven hundred.

29 And Sadoc, a young man mighty in strength, and there were twenty-two leaders of his father's house.

30 And of the sons of Benjamin, the brethren of Saul, three thousand: and still the greater part of them kept the guard of the house of Saul.

31 And of the sons of Ephraim, twenty thousand and eight hundred mighty men, famous in the houses of their fathers.

32 And of the half-tribe of Manasseh, eighteen thousand, even those who were named by name, to make David king.

33 And of the sons of Issachar having wisdom with regard to the times, knowing what Israel should do, two hundred; and all their brethren with them.

34 And of Zebulun they that went out to battle, with all weapons of war, were fifty thousand to help David, not weak-handed.

35 And of Naphtali a thousand captains, and with them men with shields and spears, thirty-seven thousand.

36 And of the Danites men ready for war twenty-eight thousand and eight hundred.

37 And of Aser, they that went out to give aid in war, forty thousand.

38 And from the country beyond Jordan, from Reuben, and the Gadites, and from the half-tribe of Manasseh, a hundred and twenty thousand, with all weapons of war.

39 All these were men of war, setting the army in battle array, with a peaceful mind towards him, and they came to Hebron to make David king over all Israel: and the rest of Israel were of one mind to make David king.

40 And they were there three days eating and drinking, for their brethren had made preparations.

41 And their neighbours, as far as Issachar and Zebulun and Naphtali, brought to them upon camels, and asses, and mules, and upon calves, victuals, meal, cakes of figs, raisins, wine, and oil, calves and sheep abundantly: for there was joy in Israel.

Chapter 13

1 And David took counsel with the captains of thousands and captains of hundreds, even with every commander.

2 And David said to the whole congregation of Israel, If it seem good to you, and it should be prospered by the Lord our God, let us send to our brethren that are left in all the land of Israel, and let the priests the Levites who are with them in the cities of their possession come, and let them be gathered to us.

3 And let us bring over to us the ark of our God; for men have not enquired at it since the days of Saul.

4 And all the congregation said that they would do thus; for the saying was right in the eyes of all the people.

5 So David assembled all Israel, from the borders of Egypt even to the entering in of Hemath, to bring in the ark of God from the city of Jarim.

6 And David brought it up: and all Israel went up to the city of David, which belonged to Judah, to bring up thence the ark of the Lord God who sits between the cherubim, whose name is called on it.

7 And they set the ark of God on a new waggon brought out of the house of Aminadab: and Oza and his brethren drove the waggon.

8 And David and all Israel were playing before the Lord with all their might, and that together with singers, and with harps, and with lutes, with timbrels, and with cymbals, and with trumpets.

9 And they came as far as the threshing-floor: and Oza put forth his hand to hold the ark, because the bullock moved it from its place.

10 And the Lord was very angry with Oza, and smote him there, because of his stretching forth his hand upon the ark: and he died there before God.

11 And David was dispirited, because the Lord had made a breach on Oza: and he called that place the Breach of Oza until this day.

12 And David feared God that day, saying, How shall I bring the ark of God in to myself?

13 So David brought not the ark home to himself into the city of David, but he turned it aside into the house of Abeddara the Gethite.

14 And the ark of God abode in the house of Abeddara three months: and God blessed Abeddara and all that he had.

Chapter 14

1 And Chiram king of Tyre sent messengers to David, and cedar timbers, and masons, and carpenters, to build a house for him.

2 And David knew that the Lord had designed him to be king over Israel; because his kingdom was highly exalted, on account of his people Israel.

3 And David took more wives in Jerusalem: and there were born to David more sons and daughters.

4 And these are the names of those that were born, who were born to him in Jerusalem; Samaa, Sobab, Nathan, and Solomon,

5 and Baar, and Elisa, and Eliphaleth,

6 and Nageth, and Naphath, and Japhie,

7 and Elisamae, and Eliade, and Eliphala.

8 And the Philistines heard that David was anointed king over all Israel: and all the Philistines went up to seek David; and David heard it, and went out to meet them.

9 And the Philistines came and assembled together in the giants' valley.

10 And David enquired of God, saying, Shall I go up against the Philistines? and will you deliver them into my hand? And the Lord said to him, Go up, and I will deliver them into your hands.

11 And he went up to Baal Pharasin, and David smote them there; and David said, God has broken through enemies by my hand like a breach of water: therefore he called the name of that place, the Breach of Pharasin.

12 And the Philistines left their gods there; and David gave orders to burn them with fire.

13 And the Philistines once more assembled themselves in the giants' valley.

14 And David enquired of God again; and God said to him, You shall not go after them; turn away from them, and you shall come upon them near the pear trees.

15 And it shall be, when you shall hear the sound of their tumult in the tops of the pear trees, then you shall go into the battle: for God has gone out before you to smite the army of the Philistines.

16 And he did as God commanded him: and he smote the army of the Philistines from Gibeon to Gazera.

17 And the name of David was famous in all the land; and the Lord put the terror of him on all the nations.

Chapter 15

1 And David made for himself houses in the city of David, and he prepared a place for the ark of God, and made a tent for it.

2 Then said David, It is not lawful for any to bear the ark of God, but the Levites; for the Lord has chosen them to bear the ark of the Lord, and to minister to him for ever.

3 And David assembled all Israel at Jerusalem, to bring up the ark of the Lord to the place which he had prepared for it.

4 And David gathered together the sons of Aaron the Levites.

5 Of the sons of Caath; there was Uriel the chief, and his brethren, a hundred and twenty.

6 Of the sons of Merari; Asaia the chief, and his brethren, two hundred and twenty.

7 Of the sons of Gedson; Joel the chief, and his brethren, a hundred and thirty.

8 Of the sons of Elisaphat; Semei the chief, and his brethren, two hundred.

9 Of the sons of Chebrom; Eliel the chief, and his brethren eighty.

10 Of the sons of Oziel; Aminadab the chief, and his brethren a hundred and twelve.

11 And David called Sadoc and Abiathar the priests, and the Levites, Uriel, Asaia, and Joel, and Semaia, and Eliel, and Aminadab,

12 and said to them, You are the heads of the families of the Levites: sanctify yourselves, you and your brethren, and you shall carry up the ark of the God of Israel, to the place which I have prepared for it.

13 For because you were not ready at the first, our God made a breach upon us, because we sought him not according to the ordinance.

14 So the priests and the Levites sanctified themselves, to bring up the ark of the God of Israel.

15 And the sons of the Levites took the ark of God, (as Moses commanded by the word of God according to the scripture) upon their shoulders with staves.

16 And David said to the chiefs of the Levites, Set your brethren the singers with musical instruments, lutes, harps, and cymbals, to sound aloud with a voice of joy.

17 So the Levites appointed Æman the son of Joel; Asaph the son of Barachias was one of his brethren; and Æthan the son of Kisæus was of the sons of Merari their brethren;

18 and with them their brethren of the second rank, Zechariah, and Oziel, and Semiramoth, and Jeiel, and Elioel, and Eliab, and Banaia, and Maasaia, and Matthathia, and Eliphena, and Makellia, and Abdedom, and Jeiel, and Uzziah, the porters.

19 And the singers, Æman, Asaph, and Æthan, with brazen cymbals to make a sound to be heard.

20 Zechariah, and Oziel, Semiramoth, Jeiel, Oni, Eliab, Maasæas, Banæas, with lutes, on alæmoth.

21 And Mattathias, and Eliphalu, and Makenia, and Abdedom, and Jeiel, and Uzziah, with harps of Amasenith, to make a loud noise.

22 And Chonenia chief of the Levites was master of the bands, because he was skilful.

23 And Barachia and Elcana were door-keepers of the ark.

24 And Somnia, and Jehoshaphat, and Nathanael, and Amasai, and Zacharia, and Banæa, and Eliezer, the priests, were sounding with trumpets before the ark of God: and Abdedom and Jeia were door-keepers of the ark of God.

25 So David, and the elders of Israel, and the captains of thousands, went to bring up the ark of the covenant from the house of Abdedom with gladness.

26 And it came to pass when God strengthened the Levites bearing the ark of the covenant of the Lord, that they sacrificed seven calves and seven rams.

27 And David was girt with a fine linen robe, and all the Levites who were bearing the ark of the covenant of the Lord, and the singers, and Chonenias the master of the band of singers; also upon David there was a robe of fine linen.

28 And all Israel brought up the ark of the covenant of the Lord with shouting, and with the sound of a horn, and with trumpets, and with cymbals, playing loudly on lutes and harps.

29 And the ark of the covenant of the Lord arrived, and came to the city of David; and Melchol the daughter of Saul looked down through the window, and saw king David dancing and playing: and she despised him in her heart.

Chapter 16

1 So they brought in the ark of God, and set it in the midst of the tabernacle which David pitched for it; and they offered whole-burnt-offerings and peace-offerings before God.

2 And David finished offering up whole-burnt-offerings and peace-offerings, and blessed the people in the name of the Lord.

3 And he divided to every man of Israel (both men and women), to every man one baker's loaf, and a cake.

4 And he appointed before the ark of the covenant of the Lord, Levites to minister and lift up the voice, and to give thanks and praise the Lord God of Israel:

5 Asaph was the chief, and next to him Zechariah, Jeiel, Semiramoth, and Jeiel, Mattathias, Eliab, and Banæas, and Abdedom: and Jeiel sounding with musical instruments, lutes and harps, and Asaph with cymbals:

6 and Banæas and Oziel the priests sounding continually with trumpets before the ark of the covenant of God in that day.

7 Then David first gave orders to praise the Lord by the hand of Asaph and his brethren.

8 Song. Give thanks to the Lord, call upon him by his name, make known his designs among the people.

9 Sing songs to him, and sing hymns to him, relate to all people his wonderful deeds, which the Lord has wrought.

10 Praise his holy name, the heart that seeks his pleasure shall rejoice.

11 Seek the Lord and be strong, seek his face continually.

12 Remember his wonderful works which he has wrought, his wonders, and the judgments of his mouth;

13 you seed of Israel his servants, you seed of Jacob his chosen ones.

14 He is the Lord our God; his judgments are in all the earth.

15 Let us remember his covenant for ever, his word which he commanded to a thousand generations,

16 which he covenanted with Abraham, and his oath sworn to Isaac.

17 He confirmed it to Jacob for an ordinance, to Israel as an everlasting covenant,

18 saying, To you will I give the land of Canaan, the line of your inheritance:

19 when they were few in number, when they were but little, and dwelt as strangers in it;

20 and went from nation to nation, and from one kingdom to another people.

21 He suffered not a man to oppress them, and he reproved kings for their sakes,

22 saying, Touch not my anointed ones, and deal not wrongfully with my prophets.

23 Sing you to the Lord, all the earth; proclaim his salvation from day to day.

23a Declare among the nations his glory, his wondrous deeds among all peoples.

25 For the Lord is great, and greatly to be praised: he is to be feared above all gods.

26 For all the gods of the nations are idols; but our God made the heavens.

27 Glory and praise are in his presence; strength and rejoicing are in his place.

28 Give to the Lord, you families of the nations, give to the Lord glory and strength.

29 Give to the Lord the glory belonging to his name: take gifts and offer them before him; and worship the Lord in his holy courts.

30 Let the whole earth fear before him; let the earth be established, and not be moved.

31 Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth exult; and let them say among the nations, The Lord reigns.

32 The sea with its fulness shall resound and the tree of the field, and all things in it.

33 Then shall the trees of the wood rejoice before the Lord, for he is come to judge the earth.

34 Give thanks to the Lord, for it is good, for his mercy is for ever.

35 And say you, Save us, O God of our salvation, and gather us, and rescue us from among the heathen, that we may praise your holy name, and glory in your praises.

36 Blessed be the Lord God of Israel from everlasting and to everlasting: And all the people shall say, Amen. So they praised the Lord.

37 And they left there Asaph and his brethren before the ark of the covenant of the Lord, to minister before the ark continually, according to the service of each day: from day to day.

38 And Abdedom and his brethren were sixty and eight; and Abdedom the son of Idithun, and Osa, were to be door-keepers.

39 And they appointed Sadoc the priest, and his brethren the priests, before the tabernacle of the Lord in the high place in Gibeon,

40 to offer up whole-burnt-offerings to the Lord on the altar of whole-burnt-offerings continually morning and evening, and according to all things written in the law of the Lord, which he commanded the children of Israel by Moses the servant of God.

41 And with him were Æman and Idithun, and the rest chosen out by name to praise the Lord, for his mercy endures for ever.

42 And with them there were trumpets and cymbals to sound aloud, and musical instruments for the songs of God: and the sons of Idithun were at the gate.

43 And all the people went every one to his home: and David returned to bless his house.

Chapter 17

1 And it came to pass as David dwelt in his house, that David said to Nathan the prophet, Behold, I dwell in a house of cedar, but the ark of the covenant of the Lord is under curtains of skins.

2 And Nathan said to David, Do all that is in your heart; for God is with you.

3 And it came to pass in that night, that the word of the Lord came to Nathan, saying,

4 Go and say to David my servant, Thus said the Lord, You shall not build me a house for me to dwell in it.

5 For I have not dwelt in a house from the day that I brought up Israel until this day, but I have been in a tabernacle and a tent,

6 in all places through which I have gone with all Israel: did I ever speak to any one tribe of Israel whom I commanded to feed my people, saying, Why is it that you have not built me a house of cedar?

7 And now thus shall you say to my servant David, Thus says the Lord Almighty, I took you from the sheepfold, from following the flocks, to be a ruler over my people Israel:

8 and I was with you in all places whither you went, and I destroyed all your enemies from before you, and I made for you a name according to the name of the great ones that are upon the earth.

9 And I will appoint a place for my people Israel, and I will plant him, and he shall dwell by himself, and shall no longer be anxious; and the son of iniquity shall no longer afflict him, as at the beginning,

10 and from the days when I appointed judges over my people Israel. Also I have humbled all your enemies, and I will increase you, and the Lord will build you a house.

11 And it shall come to pass when your days shall be fulfilled, and you shall sleep with your fathers, that I will raise up your seed after you, which shall be of your bowels, and I will establish his kingdom.

12 He shall build me a house, and I will set up his throne for ever.

13 I will be to him a father, and he shall be to me a son: and my mercy will I not withdraw from him, as I withdrew it from them that were before you.

14 And I will establish him in my house and in his kingdom for ever; and his throne shall be set up for ever.

15 According to all these words, and according to all this vision, so spoke Nathan to David.

16 And king David came and sat before the Lord, and said, Who am I, O Lord God? and what is my house, that you have loved me for ever?

17 And these things were little in your sight, O God: you have also spoken concerning the house of your servant for a long time to come, and you have looked upon me as a man looks upon his fellow, and have exalted me, O Lord God.

18 What shall David do more toward you to glorify you? and you know your servant.

19 And you have wrought all this greatness according to yours heart.

20 O Lord, there is none like you, and there is no God beside you, according to all things which we have heard with our ears.

21 Neither is there another nation upon the earth such as your people Israel, whereas God led him in the way, to redeem a people for himself, to make for himself a great and glorious name, to cast out nations from before your people, whom you redeemedst out of Egypt.

22 And you have appointed your people Israel as a people to yourself for ever; and you, Lord, did become a God to them.

23 And now, Lord, let the word which you spoke to your servant, and concerning his house, be confirmed for ever, and do you as you have spoken.

24 And let your name be established and magnified for ever, men saying, Lord, Lord, Almighty God of Israel: and let the house of your servant David be established before you.

25 For you, O Lord my God, have revealed to the ear of your servant that you will build him a house; therefore your servant has found a willingness to pray before you.

26 And now, Lord, you yourself art God, and you have spoken these good things concerning your servant.

27 And now you have begun to bless the house of your servant, so that it should continue for ever before you: for you, Lord, have blessed it, and do you bless it for ever.

Chapter 18

1 And it came to pass afterwards, that David smote the Philistines, and routed them, and took Gath and its villages out of the hand of the Philistines.

2 And he smote Moab; and the Moabites became servants to David, and tributaries.

3 And David smote Adraazar king of Suba of Emath, as he was going to establish power toward the river Euphrates.

4 And David took of them a thousand chariots, and seven thousand horsemen, and twenty thousand infantry: and David houghed all the chariot horses, but there were reserved of them a hundred chariots.

5 And the Syrian came from Damascus to help Adraazar king of Suba; and David smote of the Syrian army twenty and two thousand men.

6 And David put a garrison in Syria near Damascus; and they became tributary servants to David: and the Lord delivered David wherever he went.

7 And David took the golden collars that were on the servants of Adraazar, and brought them to Jerusalem.

8 And David took out of Matabeth, and out of the chief cities of Adraazar very much brass: of this Solomon made the brazen sea, and the pillars, and the brazen vessels.

9 And Thoa king of Emath heard that David had smitten the whole force of Adraazar king of Suba.

10 And he sent Aduram his son to king David to ask how he was, and to congratulate him because he had fought against Adraazar, and smitten him; for Thoa was the enemy of Adraazar.

11 And all the golden and silver and brazen vessels, even these king David consecrated to the Lord, with the silver and the gold which he took from all the nations; from Idumæa, and Moab, and from the children of Ammon, and from the Philistines, and from Amalec.

12 And Abesa son of Saruia smote the Idumeans in the valley of Salt, eighteen thousand.

13 And he put garrisons in the valley; and all the Idumæans became David's servants: and the Lord delivered David wherever he went.

14 So David reigned over all Israel; and he executed judgment and justice to all his people.

15 And Joab the son of Saruia was over the army, and Jehoshaphat the son of Achilud was recorder.

16 And Sadoc son of Achitob, and Achimelech son of Abiathar, were the priests; and Susa was the scribe;

17 and Banæas the son of Jodae was over the Cherethite and the Phelethite, and the sons of David were the chief deputies of the king.

Chapter 19

1 And it came to pass after this, that Naas the king of the children of Ammon died, and Anan his son reigned in his stead.

2 And David said, I will act kindly toward Anan the son of Naas, as his father acted kindly towards me. And David sent messengers to condole with him on the death of his father. So the servants of David came into the land of the children of Ammon to Anan, to comfort him.

3 And the chiefs of the children of Ammon said to Anan, Is it to honour your father before you, that David has sent comforters to you? Have not his servants come to you that they might search the city, and to spy out the land?

4 And Anan took the servants of David, and shaved them, and cut off the half of their garments as far as their tunic, and sent them away.

5 And there came men to report to David concerning the men: and he sent to meet them, for they were greatly disgraced: and the king said, Dwell in Jericho until your beards have grown, and return.

6 And the children of Ammon saw that the people of David were ashamed, and Anan and the children of Ammon sent a thousand talents of silver to hire for themselves chariots and horsemen out of Syria of Mesopotamia, and out of Syria Maacha, and from Sobal.

7 And they hired for themselves two and thirty thousand chariots, and the king of Maacha and his people; and they came and encamped before Medaba: and the children of Ammon assembled out of their cities, and came to fight.

8 And David heard, and sent Joab and all the host of mighty men.

9 And the children of Ammon came forth, and set themselves in array for battle by the gate of the city: and the kings that were come forth encamped by themselves in the plain.

10 And Joab saw that they were fronting him to fight against him before and behind, and he chose some out of all the young men of Israel, and they set themselves in array against the Syrian.

11 And the rest of the people he gave into the hand of his brother Abesai, and they set themselves in array against the children of Ammon.

12 And he said, If the Syrian should prevail against me, then shall you deliver me: and if the children of Ammon should prevail against you, then will I deliver you.

13 Be of good courage, and let us be strong, for our people, and for the cities of our God: and the Lord shall do what is good in his eyes.

14 So Joab and the people that were with him set themselves in battle array against the Syrians, and they fled from them.

15 And the children of Ammon saw that the Syrians fled, and they also fled from before Abesai, and from before Joab his brother, and they came to the city: and Joab came to Jerusalem.

16 And the Syrian saw that Israel had defeated him, and he sent messengers, and they brought out the Syrians from beyond the river; and Sophath the commander-in-chief of the forces of Adraazar was before them.

17 And it was told David; and he gathered all Israel, and crossed over Jordan, and came upon them, and set the battle in array against them. So David set his army in array to fight against the Syrians, and they fought against him.

18 And the Syrians fled from before Israel; and David slew of the Syrians seven thousand riders in chariots, and forty thousand infantry, and he slew Sophath the commander-in-chief of the forces.

19 And the servants of Adraazar saw that they were defeated before Israel, and they made peace with David and served him: and the Syrians would not any more help the children of Ammon.

Chapter 20

1 And it came to pass at the return of the year, at the time of the going forth of kings to war, that Joab gathered the whole force of the army, and they ravaged the land of the children of Ammon; and he came and besieged Rabba. But David abode in Jerusalem. And Joab smote Rabba and destroyed it.

2 And David took the crown of Molchom their king off his head, and the weight of it was found to be a talent of gold, and on it were precious stones; and it was placed on the head of David: and he brought out the spoils of the city which were very great.

3 And he brought out the people that were in it, and sawed them asunder with saws, and cut them with iron axes, and with harrows: and thus David did to all the children of

Ammon. And David and all his people returned to Jerusalem.

4 And it came to pass afterward that there was again war with the Philistines in Gezer: then Sobochai the Sosathite smote Saphut of the sons of the giants, and laid him low.

5 And there was war again with the Philistines; and Eleanan the son of Jair smote Lachmi the brother of Goliath the Gittite, and the wood of his spear was as a weavers' beam.

6 And there was again war in Gath, and there was a man of extraordinary size, and his fingers and toes were six on each hand and foot, four and twenty; and he was descended from the giants.

7 And he defied Israel, and Jonathan the son of Samaa the brother of David slew him.

8 These were born to Rapha in Gath; all four were giants, and they fell by the hand of David, and by the hand of his servants.

Chapter 21

1 And the devil stood up against Israel, and moved David to number Israel.

2 And king David said to Joab and to the captains of the forces, Go, number Israel from Beersheba even to Dan, and bring me the account, and I shall know their number.

3 And Joab said, May the Lord add to his people, a hundred-fold as many as they are, and let the eyes of my lord the king see it: all are the servants of my lord. Why does my lord seek this thing? do it not, lest it become a sin to Israel.

4 Nevertheless the king's word prevailed against Joab; and Joab went out and passed through all Israel, and came to Jerusalem.

5 And Joab gave the number of the mustering of the people to David: and all Israel was a million and a hundred thousand men that drew sword: and the sons of Judah were four hundred and seventy thousand men that drew sword.

6 But he numbered not Levi and Benjamin among them; for the word of the king was painful to Joab.

7 And there was evil in the sight of the Lord respecting this thing; and he smote Israel.

8 And David said to God, I have sinned exceedingly, in that I have done this thing: and now, I pray you, remove the sin of your servant; for I have been exceedingly foolish.

9 And the Lord spoke to Gad the seer, saying,

10 Go and speak to David, saying, Thus says the Lord, I bring three things upon you: choose one of them for yourself, and I will do it to you.

11 And Gad came to David, and said to him, Thus says the Lord, Choose for yourself,

12 either three years of famine, or that you should flee three months from the face of your enemies, and the sword of your enemies shall be employed to destroy you, or that the sword of the Lord and pestilence should be three days in the land, and the angel of the Lord shall be destroying in all the inheritance of Israel. And now consider what I shall answer to him that sent the message.

13 And David said to Gad, They are very hard for me, even all the three: let me fall now into the hands of the Lord, for his mercies are very abundant, and let me not fall by any means into the hands of man.

14 So the Lord brought pestilence upon Israel: and there fell of Israel seventy thousand men.

15 And God sent an angel to Jerusalem to destroy it: and as he was destroying, the Lord saw, and repented for the evil, and said to the angel that was destroying, Let it suffice you; withhold yours hand. And the angel of the Lord stood by the threshing-floor of Orna the Jebusite.

16 And David lifted up his eyes, and saw the angel of the Lord, standing between the earth and the heaven, and his sword drawn in his hand, stretched out over Jerusalem: and David and the elders clothed in sackcloth, fell upon their faces.

17 And David said to God, Was it not I that gave orders to number the people? and I am the guilty one; I have greatly sinned: but these sheep, what have they done? O Lord God, let your hand be upon me, and upon my father's house, and not on your people for destruction, O Lord!

18 And the angel of the Lord told Gad to tell David, that he should go up to erect an altar to the Lord, in the threshing-floor of Orna the Jebusite.

19 And David went up according to the word of Gad, which he spoke in the name of the Lord.

20 And Orna turned and saw the king; and he hid himself and his four sons with him. Now Orna was threshing wheat.

21 And David came to Orna; and Orna came forth from the threshingfloor, and did obeisance to David with his face to the ground.

22 And David said to Orna, Give me your place of the threshing-floor, and I will build upon it an altar to the Lord: give it me for its worth in money, and the plague shall cease from among the people.

23 And Orna said to David, Take it to yourself, and let my lord the king do what is right in his eyes: see, I have given the calves for a whole-burnt-offering, and the plough for wood, and the corn for a meat-offering; I have given all.

24 And king David said to Orna, Nay; for I will surely buy it for its worth in money: for I will not take your property

for the Lord, to offer a whole-burnt-offering to the Lord without cost to myself.

25 And David gave to Orna for his place six hundred shekels of gold by weight.

26 And David built there an altar to the Lord, and offered up whole-burnt-offerings and peace-offerings: and he cried to the Lord, and he answered him by fire out of heaven on the altar of whole-burnt-offerings, and it consumed the whole-burnt-offering.

27 And the Lord spoke to the angel; and he put up the sword into its sheath.

28 At that time when David saw that the Lord answered him in the threshing-floor of Orna the Jebusite, he also sacrificed there.

29 And the tabernacle of the Lord which Moses made in the wilderness, and the altar of whole-burnt-offerings, were at that time in the high place at Gibeon.

30 And David could not go before it to enquire of God; for he hasted not because of the sword of the angel of the Lord.

Chapter 22

1 And David said, This is the house of the Lord God, and this is the altar for whole-burnt-offering for Israel.

2 And David gave orders to gather all the strangers that were in the land of Israel; and he appointed stone-hewers to hew polished stones to build the house to God.

3 And David prepared much iron for the nails of the doors and the gates; the hinges also and brass in abundance, there was no weighing of it.

4 And cedar trees without number: for the Sidonians and the Tyrians brought cedar trees in abundance to David.

5 And David said, My son Solomon is a tender child, and the house for me to build to the Lord is for superior magnificence for a name and for a glory through all the earth: I will make preparation for it. And David prepared abundantly before his death.

6 And he called Solomon his son, and commanded him to build the house for the Lord God of Israel.

7 And David said to Solomon, My child, it was in my heart to build a house to the name of the Lord God.

8 But the word of the Lord came to me, saying, You have shed blood abundantly, and have carried on great wars: you shall not build a house to my name, because you have shed much blood upon the earth before me.

9 Behold, a son shall be born to you, he shall be a man of rest; and I will give him rest from all his enemies round about: for his name shall be Solomon, and I will give peace and quietness to Israel in his days.

10 He shall build a house to my name; and he shall be a son to me, and I will be a father to him; and I will establish the throne of his kingdom in Israel for ever.

11 And now, my son, the Lord shall be with you, and prosper you; and you shall build a house to the Lord your God, as he spoke concerning you.

12 Only may the Lord give you wisdom and prudence, and strengthen you over Israel, both to keep and to do the law of the Lord your God.

13 Then will he prosper you, if you take heed to do the commandments and judgments which the Lord commanded Moses for Israel: be courageous and strong; fear not, nor be terrified.

14 And, behold, I according to my poverty have prepared for the house of the Lord a hundred thousand talents of gold, and a million talents of silver, and brass and iron without measure; for it is abundant; and I have prepared timber and stones; and do you add to these.

15 And of them that are with you do you add to the multitude of workmen; let there be artificers and masons, and carpenters, and every skilful workman in every work;

16 in gold and silver, brass and iron, of which there is no number. Arise and do, and the Lord be with you.

17 And David charged all the chief men of Israel to help Solomon his son, saying,

18 Is not the Lord with you? and he has given you rest round about, for he has given into your hands the inhabitants of the land; and the land is subdued before the Lord, and before his people.

19 Now set your hearts and souls to seek after the Lord your God: and rise, and build a sanctuary to your God to carry in the ark of the covenant of the Lord, and the holy vessels of God, into the house that is to be built to the name of the Lord.

Chapter 23

1 And David was old and full of days; and he made Solomon his son king over Israel in his stead.

2 And he assembled all the chief men of Israel, and the priests, and the Levites.

3 And the Levites numbered themselves from thirty years old and upward; and their number by their polls amounted to thirty and eight thousand men.

4 Of the overseers over the works of the house of the Lord there were twenty-four thousand, and there were six thousand scribes and judges;

5 and four thousand door-keepers, and four thousand to praise the Lord with instruments which he made to praise the Lord.

6 And David divided them into daily courses, for the sons of Levi, for Gedson, Caath, and Merari.

7 And for the family of Gedson, Edan, and Semei.

8 The sons of Edan were Jeiel, the chief, and Zethan, and Joel, three.

9 The sons of Semei; Salomith, Jeiel, and Dan, three: these were the chiefs of the families of Edan.

10 And to the sons of Semei, Jeth, and Ziza, and Joas, and Beria: these were the four sons of Semei.

11 And Jeth was the chief, and Ziza the second: and Joas and Beria did not multiply sons, and they became only one reckoning according to the house of their father.

12 The sons of Caath; Ambram, Isaar, Hebron, Oziel, four.

13 The sons of Ambram; Aaron and Moses: and Aaron was appointed for the consecration of the most holy things, he and his sons for ever, to burn incense before the Lord, to minister and bless in his name for ever.

14 And as for Moses the man of God, his sons were reckoned to the tribe of Levi.

15 The sons of Moses; Gersam, and Eliezer.

16 The sons of Gersam; Subael the chief.

17 And the sons of Eliezer were, Rabia the chief: and Eliezer had no other sons; but the sons of Rabia were very greatly multiplied.

18 The sons of Isaar; Salomoth the chief.

19 The sons of Hebron; Jeria the chief, Amaria the second, Jeziel the third, Jekemias the fourth.

20 The sons of Oziel; Micha the chief, and Isia the second.

21 The sons of Merari; Mooli, and Musi: the sons of Mooli; Eleazar, and Kis.

22 And Eleazar died, and he had no sons, but daughters: and the sons of Kis, their brethren, took them.

23 The sons of Musi; Mooli, and Eder, and Jarimoth, three.

24 These are the sons of Levi according to the houses of their fathers; chiefs of their families according to their numbering, according to the number of their names, according to their polls, doing the works of service of the house of the Lord, from twenty years old and upward.

25 For David said, The Lord God of Israel has given rest to his people, and has taken up his abode in Jerusalem for ever.

26 And the Levites bore not the tabernacle, and all the vessels of it for its service.

27 For by the last words of David was the number of the Levites taken from twenty years old and upward.

28 For he appointed them to wait on Aaron, to minister in the house of the Lord, over the courts, and over the chambers, and over the purification of all the holy things, and over the works of the service of the house of God;

29 and for the shew-bread, and for the fine flour of the meat-offering, and for the unleavened cakes, and for the fried cake, and for the dough, and for every measure;

30 and to stand in the morning to praise and give thanks to the Lord, and so in the evening;

31 and to be over all the whole-burnt-offerings that were offered up to the Lord on the sabbaths, and at the new moons, and at the feasts, by number, according to the order given to them, continually before the Lord.

32 And they are to keep the charge of the tabernacle of witness, and the charge of the holy place, and the charges of the sons of Aaron their brethren, to minister in the house of the Lord.

Chapter 24

1 And they number the sons of Aaron in their division, Nadab, and Abiud, and Eleazar, and Ithamar.

2 And Nadab and Abiud died before their father, and they had no sons: so Eleazar and Ithamar the sons of Aaron ministered as priests.

3 And David distributed them, even Sadoc of the sons of Eleazar, and Achimelech of the sons of Ithamar, according to their numbering, according to their service, according to the houses of their fathers.

4 And there were found among the sons of Eleazar more chiefs of the mighty ones, than of the sons of Ithamar: and he divided them, sixteen heads of families to the sons of Eleazar, eight according to their families to the sons of Ithamar.

5 And he divided them according to their lots, one with the other; for there were those who had charge of the holy things, and those who had charge of the house of the Lord among the sons of Eleazar, and among the sons of Ithamar.

6 And Samaias the son of Nathanael, the scribe, of the family of Levi, wrote them down before the king, and the princes, and Sadoc the priest, and Achimelech the son of Abiathar were present; and the heads of the families of the priests and the Levites, each of a household were assigned one to Eleazar, and one to Ithamar.

7 And the first lot came out to Joarim, the second to Jedia,

8 the third to Charib, the fourth to Seorim,

9 the fifth to Melchias, the sixth to Meiamin,

10 the seventh to Cos, the eighth to Abijah,

11 the ninth to Jesus, the tenth to Sechenias,

12 the eleventh to Eliabi, the twelfth to Jacim,

13 the thirteenth to Oppha, the fourteenth to Jesbaal,

14 the fifteenth to Belga, the sixteenth to Emmer,

15 the seventeenth to Chezin, the eighteenth to Aphese,

16 the nineteenth to Phetæa, the twentieth to Ezekel,

17 the twenty-first to Achim, the twenty-second to Gamul,

18 the twenty-third to Adallai, the twenty-fourth to Maasai.

19 This is their numbering according to their service to go into the house of the Lord, according to their appointment by the hand of Aaron their father, as the Lord God of Israel commanded.

20 And for the sons of Levi that were left, even for the sons of Ambram, Sobael: for the sons of Sobael, Jedia.

21 For Raabia, the chief was Isaari,

22 and for Isaari, Salomoth: for the sons of Salomoth, Jath.

23 The sons of Ecdiu; Amadia the second, Jaziel the third, Jecmoam the fourth.

24 For the sons of Oziel, Micha: the sons of Micha; Samer.

25 The brother of Micha; Isia, the son of Isia; Zacharia.

26 The sons of Merari, Mooli, and Musi: the sons of Ozia,

27 That is, the sons of Merari by Ozia,—his sons were Isoam, and Sacchur, and Abai.

28 To Mooli were born Eleazar, and Ithamar; and Eleazar died, and had no sons.

29 For Kis; the sons of Kis; Jerameel.

30 And the sons of Musi; Mooli, and Eder, and Jerimoth. These were the sons of the Levites according to the houses of their families.

31 And they also received lots as their brethren the sons of Aaron before the king; Sadoc also, and Achimelech, and the chiefs of the families of the priests and of the Levites, principal heads of families, even as their younger brethren.

Chapter 25

1 And king David and the captains of the host appointed to their services the sons of Asaph, and of Æman, and of Idithun, prophesiers with harps, and lutes, and cymbals: and their number was according to their polls serving in their ministrations.

2 The sons of Asaph; Sacchur, Joseph, and Nathanias, and Erael: the sons of Asaph were next the king.

3 To Idithun were reckoned the sons of Idithun, Godolias, and Suri, and Iseas, and Asabias, and Matthathias, six after their father Idithun, sounding loudly on the harp thanksgiving and praise to the Lord.

4 To Æman were reckoned the sons of Æman, Bukias, and Matthanias, and Oziel, and Subael, and Jerimoth, and Ananias, and Anan, and Heliatha, and Godollathi, and Rometthiezer, and Jesbasaca, and Mallithi, and Otheri, and Meazoth.

5 All these were the sons of Æman the king's chief player in the praises of God, to lift up the horn. And God gave to Æman fourteen sons, and three daughters.

6 All these sang hymns with their father in the house of God, with cymbals, and lutes, and harps, for the service of the house of God, near the king, and Asaph, and Idithun, and Æman.

7 And the number of them after their brethren, those instructed to sing to God, every one that understood singing was two hundred and eighty-eight.

8 And they also cast lots for the daily courses, for the great and the small of them, of the perfect ones and the learners.

9 And the first lot of his sons and of his brethren came forth to Asaph the son of Joseph, namely, Godolias: the second Heneia, his sons and his brethren being twelve.

10 The third Zacchur, his sons and his brethren were twelve:

11 the fourth Jesri, his sons and his brethren were twelve:

12 the fifth Nathan, his sons and his brethren, twelve:

13 the sixth Bukias, his sons and his brethren, twelve:

14 the seventh Iseriel, his sons and his brethren, twelve:

15 the eighth Josia, his sons and his brethren, twelve:

16 the ninth Matthanias, his sons and his brethren, twelve:

17 the tenth Semeia, his sons and his brethren, twelve:

18 the eleventh Asriel, his sons and his brethren, twelve:

19 the twelfth Asabia, his sons and his brethren, twelve:

20 the thirteenth Subael, his sons and his brethren, twelve:

21 the fourteenth Matthathias, his sons and his brethren, twelve:

22 the fifteenth Jerimoth, his sons and his brethren, twelve:

23 the sixteenth Anania, his sons and his brethren, twelve:

24 the seventeenth Jesbasaca, his sons and his brethren, twelve:

25 the eighteenth Ananias, his sons and his brethren, twelve:

26 the nineteenth Mallithi, his sons and his brethren, twelve:

27 the twentieth Heliatha, his sons and his brethren, twelve:

28 the twenty-first Otheri, his sons and his brethren, twelve:

29 the twenty-second Godollathi, his sons and his brethren, twelve:

30 the twenty-third Meazoth, his sons and his brethren, twelve:

31 the twenty-fourth Rometthiezer, his sons and his brethren, twelve.

Chapter 26

1 And for the divisions of the gates: the sons of the Corites were Mosellemia, of the sons of Asaph.

2 And Mosellemia's first-born son was Zechariah, the second Jadiel, the third Zabadia, the fourth Jenuel,

3 the fifth Jolam, the sixth Jonathan, the seventh Elionai, the eighth Abdedom.

4 And to Abdedom there were born sons, Samaias the first-born, Jozabath the second, Joath the third, Sachar the fourth, Nathanael the fifth,

5 Amiel the sixth, Issachar the seventh, Phelathi the eighth: for God blessed him.

6 And to Samaias his son were born the sons of his first-born, chiefs over the house of their father, for they were mighty.

7 The sons of Samai; Othni, and Raphael, and Obed, and Elzabath, and Achiud, mighty men, Heliu, and Sabachia, and Isbacom.

8 All these were of the sons of Abdedom, they and their sons and their brethren, doing mightily in service: in all sixty-two born to Abdedom.

9 And Mosellemia had eighteen sons and brethren, mighty men.

10 And to Osa of the sons of Merari there were born sons, keeping the dominion; though he was not the first-born, yet his father made him chief of the second division.

11 Chelcias the second, Tablai the third, Zechariah the fourth: all these were the sons and brethren of Osa, thirteen.

12 To these were assigned the divisions of the gates, to the chiefs of the mighty men the daily courses, even their brethren, to minister in the house of the Lord.

13 And they cast lots for the small as well as for the great, for the several gates, according to their families.

14 And the lot of the east gates fell to Selemias, and Zechariah: the sons of Soaz cast lots for Melchias, and the lot came out northward.

15 To Abdedom they gave by lot the south, opposite the house of Esephim.

16 They gave the lot for the second to Osa westward, after the gate of the chamber by the ascent, watch against watch.

17 Eastward were six watchmen in the day; northward four by the day; southward four by the day; and two at the Esephim,

18 to relieve guard, also for Osa westward after the chamber-gate, three. There was a ward over against the ward of the ascent eastward, six men in a day, and four for the north, and four for the south, and at the Esephim two to relieve guard, and four by the west, and two to relieve guard at the pathway.

19 These are the divisions of the porters for the sons of Korah, and to the sons of Merari.

20 And the Levites their brethren were over the treasures of the house of the Lord, and over the treasures of the hallowed things.

21 These were the sons of Ladan, the sons of the Gersonite: to Ladan belonged the heads of the families: the son of Ladan the Gersonite was Jeiel.

22 The sons of Jeiel were Zethom, and Joel; brethren who were over the treasures of the house of the Lord.

23 To Ambram and Issaar belonged Hebron, and Oziel.

24 And Subael the son of Gersam, the son of Moses, was over the treasures.

25 And Rabias was son to his brother Eliezer, and so was Josiah, and Jehoram, and Zechri, and Salomoth.

26 This Salomoth and his brethren were over all the sacred treasures, which David the king and the heads of families consecrated, and the captains of thousands and captains of hundreds, and princes of the host,

27 things which he took out of cities and from the spoils, and consecrated some of them, so that the building of the house of God should not want supplies;

28 and over all the holy things of God dedicated by Samuel the prophet, and Saul the son of Kis, and Abenner the son of Ner, and Joab the son of Saruia, whatsoever they sanctified was by the hand of Salomoth and his brethren.

29 For the Issaarites, Chonenia, and his sons were over the outward ministration over Israel, to record and to judge.

30 For the Chebronites, Asabias and his brethren, a thousand and seven hundred mighty men, were over the charge of Israel beyond Jordan westward, for all the service of the Lord and work of the king.

31 Of the family of Hebron Urias was chief, even of the Chebronites according to their generations, according to their families. In the fortieth year of his reign they were numbered, and there were found mighty men among them in Jazer of Gilead.

32 And his brethren were two thousand seven hundred mighty men, chiefs of their families, and king David set them over the Rubenites, and the Gaddites, and the half-tribe of Manasseh, for every ordinance of the Lord, and business of the king.

Chapter 27

1 Now the sons of Israel according to their number, heads of families, captains of thousands and captains of hundreds, and scribes ministering to the king, and for every affair of the king according to their divisions, for every ordinance of coming in and going out monthly, for all the months of the year, one division of them was twenty-four thousand.

2 And over the first division of the first month was Isboaz the son of Zabdiel: in his division were twenty-four thousand.

3 Of the sons of Tharez one was chief of all the captains of the host for the first month.

4 And over the division of the second month was Dodia the son of Ecchoc, and over his division was Makelloth also chief: and in his division were twenty and four thousand, chief men of the host.

5 The third for the third month was Banaias the son of Jodae the chief priest: and in his division were twenty and four thousand.

6 This Banæas was more mighty than the thirty, and over the thirty: and Zabad his son was over his division.

7 The fourth for the fourth month was Asael the brother of Joab, and Zabadias his son, and his brethren: and in his division were twenty and four thousand.

8 The fifth chief for the fifth month was Samaoth the Jezraite: and in his division were twenty and four thousand.

9 The sixth for the sixth month was Hoduias the son of Ekkes the Thecoite: and in his division were twenty and four thousand.

10 The seventh for the seventh month was Chelles of Phallus of the children of Ephraim: and in his division were twenty and four thousand.

11 The eighth for the eighth month was Sobochai the Usathite, belonging to Zarai: and in his division were twenty and four thousand.

12 The ninth for the ninth month was Abiezer of Anathoth, of the land of Benjamin: and in his division were twenty and four thousand.

13 The tenth for the tenth month was Meera the Netophathite, belonging to Zarai: and in his division were twenty and four thousand.

14 The eleventh for the eleventh month was Banaias of Pharathon, of the sons of Ephraim: and in his division were twenty and four thousand.

15 The twelfth for the twelfth month was Choldia the Netophathite, belonging to Gothoniel: and in his division were twenty and four thousand.

16 And over the tribes of Israel, the chief for Reuben was Eliezer the son of Zechri: for Simeon, Saphatias the son of Maacha:

17 for Levi, Asabias the son of Camuel: for Aaron, Sadoc:

18 for Judah, Eliab of the brethren of David: for Issachar, Ambri the son of Michael:

19 for Zebulun, Samæas the son of Abdiu: for Naphtali, Jerimoth the son of Oziel:

20 for Ephraim, Ose the son of Ozia: for the half-tribe of Manasseh, Joel the son of Phadæa:

21 for the half-tribe of Manasseh in the land of Gilead, Jadai the son of Zadæas, for the sons of Benjamin, Jasiel the son of Abenner:

22 for Dan, Azariel the son of Iroab: these are the chiefs of the tribes of Israel.

23 But David took not their number from twenty years old and under: because the Lord said that he would multiply Israel as the stars of the heaven.

24 And Joab the son of Saruia began to number the people, and did not finish the work, for there was hereupon wrath on Israel; and the number was not recorded in the book of the chronicles of king David.

25 And over the king's treasures was Asmoth the son of Odiel; and over the treasures in the country, and in the towns, and in the villages, and in the towers, was Jonathan the son of Ozia.

26 And over the husbandmen who tilled the ground was Esdri the son of Chelub.

27 And over the fields was Semei of Rael; and over the treasures of wine in the fields was Zabdi the son of Sephni.

28 And over the oliveyards, and over the sycamores in the plain country was Ballanan the Gedorite; and over the stores of oil was Joas.

29 And over the oxen pasturing in Sharon was Satrai the Saronite; and over the oxen in the valleys was Sophat the son of Adli.

30 And over the camels was Abias the Ismaelite; and over the asses was Jadias of Merathon.

31 And over the sheep was Jaziz the Agarite. All these were superintendents of the substance of king David.

32 And Jonathan, David's uncle by the father's side, was a counsellor, a wise man: and Jeel the son of Achami was with the king's sons.

33 Achitophel was the king's counsellor: and Chusi the chief friend of the king.

34 And after this Achitophel Jodae the son of Banæas came next, and Abiathar: and Joab was the king's commander-in-chief.

Chapter 28

1 And David assembled all the chief men of Israel, the chief of the judges, and all the chief men of the courses of attendance on the person of the king, and the captains of thousands and hundreds, and the treasurers, and the lords of his substance, and of all the king's property, and of his sons, together with the eunuchs, and the mighty men, and the warriors of the army, at Jerusalem.

2 And David stood in the midst of the assembly, and said, Hear me, my brethren, and my people: it was in my heart to build a house of rest for the ark of the covenant of the Lord, and a place for the feet of our Lord, and I prepared materials suitable for the building:

3 but God said, You shall not build me a house to call my name upon it, for you are a man of war, and have shed blood.

4 Yet the Lord God of Israel chose me out of the whole house of my father to be king over Israel for ever; and he chose Judah as the kingly house, and out of the house of Judah he chose the house of my father; and among the sons of my father he preferred me, that I should be king over all Israel.

5 And of all my sons, (for the Lord has given me many sons,) he has chosen Solomon my son, to set him on the throne of the kingdom of the Lord over Israel.

6 And God said to me, Solomon your son shall build my house and my court: for I have chosen him to be my son, and I will be to him a father.

7 And I will establish his kingdom for ever, if he continue to keep my commandments, and my judgments, as at this day.

8 And now I charge you before the whole assembly of the Lord, and in the audience of our God, keep and seek all the commandments of the Lord our God, that you may inherit the good land, and leave it for your sons to inherit after you for ever.

9 And now, my son Solomon, know the God of your fathers, and serve him with a perfect heart and willing soul: for the Lord searches all hearts, and knows every thought: if you seek him, he will be found of you; but if you should forsake him, he will forsake you for ever.

10 See now, for the Lord has chosen you to build him a house for a sanctuary, be strong and do it.

11 And David gave Solomon his son the plan of the temple, and its buildings, and its treasuries, and its upper chambers, and the inner store-rooms, and the place of the atonement,

12 and the plan which he had in his mind of the courts of the house of the Lord, and of all the chambers round about, designed for the treasuries of the house of God, and of the treasuries of the holy things, and of the chambers for resting:

13 and the plan of the courses of the priests and Levites, for all the work of the service of the house of the Lord, and of the stores of vessels for ministration of the service of the house of the Lord.

14 And he gave him the account of their weight, both of gold and silver vessels.

15 He gave him the weight of the candlesticks, and of the lamps.

16 He gave him likewise the weight of the tables of shewbread, of each table of gold, and likewise of the tables of silver:

17 also of the flesh-hooks, and vessels for drink-offering, and golden bowls: and the weight of the gold and silver articles, and censers, and bowls, according to the weight of each.

18 And he shewed him the weight of the utensils of the altar of incense, which was of pure gold, and the plan of the chariot of the cherubs that spread out their wings, and overshadowed the ark of the covenant of the Lord.

19 David gave all to Solomon in the Lord's handwriting, according to the knowledge given him of the work of the pattern.

20 And David said to Solomon his son, Be strong, and play the man, and do: fear not, neither be terrified; for the Lord my God is with you; he will not forsake you, and will not fail you, until you have finished all the work of the service of the house of the Lord. And behold the pattern of the temple, even his house, and its treasury, and the upper chambers, and the inner store-rooms, and the place of propitiation, and the plan of the house of the Lord.

21 And see, here are the courses of the priests and Levites for all the service of the house of the Lord, and there shall be with you men for every workmanship, and every one of ready skill in every art: also the chief men and all the people, ready for all your commands.

Chapter 29

1 And David the king said to all the congregation, Solomon my son, whom the Lord has chosen, is young and tender, and the work is great; for it is not for man, but for the Lord God.

2 I have prepared according to all my might for the house of my God gold, silver, brass, iron, wood, onyx stones, and costly and variegated stones for setting, and every precious stone, and much Parian marble.

3 And still farther, because I took pleasure in the house of my God, I have gold and silver which I have procured for myself, and, behold, I have given them to the house of my

God over and above, beyond what I have prepared for the holy house.

4 Three thousand talents of gold of Suphir, and seven thousand talents of fine silver, for the overlaying of the walls of the sanctuary:

5 for you to use the gold for things of gold, and the silver for things of silver, and for every work by the hand of the artificers. And who is willing to dedicate himself in work this day for the Lord?

6 Then the heads of families, and the princes of the children of Israel, and the captains of thousands and captains of hundreds, and the overseers of the works, and the king's builders, offered willingly.

7 And they gave for the works of the house of the Lord five thousand talents of gold, and ten thousand gold pieces, and ten thousand talents of silver, and eighteen thousand talents of brass, and a hundred thousand talents of iron.

8 And they who had precious stone, gave it into the treasuries of the house of the Lord by the hand of Jeiel the Gedsonite.

9 And the people rejoiced because of the willingness, for they offered willingly to the Lord with a full heart: and king David rejoiced greatly.

10 And king David blessed the Lord before the congregation, saying, Blessed are you, O Lord God of Israel, our Father, from everlasting and to everlasting.

11 Yours, O Lord, is the greatness, and the power, and the glory, and the victory, and the might: for you are Lord of all things that are in heaven and upon the earth: before your face every king and nation is troubled.

12 From you come wealth and glory: you, O Lord, rule over all, the Lord of all dominion, and in your hand is strength and rule; and you are almighty with your hand to increase and establish all things.

13 And now, Lord, we give thanks to you, and praise your glorious name.

14 But who am I, and what is my people, that we have been able to be thus forward in offering to you? for all things are yours, and of your own have we given you,

15 for we are strangers before you, and sojourners, as all our fathers were: our days upon the earth are as a shadow, and there is no remaining.

16 O Lord our God, as for all this abundance which I have prepared that a house should be built to your holy name, it is of your hand, and all is yours.

17 And I know, Lord, that you are he that searches the hearts, and you love righteousness. I have willingly offered all these things in simplicity of heart; and now I have seen with joy your people here present, willingly offering to you.

18 O Lord God of Abraham, and Isaac, and Israel, our fathers, preserve these things in the thought of the heart of your people for ever, and direct their hearts to you.

19 And to Solomon my son give a good heart, to perform your commandments, and to observe your testimonies, and your ordinances, and to accomplish the building of your house.

20 And David said to the whole congregation, Bless you the Lord our God. And all the congregation blessed the Lord God of their fathers, and they bowed the knee and worshipped the Lord, and did obeisance to the king.

21 And David sacrificed to the Lord, and offered up whole-burnt-offerings to the Lord on the morrow after the first day, a thousand calves, a thousand rams, a thousand lambs, and their drink-offerings, and sacrifices in abundance for all Israel.

22 And they ate and drank joyfully that day before the Lord: and they made Solomon the son of David king a second time, and anointed him king before the Lord, and Sadoc to the priesthood.

23 And Solomon sat upon the throne of his father David, and was highly honoured; and all Israel obeyed him.

24 The princes, and the mighty men, and all the sons of king David his father, were subject to him.

25 And the Lord magnified Solomon over all Israel, and gave him royal glory, such as was not upon any king before him.

26 And David the son of Jessæ reigned over Israel forty years;

27 seven years in Hebron, and thirty-three years in Jerusalem.

28 And he died in a good old age, full of days, in wealth, and glory: and Solomon his son reigned in his stead.

29 And the rest of the acts of David, the former and the latter, are written in the history of Samuel the seer, and in the history of Nathan the prophet, and in the history of Gad the seer,

30 concerning all his reign, and his power, and the times which went over him, and over Israel, and over all the kingdoms of the earth.

2 Chronicles

Chapter 1

1 AND Solomon the son of David was established over his kingdom, and the Lord his God was with him, and increased him exceedingly.

2 And Solomon spoke to all Israel, to the captains of thousands, and to the captains of hundreds, and to the judges, and to all the rulers over Israel, even the heads of the families;

3 and Solomon and all the congregation went to the high place that was in Gibeon, where was God's tabernacle of witness, which Moses the servant of the Lord made in the wilderness.

4 But David had brought up the ark of God out of the city of Cariathiarim; for David had prepared a place for it, for he had pitched a tabernacle for it in Jerusalem.

5 And the brazen altar which Beseleel the son of Urias, the son of Or, had made, was there before the tabernacle of the Lord: and Solomon and the congregation enquired at it.

6 And Solomon brought victims thither to the brazen altar that was before the Lord in the tabernacle, and offered upon it a thousand whole-burnt-offerings.

7 In that night God appeared to Solomon, and said to him, Ask what I shall give you.

8 And Solomon said to God, You have dealt very mercifully with my father David, and have made me king in his stead.

9 And now, O Lord God, let, I pray you, your name be established upon David my father; for you have made me king over a people numerous as the dust of the earth.

10 Now give me wisdom and understanding, that I may go out and come in before this people: for who shall judge this your great people?

11 And God said to Solomon, Because this was in your heart, and you have not asked great wealth, nor glory, nor the life of your enemies, and you have not asked long life; but have asked for yourself wisdom and understanding, that you might judge my people, over whom I have made you king:

12 I give you this wisdom and understanding; and I will give you wealth, and riches, and glory, so that there shall not have been any like you among the kings before you, neither shall there be such after you.

13 And Solomon came from the high place that was in Gibeon to Jerusalem, from before the tabernacle of witness, and reigned over Israel.

14 And Solomon collected chariots and horsemen: and he had fourteen hundred chariots, and twelve thousand horsemen: and he set them in the cities of chariots, and the people were with the king in Jerusalem.

15 And the king made silver and gold in Jerusalem to be as stones, and cedars in Judea as sycamores in the plain for multitude.

16 And Solomon imported horses from Egypt, and the charge of the king's merchants for going was as follows, and they traded,

17 and went and brought out of Egypt a chariot for six hundred pieces of silver, and a horse for a hundred and fifty pieces of silver: and so they brought for all the kings of the Chettites, and for the kings of Syria by their means.

18 And Solomon said that he would build a house to the name of the Lord, and a house for his kingdom.

Chapter 2

1 And Solomon gathered seventy thousand men that bore burdens, and eighty thousand hewers of stone in the mountain, and there were three thousand six hundred superintendents over them.

2 And Solomon sent to Chiram king of Tyre, saying, Whereas you did deal favourably with David my father, and did send him cedars to build for himself a house to dwell in,

3 behold, I also his son am building a house to the name of the Lord my God, to consecrate it to him, to burn incense before him, and to offer shewbread continually, and to offer up whole-burnt-offerings continually morning and evening, and on the sabbaths, and at the new moons, and at the feasts of the Lord our God: this is a perpetual statute for Israel.

4 And the house which I am building is to be great: for the Lord our God is great beyond all gods.

5 And who will be able to build him a house? for the heaven and heaven of heavens do not bear his glory: and who am I, that I should build him a house, save only to burn incense before him?

6 And now send me a man wise and skilled to work in gold, and in silver, and in brass, and in iron, and in purple, and in scarlet, and in blue, and one that knows how to grave together with the craftsmen who are with me in Judah and in Jerusalem, which materials my father David prepared.

7 And send me from Lebanon cedar wood, and wood of juniper, and pine; for I know that your servants are skilled in cutting timber in Lebanon: and, behold, your servants shall go with my servants,

8 to prepare timber for me in abundance: for the house which I am building must be great and glorious.

9 And, behold, I have given freely to your servants that work and cut the wood, corn for food, even twenty

thousand measures of wheat, and twenty thousand measures of barley, and twenty thousand measures of wine, and twenty thousand measures of oil.

10 And Chiram king of Tyre answered in writing, and sent to Solomon, saying, Because the Lord loved his people, he made you king over them.

11 And Chiram said, Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, who made heaven and earth, who has given to king David a wise son, and one endowed with knowledge and understanding, who shall build a house for the Lord, and a house for his kingdom.

12 And now I have sent you a wise and understanding man who belonged to Chiram my father

13 (his mother was of the daughters of Dan, and his father was a Tyrian), skilled to work in gold, and in silver, and in brass, and in iron, and in stones and wood; and to weave with purple, and blue, and fine linen, and scarlet; and to engrave, and to understand every device, whatsoever you shall give him to do with your craftsmen, and the craftsmen of my lord David your father.

14 And now, the wheat, and the barley, and the oil, and the wine which my lord mentioned, let him send to his servants.

15 And we will cut timber out of Lebanon according to all your need, and we will bring it on rafts to the sea of Joppa, and you shall bring it to Jerusalem.

16 And Solomon gathered all the foreigners that were in the land of Israel, after the numbering with which David his father numbered them; and there were found a hundred and fifty-three thousand six hundred.

17 And he made of them seventy thousand burden-bearers, and eighty thousand hewers of stone, and three thousand six hundred taskmasters over the people.

Chapter 3

1 And Solomon began to build the house of the Lord in Jerusalem in the mount of Amoria, where the Lord appeared to his father David, in the place which David had prepared in the threshing-floor of Orna the Jebusite.

2 And he began to build in the second month, in the fourth year of his reign.

3 And thus Solomon began to build the house of God: the length in cubits—even the first measurement from end to end, was sixty cubits, and the breadth twenty cubits.

4 And the portico in front of the house, its length in front of the breadth of the house was twenty cubits, and its height a hundred and twenty cubits: and he gilded it within with pure gold.

5 And he lined the great house with cedar wood, and gilded it with pure gold, and carved upon it palm-trees and chains.

6 And he garnished the house with precious stones for beauty; and he gilded it with gold of the gold from Pharuim.

7 And he gilded the house, and its inner walls, and the door-posts, and the roofs, and the doors with gold; and he carved cherubs on the walls.

8 And he built the holy of holies, its length was according to the front of the other house, the breadth of the house was twenty cubits, and the length twenty cubits: and he gilded it with pure gold for cherubs, to the amount of six hundred talents.

9 And the weight of the nails, even the weight of each was fifty shekels of gold: and he gilded the upper chamber with gold.

10 And he made two cherubs in the most holy house, wood-work, and he gilded them with gold.

11 And the wings of the cherubs were twenty cubits in length: and one wing of five cubits touched the wall of the house: and the other wing of five cubits touched the wing of the other cherub.

13 And the wings of these cherubs expanded were of the length of twenty cubits: and they stood upon their feet, and their faces were toward the house.

14 And he made the vail of blue, and purple, and scarlet, and fine linen, and wove cherubs in it.

15 Also he made in front of the house two pillars, in height thirty-five cubits, and their chapiters of five cubits.

16 And he made chains, as in the oracle, and put them on the heads of the pillars; and he made a hundred pomegranates, and put them on the chains.

17 And he set up the pillars in front of the temple, one on the right hand and the other on the left: and he called the name of the one on the right hand ‘Stability,’ and the name of the one on the left ‘Strength.’

Chapter 4

1 And he made a brazen altar, the length of it twenty cubits, and the breadth twenty cubits, and the height ten cubits.

2 And he made the molten sea, in diameter ten cubits, entirely round, and the height of it five cubits, and the circumference thirty cubits.

3 And beneath it the likeness of calves, they compass it round about: ten cubits compass the laver round about, they cast the calves two rows in their casting,

4 wherein they made them twelve calves,—three looking northwards, and three westwards, and three southwards,

and three eastwards: and the sea was upon them above, and their hinder parts were inward.

5 And its thickness was a hand-breadth, and its brim as the brim of a cup, graven with flowers of lilies, holding three thousand measures: and he finished it.

6 And he made ten lavers, and set five on the right hand, and five on the left, to wash in them the instruments of the whole-burnt-offerings, and to rinse the vessels in them; and the sea was for the priests to wash in.

7 And he made the ten golden candlesticks according to their pattern, and he put them in the temple, five on the right hand, and five on the left.

8 And he made ten tables, and put them in the temple, five on the right hand, and five on the left: and he made a hundred golden bowls.

9 Also he made the priests' court, and the great court, and doors to the court, and their panels were overlaid with brass.

10 And he set the sea at the corner of the house on the right, as it were fronting the east.

11 And Chiram made the fleshhooks, and the fire-pans, and the grate of the altar, and all its instruments: and Chiram finished doing all the work which he wrought for king Solomon in the house of God:

12 two pillars, and upon them an embossed work for the chapiters on the heads of the two pillars, and two nets to cover the heads of the chapiters which are on the heads of the pillars;

13 and four hundred golden bells for the two nets, and two rows of pomegranates in each net, to cover the two embossed rims of the chapiters which are upon the pillars.

14 And he made the ten bases, and he made the lavers upon the bases;

15 and the one sea, and the twelve calves under it;

16 and the foot-baths, and the buckets, and the caldrons, and the fleshhooks, and all their furniture (which Chiram made, and brought to king Solomon in the house of the Lord) of pure brass.

17 In the country round about Jordan the king cast them, in the clay ground in the house of Succoth, and between that and Saredatha.

18 So Solomon made all these vessels in great abundance, for the quantity of brass failed not.

19 And Solomon made all the vessels of the house of the Lord, and the golden altar, and the tables, and upon them were to be the loaves of shewbread;

20 also the candlesticks, and the lamps to give light according to the pattern, and in front of the oracle, of pure gold.

21 And their snuffers, and their lamps were made, and he made the bowls, and the censers, and the fire-pans, of pure gold.

22 And there was the inner door of the house opening into the holy of holies, and he made the inner doors of the temple of gold. So all the work which Solomon wrought for the house of the Lord was finished.

Chapter 5

1 And Solomon brought in the holy things of his father David, the silver, and the gold, and the other vessels, and put them in the treasury of the house of the Lord.

2 Then Solomon assembled all the elders of Israel, and all the heads of the tribes, even the leaders of the families of the children of Israel, to Jerusalem, to bring up the ark of the covenant of the Lord out of the city of David,—this is Zion.

3 And all Israel were assembled unto the king in the feast, this is the seventh month.

4 And all the elders of Israel came; and all the Levites took up the ark,

5 and the tabernacle of witness, and all the holy vessels that were in the tabernacle; and the priests and the Levites brought it up.

6 And king Solomon, and all the elders of Israel, and the religious of them, and they of them that were gathered before the ark, were sacrificing calves and sheep, which could not be numbered or reckoned for multitude.

7 And the priests brought in the ark of the covenant of the Lord into its place, into the oracle of the house, even into the holy of holies, under the wings of the cherubs.

8 And the cherubs stretched out their wings over the place of the ark, and the cherubs covered the ark, and its staves above.

9 And the staves projected, and the heads of the staves were seen from the holy place in front of the oracle, they were not seen without: and there they were to this day.

10 There was nothing in the ark except the two tables which Moses placed there in Horeb, which God gave in covenant with the children of Israel, when they went out of the land of Egypt.

11 And it came to pass, when the priests went out of the holy place, (for all the priests that were found were sanctified, they were not then arranged according to their daily course,)

12 that all the singing Levites assigned to the sons of Asaph, to Æman, to Idithun, and to his sons, and to his brethren, of them that were clothed in linen garments, with cymbals and lutes and harps, were standing before the altar, and

with them a hundred and twenty priests, blowing trumpets.

13 And there was one voice in the trumpeting and in the psalm-singing, and in the loud utterance with one voice to give thanks and praise the Lord; and when they raised their voice together with trumpets and cymbals, and instruments of music, and said, Give thanks to the Lord, for it is good, for his mercy endures for ever:—then the house was filled with the cloud of the glory of the Lord.

14 And the priests could not stand to minister because of the cloud: for the glory of the Lord filled the house of God.

Chapter 6

1 Then said Solomon, The Lord said that he would dwell in thick darkness.

2 But I have built a house to your name, holy to you, and prepared for you to dwell in for ever.

3 And the king turned his face, and blessed all the congregation of Israel: and all the congregation of Israel stood by.

4 And he said, Blessed be the Lord God of Israel: he has even fulfilled with his hands as he spoke with his mouth to my father David, saying,

5 From the day when I brought up my people out of the land of Egypt, I chose no city of all the tribes of Israel, to build a house that my name should be there; neither did I choose a man to be a leader over my people Israel.

6 But I chose Jerusalem that my name should be there; and I chose David to be over my people Israel.

7 And it came into the heart of David my father, to build a house for the name of the Lord God of Israel.

8 But the Lord said to my father David, Whereas it came into your heart to build a house for my name, you did well that it came into your heart.

9 Nevertheless you shall not build the house; for your son who shall come forth out of your loins, he shall build the house for my name.

10 And the Lord has confirmed this word, which he spoke; and I am raised up in the room of my father David, and I sit upon the throne of Israel as the Lord said, and I have built the house for the name of the Lord God of Israel:

11 and I have set there the ark in which is the covenant of the Lord, which he made with Israel.

12 And he stood before the altar of the Lord in the presence of all the congregation of Israel, and spread out his hands.

13 For Solomon had made a brazen scaffold, and set it in the midst of the court of the sanctuary; the length of it was five cubits, and the breadth of it five cubits, and the height of it three cubits: and he stood upon it, and fell upon his knees before the whole congregation of Israel, and spread abroad his hands to heaven,

14 and said, Lord God of Israel, there is no God like you in heaven, or on the earth; keeping covenant and mercy with your servants that walk before you with their whole heart.

15 Even as you have kept them with your servant David my father, as you have spoken to him in words:—you have both spoken with your mouth, and have fulfilled it with your hands, as it is this day.

16 And now, Lord God of Israel, keep with your servant David my father the things which you spoke to him, saying, There shall not fail you a man before me sitting on the throne of Israel, if only your sons will take heed to their way to walk in my law, as you did walk before me.

17 And now, Lord God of Israel, let, I pray you, your word be confirmed, which you have spoken to your servant David.

18 For will God indeed dwell with men upon the earth? if the heaven and the heaven of heavens will not suffice you, what then is this house which I have built?

19 Yet you shall have respect to the prayer of your servant, and to my petition, O Lord God, so as to hearken to the petition and the prayer which your servant prays before you this day:

20 so that your eyes should be open over this house by day and by night, towards this place, whereon you saidst your name should be called, so as to hear the prayer which your servant prays towards this house.

21 And you shall hear the supplication of your servant, and of your people Israel, whatsoever prayers they shall make towards this place: and you shall hearken in your dwelling-place out of heaven, yea you shall hear, and be merciful.

22 If a man sin against his neighbour, and he bring an oath upon him so as to make him swear, and he come and swear before the altar in this house;

23 then shall you hearken out of heaven, and do, and judge your servants, to recompense the transgressor, and to return his ways upon his head: and to justify the righteous, to recompense him according to his righteousness.

24 And if your people Israel should be put to the worse before the enemy, if they should sin against you, and then turn and confess to your name, and pray and make supplication before you in this house;

25 then shall you hearken out of heaven and shall be merciful to the sins of your people Israel, and you shall restore them to the land which you gave to them and to their fathers.

26 When heaven is restrained, and there is no rain, because they shall have sinned against you, and when they shall

pray towards this place, and praise your name, and shall turn from their sins, because you shall afflict them;

27 then shall you hearken from heaven, and you shall be merciful to the sins of your servants, and of your people Israel; for you shall shew them the good way in which they shall walk; and you shall send rain upon your land, which you gave to your people for an inheritance.

28 If there should be famine upon the land, if there should be death, a pestilent wind and blight; if there should be locust and caterpillar, and if the enemy should harass them before their cities: in whatever plague and whatever distress they may be;

29 then whatever prayer and whatever supplication shall be made by any man and all your people Israel, if a man should know his own plague and his own sickness, and should spread forth his hands toward this house;

30 then shall you hear from heaven, out of your prepared dwelling-place, and shall be merciful, and shall recompense to the man according to his ways, as you shall know his heart to be; for you alone know the heart of the children of men:

31 that they may reverence all your ways all the days which they live upon the face of the land, which you gave to our fathers.

32 And every stranger who is not himself of your people Israel, and who shall have come from a distant land because of your great name, and your mighty hand, and your high arm; when they shall come and worship toward this place;—

33 then shall you hearken out of heaven, out of your prepared dwelling-place, and shall do according to all that the stranger shall call upon you for; that all the nations of the earth may know your name, and that they may fear you, as your people Israel do, and that they may know that your name is called upon this house which I have built.

34 And if your people shall go forth to war against their enemies by the way by which you shall send them, and shall pray to you toward this city which you have chosen, and toward the house which I have built to your name;

35 then shall you hear out of heaven their prayer and their supplication, and maintain their cause.

36 Whereas if they shall sin against you, (for there is no man who will not sin,) and you shall smite them, and deliver them up before their enemies, and they that take them captive shall carry them away into a land of enemies, to a land far off or near;

37 and if they shall repent in their land whither they were carried captive, and shall also turn and make supplication to you in their captivity, saying, We have sinned, we have transgressed, we have wrought unrighteously;

38 and if they shall turn to you with all their heart and all their soul in the land of them that carried them captives, whither they carried them captives, and shall pray toward their land which you gave to their fathers, and the city which you did choose, and the house which I built to your name:—

39 then shall you hear out of heaven, out of your prepared dwelling-place, their prayer and their supplication, and you shall execute justice, and shall be merciful to your people that sin against you.

40 And now, Lord, let, I pray you, your eyes be opened, and your ears be attentive to the petition made in this place.

41 And now, O Lord God, arise into your resting-place, you, and the ark of your strength: let your priests, O Lord God, clothe themselves with salvation, and your sons rejoice in prosperity.

42 O Lord God, turn not away the face of your anointed: remember the mercies of your servant David.

Chapter 7

1 And when Solomon had finished praying, then the fire came down from heaven, and devoured the whole-burnt-offerings and the sacrifices; and the glory of the Lord filled the house.

2 And the priests could not enter into the house of the Lord at that time, for the glory of the Lord filled the house.

3 And all the children of Israel saw the fire descending, and the glory of the Lord was upon the house: and they fell upon their face to the ground on the pavement, and worshipped, and praised the Lord; for it is good to do so, because his mercy endures for ever.

4 And the king and all the people were offering sacrifices before the Lord.

5 And king Solomon offered a sacrifice of calves twenty and two thousand, of sheep a hundred and twenty thousand: so the king and all the people dedicated the house of God.

6 And the priests were standing at their watches, and the Levites with instruments of music of the Lord, belonging to king David, to give thanks before the Lord, for his mercy endures for ever, with the hymns of David, by their ministry: and the priests were blowing the trumpets before them, and all Israel standing.

7 And Solomon consecrated the middle of the court that was in the house of the Lord: for he offered there the whole-burnt-offerings and the fat of the peace-offerings, for the brazen altar which Solomon had made was not sufficient to receive the whole-burnt-offerings, and the meat-offerings, and the fat.

8 And Solomon kept the feast at that time seven days, and all Israel with him, a very great assembly, from the entering in of Æmath, and as far as the river of Egypt.

9 And on the eighth day he kept a solemn assembly: for he kept a feast of seven days as the dedication of the altar.

10 And on the twenty-third day of the seventh month he dismissed the people to their tents, rejoicing, and with a glad heart because of the good deeds which the Lord had done to David, and to Solomon, and to Israel his people.

11 So Solomon finished the house of the Lord, and the king's house: and in whatever Solomon wished in his heart to do in the house of the Lord and in his own house, he prospered.

12 And the Lord appeared to Solomon by night, and said to him, I have heard your prayer, and I have chosen this place to myself for a house of sacrifice.

13 If I should restrain the heaven and there should be no rain, and if I should command the locust to devour the trees, and if I should send pestilence upon my people;

14 then if my people, on whom my name is called, should repent, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their evil ways, I also will hear from heaven, and I will be merciful to their sins, and I will heal their land.

15 And now my eyes shall be open, and my ears attentive to the prayer of this place.

16 And now I have chosen and sanctified this house, that my name should be there for ever: and my eyes and my heart shall be there always.

17 And if you will walk before me as David your father did, and will do according to all that I have commanded you, and will keep my ordinances and my judgments;

18 then will I establish the throne of your kingdom, as I covenanted with David your father, saying, There shall not fail you a man ruling in Israel.

19 But if you should turn away, and forsake my ordinances and my commandments, which I have set before you, and go and serve other gods, and worship them;

20 then will I remove you from the land which I gave them; and this house which I have consecrated to my name I will remove out of my sight, and I will make it a proverb and a by-word among all nations.

21 And as for this lofty house, every one that passes by it shall be amazed, and shall say, Wherefore has the Lord done thus to this land, and to this house?

22 And men shall say, Because they forsook the Lord God of their fathers, who brought them out of the land of Egypt, and they attached themselves to other gods, and worshipped them, and served them: and therefore he has brought upon them all this evil.

Chapter 8

1 And it came to pass after twenty years, in which Solomon built the house of the Lord, and his own house,

2 that Solomon rebuilt the cities which Chiram had given to Solomon, and caused the children of Israel to dwell in them.

3 And Solomon came to Bæsoba, and fortified it.

4 And he built Thoedmor in the wilderness, and all the strong cities which he built in Emath.

5 And he built Bæthoron the upper, and Bæthoron the lower, strong cities,—they had walls, gates, and bars;

6 and Balaath, and all the strong cities which Solomon had, and all his chariot cities, and cities of horsemen, and all things that Solomon desired according to his desire of building, in Jerusalem, and in Lebanon, and in all his kingdom.

7 As for all the people that was left of the Chettites, and the Amorites, and the Pherezites, and the Evites, and the Jebusites, who are not of Israel,

8 but were of the children of them whom the children of Israel destroyed not, that were left after them in the land, even them did Solomon make tributaries to this day.

9 But Solomon did not make any of the children of Israel servants in his kingdom; for, behold, they were warriors and rulers, and mighty men, and captains of chariots and horsemen.

10 And these are the chiefs of the officers of king Solomon, two hundred and fifty overseeing the work among the people.

11 And Solomon brought up the daughter of Pharaoh from the city of David to the house which he had built for her: for he said, My wife shall not dwell in the city of David, the king of Israel, for the place is holy into which the ark of the Lord has entered.

12 Then Solomon offered up to the Lord whole-burnt-offerings on the altar which he had built to the Lord before the temple,

13 according to the daily rate, to offer up sacrifices according to the commandments of Moses, on the sabbaths, and at the new moons, and at the feasts, three times in the year, at the feast of unleavened bread, and at the feast of weeks, and at the feast of tabernacles.

14 And he established, according to the order of his father David, the courses of the priests, and that according to their public ministrations: and the Levites were appointed over their charges, to praise and minister before the priests according to the daily order: and the porters were appointed according to their courses to the different gates:

for thus were the commandments of David the man of God.

15 They transgressed not the commandments of the king concerning the priests and the Levites with regard to everything else, and with regard to the treasures.

16 Now all the work had been prepared from the day when the foundation was laid, until Solomon finished the house of the Lord.

17 Then Solomon went to Gasion Gaber, and to Ælath near the sea in the land of Edom.

18 And Chiram sent by the hand of his servants ships, and servants skilled in naval affairs; and they went with the servants of Solomon to Sophira, and brought thence four hundred and fifty talents of gold, and they came to king Solomon.

Chapter 9

1 And the queen of Saba heard of the name of Solomon, and she came to Jerusalem with a very large force, to prove Solomon with hard questions, and she had camels bearing spices in abundance, and gold, and precious stones: and she came to Solomon, and told him all that was in her mind.

2 And Solomon told her all her words; and there passed not a word from Solomon which he told her not.

3 And the queen of Saba saw the wisdom of Solomon, and the house which he had built,

4 and the meat of the tables, and the sitting of his servants, and the standing of his ministers, and their raiment; and his cupbearers, and their apparel; and the whole-burnt-offerings which he offered up in the house of the Lord; then she was in ecstasy.

5 And she said to the king, It was a true report which I heard in my land concerning your words, and concerning your wisdom.

6 Yet I believed not the reports until I came, and my eyes saw: and, behold, the half of the abundance of your wisdom was not told me: you have exceeded the report which I heard.

7 Blessed are your men, blessed are these your servants, who stand before you continually, and hear your wisdom.

8 Blessed be the Lord your God, who took pleasure in you, to set you upon his throne for a king, to the Lord your God: forasmuch as the Lord your God loved Israel to establish them for ever, therefore he has set you over them for a king to execute judgment and justice.

9 And she gave the king a hundred and twenty talents of gold, and spices in very great abundance, and precious stones: and there were not any where else such spices as those which the queen of Saba gave king Solomon.

10 And the servants of Solomon and the servants of Chiram brought gold to Solomon out of Suphir, and pine timber, and precious stones.

11 And the king made of the pine timber steps to the house of the Lord, and to the king's house, and harps and lutes for the singers: and such were not seen before in the land of Judah.

12 And king Solomon gave to the queen of Saba all that she requested, besides all that she brought to king Solomon: and she returned to her own land.

13 And the weight of the gold that was brought to Solomon in one year was six hundred and sixty-six talents of gold,

14 besides what the men who were regularly appointed and the merchants brought, and all the kings of Arabia and princes of the land: all brought gold and silver to king Solomon.

15 And king Solomon made two hundred shields of beaten gold: there were six hundred shekels of pure gold to one shield.

16 And three hundred bucklers of beaten gold: the weight of three hundred gold shekels went to one buckler: and the king placed them in the house of the forest of Lebanon.

17 And the king made a great throne of ivory, and he gilded it with pure gold.

18 And there were six steps to the throne, riveted with gold, and elbows on either side of the seat of the throne, and two lions standing by the elbows:

19 and twelve lions standing there on the six steps on each side. There was not the like in any other kingdom.

20 And all king Solomon's vessels were of gold, and all the vessels of the house of the forest of Lebanon were covered with gold: silver was not thought anything of in the days of Solomon.

21 For a ship went for the king to Tarshish with the servants of Chiram: once every three years came vessels from Tarshish to the king, laden with gold, and silver, and ivory, and apes.

22 And Solomon exceeded all other kings both in riches and wisdom.

23 And all the kings of the earth sought the presence of Solomon, to hear his wisdom, which God had put in his heart.

24 And they brought every one his gifts, silver vessels and golden vessels, and raiment, myrrh and spices, horses and mules, a rate every year.

25 And Solomon had four thousand mares for chariots, and twelve thousand horsemen; and he put them in the chariot cities, and with the king in Jerusalem.

26 And he ruled over all the kings from the river even to the land of the Philistines, and to the borders of Egypt.

27 And the king made gold and silver in Jerusalem as stones, and cedars as the sycamore trees in the plain for abundance.

28 And Solomon imported horses from Egypt, and from every other country.

29 And the rest of the acts of Solomon, the first and the last, behold, these are written in the words of Nathan the prophet, and in the words of Achia the Selonite, and in the visions of Joel the seer concerning Jeroboam the son of Nabat.

30 And Solomon reigned over all Israel forty years.

31 And Solomon fell asleep, and they buried him in the city of David his father: and Rehoboam his son reigned in his stead.

Chapter 10

1 And Rehoboam came to Shechem: for all Israel came to Shechem to make him king.

2 And it came to pass when Jeroboam the son of Nabat heard it, (now he was in Egypt, forasmuch as he had fled thither from the face of king Solomon, and Jeroboam dwelt in Egypt,) that Jeroboam returned out of Egypt.

3 And they sent and called him: and Jeroboam and all the congregation came to Rehoboam, saying,

4 Your father made our yoke grievous: now then abate somewhat of your father's grievous rule, and of his heavy yoke which he put upon us, and we will serve you.

5 And he said to them, Go away for three days, and then come to me. So the people departed.

6 And king Rehoboam assembled the elders that stood before his father Solomon in his life-time, saying, How do you counsel me to return an answer to this people?

7 And they spoke to him, saying, If you would this day befriend this people, and be kind to them, and speak to them good words, then will they be your servants for ever.

8 But he forsook the advice of the old men, who took counsel with him, and he took counsel with the young men who had been brought up with him, who stood before him.

9 And he said to them, What do you advise that I should answer this people, who spoke to me, saying, Ease somewhat of the yoke which your father laid upon us?

10 And the young men that had been brought up with him spoke to him, saying, Thus shall you speak to the people that spoke to you, saying, Your father made our yoke heavy, and do you lighten somewhat of it from us; thus shall you say, My little finger shall be thicker than my father's loins.

11 And whereas my father chastised you with a heavy yoke, I will also add to your yoke: my father chastised you with whips, and I will chastise you with scorpions.

12 And Jeroboam and all the people came to Rehoboam on the third day, as the king had spoken, saying, Return to me on the third day.

13 And the king answered harshly; and king Rehoboam forsook the counsel of the old men,

14 and spoke to them according to the counsel of the young men, saying, My father made your yoke heavy, but I will add to it: my father chastised you with whips, but I will chastise you with scorpions.

15 And the king hearkened not to the people, for there was a change of their minds from God, saying, The Lord has confirmed his word, which he spoke by the hand of Achia the Selonite concerning Jeroboam the son of Nabat, and concerning all Israel;

16 for the king did not hearken to them. And the people answered the king, saying, What portion have we in David, or inheritance in the son of Jessæ? to your tents, O Israel: now see to your own house, David. So all Israel went to their tents.

17 But the men of Israel, even those who dwelt in the cities of Judah, remained and made Rehoboam king over them.

18 And king Rehoboam sent to them Adoniram that was over the tribute; and the children of Israel stoned him with stones, and he died. And king Rehoboam hasted to mount his chariot, to flee to Jerusalem.

19 So Israel rebelled against the house of David until this day.

Chapter 11

1 And Rehoboam came to Jerusalem; and he assembled Judah and Benjamin, a hundred and eighty thousand young men fit for war, and he waged war with Israel to recover the kingdom to Rehoboam.

2 And the word of the Lord came to Samaias the man of God, saying,

3 Speak to Rehoboam the son of Solomon, and to all Judah and Benjamin, saying,

4 Thus says the Lord, You shall not go up, and you shall not war against your brethren: return every one to his home; for this thing is of me. And they hearkened to the word of the Lord, and returned from going against Jeroboam.

5 And Rehoboam dwelt in Jerusalem, and he built walled cities in Judæa.

6 And he built Bethlehem, and Ætan and Thecoe,

7 and Bæthsura, and Sochoth, and Odollam,

8 and Gath, and Marisa, and Ziph,

9 and Adorai, and Lachis, and Azeca,

10 and Saraa, and Ælom, and Hebron, which belongs to Judah and Benjamin, walled cities.

11 And he fortified them with walls, and placed in them captains, and stores of provisions, oil and wine,

12 shields and spears in every several city, and he fortified them very strongly, and he had on his side Judah and Benjamin.

13 And the priests and the Levites who were in all Israel were gathered to him out of all the coasts.

14 For the Levites left the tents of their possession, and went to Judah to Jerusalem, because Jeroboam and his sons had ejected them so that they should not minister to the Lord.

15 And he made for himself priests of the high places, and for the idols, and for the vanities, and for the calves which Jeroboam made.

16 And he cast out from the tribes of Israel those who set their heart to seek the Lord God of Israel: and they came to Jerusalem, to sacrifice to the Lord God of their fathers.

17 And they strengthened the kingdom of Judah; and Judah strengthened Rehoboam the son of Solomon for three years, for he walked three years in the ways of David and Solomon.

18 And Rehoboam took to himself for a wife Moolath daughter of Jerimuth the son of David, and Abigaia daughter of Heliab the son of Jessæ.

19 And she bore him sons; Jeus, and Samoria, and Zaam.

20 And afterwards he took to himself Maacha the daughter of Abessalom; and she bore him Abijah, and Jetthi, and Zeza, and Salemoth.

21 And Rehoboam loved Maacha the daughter of Abessalom more than all his wives and all his concubines: for he had eighteen wives and sixty concubines; and he begot twenty-eight sons, and sixty daughters.

22 And he made Abijah the son of Maacha chief, even a leader among his brethren, for he intended to make him king.

23 And he was exalted beyond all his other sons in all the coasts of Judah and Benjamin, and in the strong cities; and he gave them provisions in great abundance: and he desired many wives.

Chapter 12

1 And it came to pass when the kingdom of Rehoboam was established, and when he had grown strong, that he forsook the commandments of the Lord, and all Israel with him.

2 And it came to pass in the fifth year of the reign of Rehoboam, Susakim king of Egypt came up against Jerusalem, because they had sinned against the Lord,

3 with twelve hundred chariots, and sixty thousand horse: and there was no number of the multitude that came with him from Egypt; Libyans, Trogodytes, and Ethiopians.

4 And they obtained possession of the strong cities, which were in Judah, and came to Jerusalem.

5 And Samaias the prophet came to Rehoboam, and to the princes of Judah that were gathered to Jerusalem for fear of Susakim, and said to them, Thus said the Lord, You have left me, and I will leave you in the hand of Susakim.

6 And the elders of Israel and the king were ashamed, and said, The Lord is righteous.

7 And when the Lord saw that they repented, then came the word of the Lord to Samaias, saying, They have repented; I will not destroy them, but I will set them in safety for a little while, and my wrath shall not be poured out on Jerusalem.

8 Nevertheless they shall be servants, and know my service, and the service of the kings of the earth.

9 So Susakim king of Egypt went up against Jerusalem, and took the treasures that were in the house of the Lord, and the treasures that were in the king's house: he took all; and he took the golden shields which Solomon had made.

10 And king Rehoboam made brazen shields instead of them. And Susakim set over him captains of footmen, as keepers of the gate of the king.

11 And it came to pass, when the king went into the house of the Lord, the guards and the footmen went in, and they that returned to meet the footmen.

12 And when he repented, the anger of the Lord turned from him, and did not destroy him utterly; for there were good things in Judah.

13 So king Rehoboam strengthened himself in Jerusalem, and reigned: and Rehoboam was forty and one years old when he began to reign, and he reigned seventeen years in Jerusalem, in the city which the Lord chose out of all the tribes of the children of Israel to call his name there: and his mother's name was Noomma the Ammanitess.

14 And he did evil, for he directed not his heart to seek the Lord.

15 And the acts of Rehoboam, the first and the last, behold, are they not written in the book of Samaia the prophet, and Addo the seer, with his achievements.

16 And Rehoboam made war with Jeroboam all his days. And Rehoboam died with his fathers, and was buried in the city of David: and Abijah his son reigned in his stead.

Chapter 13

1 In the eighteenth year of the reign of Jeroboam Abijah began to reign over Judah.

2 He reigned three years in Jerusalem. And his mother's name was Maacha, daughter of Uriel of Gibeon. And there was war between Abijah and Jeroboam.

3 And Abijah set the battle in array with an army, with mighty men of war, even four hundred thousand mighty men: and Jeroboam set the battle in array against him with eight hundred thousand, they were mighty warriors of the host.

4 And Abijah rose up from the mount Somoron, which is in mount Ephraim, and said, Hear you, Jeroboam, and all Israel:

5 Is it not for you to know that the Lord God of Israel has given a king over Israel for ever to David, and to his sons, by a covenant of salt?

6 But Jeroboam the son of Nabat, the servant of Solomon the son of David, is risen up, and has revolted from his master:

7 and there are gathered to him pestilent men, transgressors, and he has risen up against Rehoboam the son of Solomon, while Rehoboam was young and fearful in heart, and he withstood him not.

8 And now you profess to resist the kingdom of the Lord in the hand of the sons of David; and you are a great multitude, and with you are golden calves, which Jeroboam made you for gods.

9 Did you not cast out the priests of the Lord, the sons of Aaron, and the Levites, and make to yourselves priests of the people of any other land? whoever came to consecrate himself with a calf of the herd and seven rams, he forthwith became a priest to that which is no god.

10 But we have not forsaken the Lord our God, and his priests, the sons of Aaron, and the Levites, minister to the Lord; and in their daily courses

11 they sacrifice to the Lord whole-burnt-offering, morning and evening, and compound incense, and set the shewbread on the pure table; and there is the golden candlestick, and the lamps for burning, to light in the evening: for we keep the charge of the Lord God of our fathers; but you have forsaken him.

12 And, behold, the Lord and his priests are with us at our head, and the signal trumpets to sound an alarm over us. Children of Israel, fight not against the Lord God of our fathers; for you shall not prosper.

13 Now Jeroboam had caused an ambush to come round upon him from behind: and he himself was before Judah, and the ambush behind.

14 And Judah looked back, and, behold, the battle was against them before and behind: and they cried to the Lord, and the priests sounded with the trumpets.

15 And the men of Judah shouted: and it came to pass, when the men of Judah shouted, that the Lord smote Jeroboam and Israel before Abijah and Judah.

16 And the children of Israel fled from before Judah; and the Lord delivered them into their hands.

17 And Abijah and his people smote them with a great slaughter: and there fell slain of Israel five hundred thousand mighty men.

18 So the children of Israel were brought low in that day, and the children of Judah prevailed, because they trusted on the Lord God of their fathers.

19 And Abijah pursued after Jeroboam, and he took from him the cities, Bethel and her towns, and Jesyna and her towns, and Ephron and her towns.

20 And Jeroboam did not recover strength again all the days of Abijah: and the Lord smote him, and he died.

21 But Abijah strengthened himself, and took to himself fourteen wives, and he begot twenty-two sons, and sixteen daughters.

22 And the rest of the acts of Abijah, and his deeds, and his sayings, are written in the book of the prophet Addo.

23 And Abijah died with his fathers, and they buried him in the city of David; and Asa his son reigned in his stead. In the days of Asa the land of Judah had rest ten years.

Chapter 14

1 And he did that which was good and right in the sight of the Lord his God.

2 And he removed the altars of the strange gods, and the high places, and broke the pillars in pieces, and cut down the groves:

3 and he told Judah to seek earnestly the Lord God of their fathers, and to perform the law and the commandments.

4 And he removed from all the cities of Judah the altars and the idols, and established in quietness

5 fortified cities in the land of Judah; for the land was quiet, and he had no war in these years; for the Lord gave him rest.

6 And he said to Judah, Let us fortify these cities, and make walls, and towers, and gates, and bars: we shall prevail over the land, for as we have sought out the Lord our God, he has sought out us, and has given us rest round about, and prospered us.

7 And Asa had a force of armed men bearing shields and spears in the land of Judah, even three hundred thousand, and in the land of Benjamin two hundred and eighty

thousand targeteers and archers: all these were mighty warriors.

8 And Zare the Ethiopian went out against them, with a force of a million, and three hundred chariots; and came to Maresa.

9 And Asa went out to meet him, and set the battle in array in the valley north of Maresa.

10 And Asa cried to the Lord his God, and said, O Lord, it is not impossible with you to save by many or by few: strengthen us, O Lord our God; for we trust in you, and in your name have we come against this great multitude. O Lord our God, let not man prevail against you.

11 And the Lord smote the Ethiopians before Judah; and the Ethiopians fled.

12 And Asa and his people pursued them to Gedor; and the Ethiopians fell, so that they could not recover themselves; for they were crushed before the Lord, and before his host; and they took many spoils.

13 And they destroyed their towns round about Gedor; for a terror of the Lord was upon them: and they spoiled all their cities, for they had much spoil.

14 Also they destroyed the tents of cattle, and the Alimazons, and took many sheep and camels, and returned to Jerusalem.

Chapter 15

1 And Azarias the son of Oded—upon him came the Spirit of the Lord,

2 and he went out to meet Asa, and all Judah and Benjamin, and said, Hear me, Asa, and all Judah and Benjamin. The Lord is with you, while you are with him; and if you seek him out, he will be found of you; but if you forsake him, he will forsake you.

3 And Israel has been a long time without the true God, and without a priest to expound the truth, and without the law.

4 But he shall turn them to the Lord God of Israel, and he will be found of them.

5 And in that time there is no peace to one going out, or to one coming in, for the terror of the Lord is upon all that inhabit the lands.

6 And nation shall fight against nation, and city against city; for God has confounded them with every kind of affliction.

7 But be you strong, and let not your hands be weakened: for there is a reward for your work.

8 And when Asa heard these words, and the prophecy of Adad the prophet, then he strengthened himself, and cast out the abominations from all the land of Judah and Benjamin, and from the cities which Jeroboam possessed, in mount Ephraim, and he renewed the altar of the Lord, which was before the temple of the Lord.

9 And he assembled Judah and Benjamin, and the strangers that dwelt with him, of Ephraim, and of Manasseh, and of Simeon: for many of Israel were joined to him, when they saw that the Lord his God was with him.

10 And they assembled at Jerusalem in the third month, in the fifteenth year of the reign of Asa.

11 And he sacrificed to the Lord in that day of the spoils which they brought, seven hundred calves and seven thousand sheep.

12 And he entered into a covenant that they should seek the Lord God of their fathers with all their heart and with all their soul.

13 And that whoever should not seek the Lord God of Israel, should die, whether young or old, whether man or woman.

14 And they swore to the Lord with a loud voice, and with trumpets, and with cornets.

15 And all Judah rejoiced concerning the oath: for they swore with all their heart, and they sought him with all their desires; and he was found of them: and the Lord gave them rest round about.

16 And he removed Maacha his mother from being priestess to Astarte; and he cut down the idol, and burnt it in the brook of Kedron.

17 Nevertheless they removed not the high places: they still existed in Israel: nevertheless the heart of Asa was perfect all his days.

18 And he brought in the holy things of David his father, and the holy things of the house of God, silver, and gold, and vessels.

19 And there was no war waged with him until the thirty-fifth year of the reign of Asa.

Chapter 16

1 And in the thirty-eighth year of the reign of Asa, the king of Israel went up against Judah, and built Ramah, so as not to allow egress or ingress to Asa king of Judah.

2 And Asa took silver and gold out of the treasures of the house of the Lord, and of the king's house, and sent them to the son of Ader king of Syria, which dwelt in Damascus, saying,

3 Make a covenant between me and you, and between my father and your father: behold, I have sent you gold and silver: come, and turn away from me Baasa king of Israel, and let him depart from me.

4 And the son of Ader hearkened to king Asa, and sent the captains of his host against the cities of Israel; and smote Æon, and Dan, and Abelmain, and all the country round Naphtali.

5 And it came to pass when Baasa heard it, he left off building Ramah, and put a stop to his work:

6 then king Asa took all Judah, and took the stones of Ramah, and its timber, with which Baasa had built; and he built with them Gabae and Mizpah.

7 And at that time came Anani the prophet to Asa king of Judah, and said to him, Because you did trust on the king of Syria, and did not trust on the Lord your God, therefore the army of Syria is escaped out of your hand.

8 Were not the Ethiopians and Libyans a great force, in courage, in horsemen, in great numbers? and did not He deliver them into your hands, because you trustedst in the Lord?

9 For the eyes of the Lord look upon all the earth, to strengthen every heart that is perfect toward him. In this you have done foolishly; henceforth there shall be war with you.

10 And Asa was angry with the prophet, and put him in prison, for he was angry at this: and Asa vexed some of the people at that time.

11 And, behold, the acts of Asa, the first and the last, are written in the book of the kings of Judah and Israel.

12 And Asa was diseased in his feet in the thirty-ninth year of his reign, until he was very ill: but in his disease he sought not to the Lord, but to the physicians.

13 And Asa slept with his fathers, and died in the fortieth year of his reign.

14 And they buried him in the sepulchre which he had dug for himself in the city of David, and they laid him on a bed, and filled it with spices and all kinds of perfumes of the apothecaries; and they made for him a very great funeral.

Chapter 17

1 And Jehoshaphat his son reigned in his stead, and Jehoshaphat strengthened himself against Israel.

2 And he put garrisons in all the strong cities of Judah, and appointed captains in all the cities of Judah, and in the cities of Ephraim, which Asa his father had taken.

3 And the Lord was with Jehoshaphat, for he walked in the first ways of his father, and did not seek to idols;

4 but he sought to the Lord God of his father, and walked in the commandments of his father, and not according to the works of Israel.

5 And the Lord prospered the kingdom in his hand; and all Judah gave gifts to Jehoshaphat; and he had great wealth and glory.

6 And his heart was exalted in the way of the Lord; and he removed the high places and the groves from the land of Judah.

7 And in the third year of his reign, he sent his chief men, and his mighty men, Abdias and Zechariah, and Nathanael, and Michaias, to teach in the cities of Judah.

8 And with them were the Levites, Samaias, and Nathanias, and Zabdias, and Asiel, and Semiramoth, and Jonathan, and Adonias, and Tobias, and Tobadonias, Levites, and with them Elisama and Jehoram, the priests.

9 And they taught in Judah, and there was with them the book of the law of the Lord, and they passed through the cities of Judah, and taught the people.

10 And a terror of the Lord was upon all the kingdoms of the land round about Judah, and they made no war against Jehoshaphat.

11 And some of the Philistines brought to Jehoshaphat gifts, and silver, and presents; and the Arabians brought him seven thousand seven hundred rams.

12 And Jehoshaphat increased in greatness exceedingly, and built in Judea places of abode, and strong cities.

13 And he had many works in Judea: and the mighty men of war, the men of strength, were in Jerusalem.

14 And this is their number according to the houses of their fathers; even the captains of thousands in Judah were, Ednas the chief, and with him mighty men of strength three hundred thousand.

15 And after him, Joanan the captain, and with him two hundred and eighty thousand.

16 And after him Amaziah the son of Zari, who was zealous for the Lord; and with him two hundred thousand mighty men of strength.

17 And out of Benjamin there was a mighty man of strength, even Eliada, and with him two hundred thousand archers and targeteers.

18 And after him Jozabad, and with him a hundred and eighty thousand mighty men of war.

19 These were the king's servants, besides those whom the king put in the strong cities in all Judea.

Chapter 18

1 And Jehoshaphat had yet great wealth and glory, and he connected himself by marriage with the house of Achaab.

2 And he went down after a term of years to Achaab to Samaria: and Achaab slew for him sheep and calves, in abundance, and for the people with him, and he much

desired him to go up with him to Ramoth of the country of Gilead.

3 And Achaab king of Israel said to Jehoshaphat king of Judah, Will you go with me to Ramoth of the country of Gilead? And he said to him, As I am, so also are you, as your people, so also is my people with you for the war.

4 And Jehoshaphat said to the king of Israel, Seek, I pray you, the Lord to-day.

5 And the king of Israel gathered the prophets, four hundred men, and said to them, Shall I go to Ramoth Gilead to battle, or shall I forbear? And they said, Go up, and God shall deliver it into the hands of the king.

6 And Jehoshaphat said, Is there not here a prophet of the Lord besides, that we may enquire of him?

7 And the king of Israel said to Jehoshaphat, There is yet one man by whom to enquire of the Lord; but I hate him, for he does not prophesy concerning me for good, for all his days are for evil: this is Michaias the son of Jembla. And Jehoshaphat said, Let not the king say so.

8 And the king called an eunuch, and said, Fetch quickly Michaias the son of Jembla.

9 And the king of Israel and Jehoshaphat king of Judah were sitting each on his throne, and clothed in their robes, sitting in the open space at the entrance of the gate of Samaria: and all the prophets were prophesying before them.

10 And Zedekiah son of Canaan made for himself iron horns, and said, Thus says the Lord, With these you shall thrust Syria until it be consumed.

11 And all the prophets prophesied so, saying, Go up to Ramoth Gilead, and you shall prosper; and the Lord shall deliver it into the hands of the king.

12 And the messenger that went to call Michaias spoke to him, saying, Behold, the prophets have spoken favourably concerning the king with one mouth; let now, I pray you, your words be as the words of one of them, and do you speak good things.

13 And Michaias said, As the Lord lives, whatever God shall say to me, that will I speak.

14 And he came to the king, and the king said to him, Michaias, shall I go up to Ramoth Gilead to battle, or shall I forbear? And he said, Go up, and you shall prosper, and they shall be given into your hands.

15 And the king said to him, How often shall I solemnly charge you that you speak to me nothing but truth in the name of the Lord?

16 And he said, I saw Israel scattered on the mountains, as sheep without a shepherd: and the Lord said, These have no commander; let each return to his home in peace.

17 And the king of Israel said to Jehoshaphat, Said I not to you, that he would not prophesy concerning me good, but evil?

18 But he said, Not so. Hear you the word of the Lord: I saw the Lord sitting on his throne, and all the host of heaven stood by on his right hand and on his left.

19 And the Lord said, Who will deceive Achaab king of Israel, that he may go up, and fall in Ramoth Gilead? And one spoke this way, and another spoke that way.

20 And there came forth a spirit, and stood before the Lord, and said, I will deceive him. And the Lord said, Whereby?

21 And he said, I will go forth, and will be a lying spirit in the mouth of all his prophets. And the Lord said, You shall deceive him, and shall prevail: go forth, and do so.

22 And now, behold, the Lord has put a false spirit in the mouth of these your prophets, and the Lord has spoken evil against you.

23 Then Zedekiah the son of Canaan drew near, and smote Michaias on the cheek, and said to him, By what way passed the Spirit of the Lord from me to speak to you?

24 And Michaias said, Behold, you shall see in that day, when you shall go from chamber to chamber to hide yourself.

25 And the king of Israel said, Take Michaias, and carry him back to Emer the governor of the city, and to Joas the captain, the king's son;

26 and you shall say, Thus said the king, Put this fellow into the prison-house, and let him eat the bread of affliction, and drink the water of affliction, until I return in peace.

27 And Michaias said, If you do at all return in peace, the Lord has not spoken by me. And he said, Hear, all you people.

28 So the king of Israel, and Jehoshaphat king of Judah, went up to Ramoth Gilead.

29 And the king of Israel said to Jehoshaphat, Disguise me, and I will enter into the battle: and do you put on my raiment. So the king of Israel disguised himself, and entered into the battle.

30 Now the king of Syria had commanded the captains of the chariots that were with him, saying, Fight neither against small nor great, but only against the king of Israel.

31 And it came to pass, when the captains of the chariots saw Jehoshaphat, that they said, It is the king of Israel: and they compassed him about to fight against him: and Jehoshaphat cried out, and the Lord delivered him; and God turned them away from him.

32 And it came to pass, when the captains of the chariots saw that it was not the king of Israel, that they turned away from him.

33 And a man drew a bow with a good aim, and smote the king of Israel between the lungs and the breastplate: and he said to the charioteer, Turn yours hand, drive me out of the battle, for I am wounded.

34 And the battle turned in that day; and the king of Israel remained on the chariot against Syria until evening, and died at sunset.

Chapter 19

1 And Jehoshaphat king of Judah returned to his house at Jerusalem.

2 And there went out to meet him Jeu the prophet the son of Anani, and said to him, King Jehoshaphat, do you help a sinner, or act friendly towards one hated of the Lord? Therefore has wrath come upon you from the Lord.

3 Nevertheless some good things have been found in you, forasmuch as you did remove the groves from the land of Judah, and did direct yours heart to seek after the Lord.

4 And Jehoshaphat dwelt in Jerusalem: and he again went out among the people from Beersheba to the mount of Ephraim, and turned them back to the Lord God of their fathers.

5 And he appointed judges in all the strong cities of Judah, city by city.

6 And he said to the judges, Take good heed what you do: for you judge not for man, but for the Lord, and with you are matters of judgment.

7 And now let the fear of the Lord be upon you, and be wary, and do your duty: for there is no unrighteousness with the Lord our God, neither is it for him to respect persons, nor to take bribes.

8 Moreover Jehoshaphat appointed in Jerusalem some of the priests, and Levites, and heads of houses of Israel, for the judgment of the Lord, and to judge the dwellers in Jerusalem.

9 And he charged them, saying, Thus shall you do in the fear of the Lord, in truth and with a perfect heart.

10 Whatsoever man of your brethren that dwell in their cities shall bring the cause that comes before you, between blood and blood, and between precept and commandment, and ordinances and judgments, you shall even decide for them; so they shall not sin against the Lord, and there shall not be wrath upon you, and upon your brethren: thus you shall do, and you shall not sin.

11 And, behold, Amarias the priest is head over you in every matter of the Lord; and Zabdias the son of Ishmael is head over the house of Judah in every matter of the king; and the scribes and Levites are before you: be strong and active, and the Lord shall be with the good.

Chapter 20

1 And after this came the children of Moab, and the children of Ammon, and with them some of the Minæans, against Jehoshaphat to battle.

2 And they came and told Jehoshaphat, saying, There is come against you a great multitude from Syria, from beyond the sea; and, behold, they are in Asasan Thamar, this is Engadi.

3 And Jehoshaphat was alarmed, and set his face to seek the Lord earnestly, and he proclaimed a fast in all Judah.

4 And Judah gathered themselves together to seek after the Lord: even from all the cities of Judah they came to seek the Lord.

5 And Jehoshaphat stood up in the assembly of Judah in Jerusalem, in the house of the Lord, in front of the new court.

6 And he said, O Lord God of my fathers, art not you God in heaven above, and art not you Lord of all the kingdoms of the nations? and is there not in your hand the might of dominion, and there is no one who can resist you?

7 Art not you the Lord that did destroy the inhabitants of this land before the face of your people Israel, and did give it to your beloved seed of Abraham for ever?

8 And they dwelt in it, and built in it a sanctuary to your name, saying,

9 If there should come upon us evils, sword, judgment, pestilence, famine, we will stand before this house, and before you, (for your name is upon this house,) and we will cry to you because of the affliction, and you shall hear, and deliver.

10 And now, behold, the children of Ammon, and Moab, and mount Seir, with regard to whom you did not permit Israel to pass through their border, when they had come out of the land of Egypt, (for they turned away from them, and did not destroy them;)—

11 yet now, behold, they make attempts against us, to come forth to cast us out from our inheritance which you gave us.

12 O Lord our God, will you not judge them? for we have no strength to resist this great multitude that is come against us; and we know not what we shall do to them: but our eyes are toward you.

13 And all Judah was standing before the Lord, and their children, and their wives.

14 And Oziel the son of Zechariah, of the children of Banaias, of the sons of Eleïel the sons of Matthanias the Levite, of the sons of Asaph,—upon him came the Spirit of the Lord in the assembly:

15 and he said, Hear you, all Judah, and the dwellers in Jerusalem, and king Jehoshaphat: Thus says the Lord to you, even you, Fear not, neither be alarmed, before all this great multitude; for the battle is not yours, but God's.

16 To-morrow go you down against them: behold, they come up by the ascent of Assis, and you shall find them at the extremity of the river of the wilderness of Jeriel.

17 It is not for you to fight: understand these things, and see the deliverance of the Lord with you, Judah and Jerusalem: fear not, neither be afraid to go forth to-morrow to meet them; and the Lord shall be with you.

18 And Jehoshaphat bowed with his face to the ground with all Judah and the dwellers in Jerusalem, and they fell before the Lord to worship the Lord.

19 And the Levites of the children of Caath, and they of the sons of Korah, rose up to praise the Lord God of Israel with a loud voice on high.

20 And they rose early in the morning and went out to the wilderness of Thecoe: and as they went out, Jehoshaphat stood and cried, and said, Hear me, Judah, and the dwellers in Jerusalem; put your trust in the Lord God, and your trust shall be honoured; trust in his prophet, and you shall prosper.

21 And he took counsel with the people, and set appointed men to sing psalms and praises, to give thanks, and sing the holy songs of praise in going forth before the host: and they said, Give thanks to the Lord, for his mercy endures for ever.

22 And when they began the praise and thanksgiving, the Lord caused the children of Ammon to fight against Moab, and the inhabitants of mount Seir that came out against Judah; and they were routed.

23 Then the children of Ammon and Moab rose up against the dwellers in mount Seir, to destroy and consume them; and when they had made an end of destroying the inhabitants of Seir, they rose up against one another so that they were utterly destroyed.

24 And Judah came to the watch-tower of the wilderness, and looked, and saw the multitude, and, behold, they were all fallen dead upon the earth, not one escaped.

25 And Jehoshaphat and his people went out to spoil them, and they found much cattle, and furniture, and spoils, and precious things: and they spoiled them, and they were three days gathering the spoil, for it was abundant.

26 And it came to pass on the fourth day they were gathered to the Valley of Blessing; for there they blessed the Lord: therefore they called the name of that place the Valley of Blessing, until this day.

27 And all the men of Judah returned to Jerusalem, and Jehoshaphat led them with great joy; for the Lord gave them joy over their enemies.

28 And they entered into Jerusalem with lutes and harps and trumpets, going into the house of the Lord.

29 And there was a terror of the Lord upon all the kingdoms of the land, when they heard that the Lord fought against the enemies of Israel.

30 And the kingdom of Jehoshaphat was at peace; and his God gave him rest round about.

31 And Jehoshaphat reigned over Judah, being thirty-five years old when he began to reign, and he reigned twenty-five years in Jerusalem: and his mother's name was Azuba, daughter of Sali.

32 And he walked in the ways of his father Asa, and turned not aside from doing that which was right in the sight of the Lord.

33 Nevertheless the high places yet remained; and as yet the people did not direct their heart to the Lord God of their fathers.

34 And the rest of the acts of Jehoshaphat, the first and the last, behold, they are written in the history of Jeu the son of Anani, who wrote the book of the kings of Israel.

35 And afterwards Jehoshaphat king of Judah entered into an alliance with Ahaziah king of Israel, (now this was an unrighteous man,)

36 by acting with and going to him, to build ships to go to Tarshish: and he built ships in Gasion Gaber.

37 And Eliezer the son of Dodia of Marisa prophesied against Jehoshaphat, saying, Forasmuch as you have allied yourself with Ahaziah, the Lord has broken your work, and your vessels have been wrecked. And they could not go to Tarshish.

Chapter 21

1 And Jehoshaphat slept with his fathers, and was buried in the city of David: and Joran his son reigned in his stead.

2 And he had brothers, the six sons of Jehoshaphat, Azarias, and Jeiel, and Zechariah, and Azarias, and Michael, and Zaphatias: all these were the sons of Jehoshaphat king of Judah.

3 And their father gave them many gifts, silver, and gold, and arms, together with fortified cities in Judah: but he gave the kingdom to Jehoram, for he was the first-born.

4 And Jehoram entered upon his kingdom, and strengthened himself, and slew all his brothers with the sword, and some of the princes of Israel.

5 When he was thirty and two years old, Jehoram succeeded to his kingdom, and he reigned eight years in Jerusalem.

6 And he walked in the way of the kings of Israel, as did the house of Achaab; for a daughter of Achaab was his wife: and he did that which was evil in the sight of the Lord:

7 nevertheless the Lord would not utterly destroy the house of David, because of the covenant which he made with David, and as he said to him that he would give a light to him and his sons for ever.

8 In those days Edom revolted from Judah, and they made a king over themselves.

9 And Jehoram went with the princes, and all the cavalry with him: and it came to pass that he arose by night, and smote Edom that compassed him about, and the captains of the chariots, and the people fled to their tents.

10 And Edom revolted from Judah until this day. Then Lomna at that time revolted from under his hand, because he forsook the Lord God of his fathers.

11 For he built high places in the cities of Judah, and caused the dwellers in Jerusalem to go a-whoring, and led Judah astray.

12 And there came to him a message in writing from Eliu the prophet, saying, Thus says the Lord God of your father David, Because you have not walked in the way of your father Jehoshaphat, nor in the ways of Asa king of Judah,

13 but have walked in the ways of the kings of Israel, and have caused Judah and the dwellers in Jerusalem to go a-whoring, as the house of Achaab caused Israel to go a-whoring, and you have slain your brethren, the sons of your father, who were better than yourself;

14 behold, the Lord shall smite you with a great plague among your people, and your sons, and your wives, and all your store:

15 and you shall be afflicted with a grievous disease, with a disease of the bowels, until your bowels shall fall out day by day with the sickness.

16 So the Lord stirred up the Philistines against Jehoram, and the Arabians, and those who bordered on the Æthiopians:

17 and they went up against Judah, and prevailed against them, and took away all the store which they found in the house of the king, and his sons, and his daughters; and there was no son left to him but Ahaziah the youngest of his sons.

18 And after all these things the Lord smote him in the bowels with an incurable disease.

19 And it continued from day to day: and when the time of the days came to two years, his bowels fell out with the disease, and he died by a grievous distemper: and his people performed no funeral, like the funeral of his fathers.

20 He was thirty and two years old when he began to reign, and he reigned eight years in Jerusalem. And he departed without honour, and was buried in the city of David, but not in the tombs of the kings.

Chapter 22

1 And the inhabitants of Jerusalem made Ahaziah his youngest son king in his stead: for the band of robbers that came against them, even the Arabians and the Alimazonians, had slain all the elder ones. So Ahaziah son of Jehoram king of Judah reigned.

2 Ahaziah began to reign when he was twenty years old, and he reigned one year in Jerusalem: and his mother's name was Gotholia, the daughter of Ambri.

3 And he walked in the way of the house of Achaab; for his mother was his counsellor to do evil.

4 And he did that which was evil in the sight of the Lord as the house of Achaab had done: for they were his counsellors after the death of his father to his destruction.

5 And he walked in their counsels, and he went with Jehoram son of Achaab king of Israel to war against Azael king of Syria to Ramoth Gilead: and the archers smote Jehoram.

6 And Jehoram returned to Jezreel to be healed of the wounds wherewith the Syrians smote him in Ramoth, when he fought against Azael king of Syria. And Ahaziah son of Jehoram, king of Judah, went down to see Jehoram the son of Achaab at Jezreel because he was sick.

7 And destruction from God came upon Ahaziah in his coming to Jehoram; for when he had come, Jehoram went out with him against Jeu the son of Namessei, the anointed of the Lord against the house of Achaab.

8 And it came to pass, when Jeu was taking vengeance on the house of Achaab, that he found the princes of Judah and the brethren of Ahaziah ministering to Ahaziah, and he slew them.

9 And he gave orders to seek Ahaziah: and they took him while he was healing his wounds in Samaria, and they brought him to Jeu, and he slew him; and they buried him, for they said, He is the son of Jehoshaphat, who sought the Lord with all his heart. So there was none in the house of Ahaziah to secure their power in the kingdom.

10 And Gotholia the mother of Ahaziah saw that her son was dead, and she arose and destroyed all the seed royal in the house of Judah.

11 But Josabeeth, the daughter of the king, took Joas the son of Ahaziah and rescued him secretly out of the midst of the sons of the king that were put to death, and she placed him and his nurse in a bedchamber. So Josabeeth daughter of king Jehoram, sister of Ahaziah, wife of Jodae the priest, hid him, and she even hid him from Gotholia, and she did not slay him.

12 And he was with him hid in the house of God six years; and Gotholia reigned over the land.

Chapter 23

1 And in the eighth year Jodae strengthened himself, and took the captains of hundreds, Azarias the son of Jehoram, and Ishmael the son of Joanan, and Azarias the son of Obed, and Maasæas the son of Adia, and Elisaphan the son of Zechariah, with him into the house of the Lord.

2 And they went round about Judah, and gathered the Levites out of all the cities of Judah, and heads of the families of Israel, and they came to Jerusalem.

3 And all the congregation of Judah made a covenant with the king in the house of God. And he shewed them the king's son, and said to them, Lo, let the king's son reign, as the Lord said concerning the house of David.

4 Now this is the thing which you shall do. Let a third part of you, even of the priests and of the Levites, enter in on the sabbath, even into the gates of the entrances;

5 and let a third part be in the house of the king; and another third at the middle gate: and all the people in the courts of the Lord's house.

6 And let not any one enter into the house of the Lord, except the priests and the Levites, and the servants of the Levites; they shall enter in, because they are holy: and let all the people keep the watch of the Lord.

7 And the Levites shall compass the king round about, every man's weapon in his hand; and whoever else goes into the house shall die: but they shall be with the king when he goes out, and when he comes in.

8 And the Levites and all Judah did according to all that the priest Jodae commanded them, and they took each his men from the beginning of the sabbath to the end of the sabbath, for Jodae the priest did not dismiss the courses.

9 And Jodae gave to the men the swords, and the shields, and the arms, which had belonged to king David, in the house of God.

10 And he set the whole people, every man with his arms, from the right side of the house to the left side of the altar and the house, over against the king round about.

11 And he brought out the king's son, and put on him the crown and the testimony, and Jodae the priest and his sons proclaimed him king, and anointed him, and said, Long live the king!

12 And Gotholia heard the sound of the people running, and acknowledging and praising the king: and she went in to the king into the house of the Lord.

13 And she looked, and, behold, the king stood in his place, and the princes and trumpets were at the entrance, and the princes were round the king: and all the people of the land rejoiced, and sounded the trumpets, and there were the singers singing with instruments, and singing hymns of praise. And Gotholia rent her robe, and cried, You surely are plotting against me.

14 And Jodae the priest went forth, and Jodae the priest charged the captains of hundreds, even the captains of the host, and said to them, Thrust her forth outside the house, and follow her, and let her be slain with the sword. For the priest said, Let her not be slain in the house of the Lord.

15 So they let her go out; and she went through the horsemen's gate of the house of the king, and they slew her there.

16 And Jodae made a covenant between himself, and the people, and the king, that the people should be the Lord's.

17 And all the people of the land went into the house of Baal, and tore down it and its altars, and they ground his images to powder, and they slew Matthan the priest of Baal before his altars.

18 And Jodae the priest committed the works of the house of the Lord into the hand of the priests and Levites, and he re-established the courses of the priests and Levites which David appointed over the house of the Lord, and he appointed them to offer whole-burnt-offerings to the Lord, as it is written in the law of Moses, with gladness, and with songs by the hand of David.

19 And the porters stood at the gates of the house of the Lord, that no one unclean in any respect should enter in.

20 And he took the heads of families, and the mighty men, and the chiefs of the people, and all the people of the land, and they conducted the king into the house of the Lord; and he went through the inner gate into the king's house, and they seated the king on the throne of the kingdom.

21 And all the people of the land rejoiced; and the city was quiet: and they slew Gotholia.

Chapter 24

1 Joas was seven years old when he began to reign, and he reigned forty years in Jerusalem: and his mother's name was Sabia of Beersabee.

2 And Joas did that which was right in the sight of the Lord all the days of Jodae the priest.

3 And Jodae took to himself two wives, and they bore sons and daughters.

4 And it came to pass afterward that it came into the heart of Joas to repair the house of the Lord.

5 And he gathered the priests and the Levites, and said to them, Go out into the cities of Judah, and collect money of all Israel to repair the house of the Lord from year to year, and make haste to speak of it. But the Levites hasted not.

6 And king Joas called Jodae the chief, and said to him, Why have you not looked after the Levites, so that they should bring from Judah and Jerusalem that which was

prescribed by Moses the man of God, when he assembled Israel at the tabernacle of witness?

7 For Gotholia was a transgressor, and her sons tore down the house of God; for they offered the holy things of the house of the Lord to Baalim.

8 And the king said, Let a box be made, and let it be put at the gate of the house of the Lord without.

9 And let men proclaim in Judah and in Jerusalem, that the people should bring to the Lord, as Moses the servant of God spoke concerning Israel in the wilderness.

10 And all the princes and all the people gave, and brought in, and cast into the box until it was filled.

11 And it came to pass, when they brought in the box to the officers of the king by the hand of the Levites, and when they saw that the money was more than sufficient, then came the king's scribe, and the officer of the high priest, and emptied the box, and restored it to its place. Thus they did day by day, and collected much money.

12 And the king and Jodae the priest gave it to the workmen employed in the service of the house of the Lord, and they hired masons and carpenters to repair the house of the Lord, also smiths and braziers to repair the house of the Lord.

13 And the workmen wrought, and the works prospered in their hands, and they established the house of the Lord on its foundation, and strengthened it.

14 And when they had finished it, they brought to the king and to Jodae the remainder of the money, and they made vessels for the house of the Lord, vessels of service for whole-burnt-offerings, and gold and silver censers: and they offered up whole-burnt-offerings in the house of the Lord continually all the days of Jodae.

15 And Jodae grew old, being full of days, and he died, being a hundred and thirty years old at his death.

16 And they buried him with the kings in the city of David, because he had dealt well with Israel, and with God and his house.

17 And it came to pass after the death of Jodae, that the princes of Judah went in, and did obeisance to the king. Then the king hearkened to them.

18 And they forsook the house of the Lord God of their fathers, and served the Astartes and idols: and there was wrath upon Judah and Jerusalem in that day.

19 Yet he sent prophets to them, to turn them to the Lord; but they hearkened not: and he testified to them, but they obeyed not.

20 And the Spirit of God came upon Azarias the son of Jodae the priest, and he stood up above the people, and said, Thus says the Lord, Why do you transgress the commandments of the Lord? so shall you not prosper; for you have forsaken the Lord, and he will forsake you.

21 And they conspired against him, and stoned him by command of king Joas in the court of the Lord's house.

22 So Joas remembered not the kindness which his father Jodae had exercised towards him, but slew his son. And as he died, he said, The Lord look upon it, and judge.

23 And it came to pass after the end of the year, that the host of Syria went up against him, and came against Judah and Jerusalem: and they slew all the chiefs of the people among the people, and all their spoils they sent to the king of Damascus.

24 For the army of Syria came with few men, yet God gave into their hands a very large army, because they had forsaken the God of their fathers; and he brought judgments on Joas.

25 And after they had departed from him, when they had left him in sore diseases, then his servants conspired against him because of the blood of the son of Jodae the priest, and slew him on his bed, and he died, and they buried him in the city of David, but they buried him not in the sepulchre of the kings.

26 And they that conspired against him were Zabed the son of Samaath the Ammanite, and Jozabed the son of Samareth the Moabite.

27 And all his sons, and the five came to him: and the other matters, behold, they are written in the book of the kings. And Amaziah his son reigned in his stead.

Chapter 25

1 Amaziah began to reign when he was twenty and five years old, and he reigned twenty-nine years in Jerusalem; and his mother's name was Joadaen of Jerusalem.

2 And he did that which was right in the sight of the Lord, but not with a perfect heart.

3 And it came to pass, when the kingdom was established in his hand, that he slew his servants who had slain the king his father.

4 But he slew not their sons, according to the covenant of the law of the Lord, as it is written, and as the Lord commanded, saying, The fathers shall not die for the children, and the sons shall not die for the fathers, but they shall die each for his own sin.

5 And Amaziah assembled the house of Judah, and appointed them according to the houses of their families for captains of thousands and captains of hundreds in all Judah and Jerusalem: and he numbered them from twenty years old and upwards, and found them three hundred thousand able to go out to war, holding spear and shield.

6 Also he hired of Israel a hundred thousand mighty men for a hundred talents of silver.

7 And there came a man of God to him, saying, O king, let not the host of Israel go with you; for the Lord is not with Israel, even all the sons of Ephraim.

8 For if you shall undertake to strengthen yourself with these, then the Lord shall put you to flight before the enemies: for it is of the Lord both to strengthen and to put to flight.

9 And Amaziah said to the man of God, But what shall I do for the hundred talents which I have given to the army of Israel? And the man of God said, The Lord can give you much more than these.

10 And Amaziah separated from the army that came to him from Ephraim, that they might go away to their place; and they were very angry with Judah, and they returned to their place with great wrath.

11 And Amaziah strengthened himself, and took his people, and went to the valley of salt, and smote there the children of Seir ten thousand.

12 And the children of Judah took ten thousand prisoners, and they carried them to the top of the precipice, and cast them headlong from the top of the precipice, and they were all dashed to pieces.

13 And the men of the host whom Amaziah sent back so that they should not go with him to battle, went and attacked the cities of Judah, from Samaria to Bæthoron; and they smote three thousand among them, and took much spoil.

14 And it came to pass, after Amaziah had returned from smiting Edom, that he brought home the gods of the children of Seir, and set them up for himself as gods, and bowed down before them, and he sacrificed to them.

15 And the anger of the Lord came upon Amaziah, and he sent him a prophet, and he said to him, Why have you sought the gods of the people, which have not rescued their own people out of yours hand?

16 And it came to pass when the prophet was speaking to him, that he said to him, Have I made you king's counsellor? take heed lest you be scourged: and the prophet forebore, and said, I know that God is disposed against you to destroy you, because you have done this thing, and have not hearkened to my counsel.

17 And Amaziah king of Judah took counsel, and sent to Joas, son of Jehoahaz, son of Jeu, king of Israel, saying, Come, and let us look one another in the face.

18 And Joas king of Israel sent to Amaziah king of Judah, saying, The thistle that was in Lebanon sent to the cedar that was in Lebanon, saying, Give your daughter to my son to wife; but, behold, the wild beasts of the field that are in Lebanon shall come: and the wild beasts did come, and trod down the thistle.

19 You have said, Behold, I have smitten Edom, and your stout heart exalts you: now stay at home; for why do you implicate yourself in mischief, that you should fall, and Judah with you?

20 Nevertheless Amaziah hearkened not, for it was of the Lord to deliver him into the enemy's hands, because he sought after the gods of the Idumeans.

21 So Joas king of Israel went up; and they saw one another, he and Amaziah king of Judah, in Bæthsamys, which is of Judah.

22 And Judah was put to flight before Israel, and they fled every man to his tent.

23 And Joas king of Israel took prisoner Amaziah king of Judah, son of Joas, son of Jehoahaz, in Bæthsamys, and brought him to Jerusalem; and he pulled down part of the wall of Jerusalem from the gate of Ephraim to the corner gate, four hundred cubits.

24 And he took all the gold and the silver, and all the vessels that were found in the house of the Lord and with Abdedom, and the treasures of the king's house, and the hostages, and he returned to Samaria.

25 And Amaziah the son of Joas king of Judah lived after the death of Joas the son of Jehoahaz king of Israel fifteen years.

26 And the rest of the acts of Amaziah, the first and the last, lo! are they not written in the book of the kings of Judah and Israel?

27 And at the time when Amaziah departed from the Lord, then they formed a conspiracy against him; and he fled from Jerusalem to Lachis: and they sent after him to Lachis, and slew him there.

28 And they took him up on horses, and buried him with his fathers in the city of David.

Chapter 26

1 Then all the people of the land took Uzziah, and he was sixteen years old, and they made him king in the room of his father Amaziah.

2 He built Ælath, he recovered it to Judah, after the king slept with his fathers.

3 Uzziah began to reign at the age of sixteen years, and he reigned fifty-two years in Jerusalem: and his mother's name was Jechelia of Jerusalem.

4 And he did that which was right in the sight of the Lord, according to all that Amaziah his father did.

5 And he sought the Lord in the days of Zechariah, who understood the fear of the Lord; and in his days he sought the Lord, and the Lord prospered him.

6 And he went out and fought against the Philistines, and pulled down the walls of Gath, and the walls of Jabner, and the walls of Ashdod, and he built cities near Ashdod, and among the Philistines.

7 And the Lord strengthened him against the Philistines, and against the Arabians that dwelt on the rock, and against the Minæans.

8 And the Minæans gave gifts to Uzziah; and his fame spread as far as the entering in of Egypt, for he strengthened himself exceedingly.

9 And Uzziah built towers in Jerusalem, both at the gate of the corner and at the valley gate, and at the corners, and he fortified them.

10 And he built towers in the wilderness, and dug many wells, for he had many cattle in the low country and in the plain; and vinedressers in the mountain country and in Carmel: for he was a husbandman.

11 And Uzziah had a host of warriors, and that went out orderly to war, and returned orderly in number; and their number was made by the hand of Jeiel the scribe, and Maasias the judge, by the hand of Ananias the king's deputy.

12 The whole number of the chiefs of families of the mighty men of war was two thousand six hundred;

13 and with them was a warrior force, three hundred thousand and seven thousand and five hundred: these waged war mightily to help the king against his enemies.

14 And Uzziah prepared for them, even for all the host, shields, and spears, and helmets, and breastplates, and bows, and slings for stones.

15 And he made in Jerusalem machines invented by a wise contriver, to be upon the towers and upon the corners, to cast darts and great stones: and the fame of their preparation was heard at a distance; for he was wonderfully helped, till he was strong.

16 And when he was strong, his heart was lifted up to his destruction; and he transgressed against the Lord his God, and went into the temple of the Lord to burn incense on the altar of incense.

17 And there went in after him Azarias the priest, and with him eighty priests of the Lord, mighty men.

18 And they withstood Uzziah the king, and said to him, It is not for you, Uzziah, to burn incense to the Lord, but only for the priests the sons of Aaron, who are consecrated to sacrifice: go forth of the sanctuary, for you have departed from the Lord; and this shall not be for glory to you from the Lord God.

19 And Uzziah was angry, and in his hand was the censer to burn incense in the temple: and when he was angry with the priests, then the leprosy rose up in his forehead before the priests in the house of the Lord, over the altar of incense.

20 And Azarias the chief priest, and the other priests, turned to look at him, and, behold, he was leprous in his forehead; and they got him hastily out thence, for he also hasted to go out, because the Lord had rebuked him.

21 And Uzziah the king was a leper to the day of his death, and he dwelt as a leper in a separate house; for he was cut off from the house of the Lord: and Joathan his son was set over his kingdom, judging the people of the land.

22 And the rest of the acts of Uzziah, the first and the last, are written by Jessias the prophet.

23 And Uzziah slept with his fathers, and they buried him with his fathers in the field of the burial place of the kings, for they said, He is a leper; and Jotham his son reigned in his stead.

Chapter 27

1 Jotham was twenty and five years old when he began to reign, and he reigned sixteen years in Jerusalem: and his mother's name was Jerusa, daughter of Sadoc.

2 And he did that which was right in the sight of the Lord, according to all that his father Uzziah did: but he went not into the temple of the Lord. And still the people corrupted themselves.

3 He built the high gate of the house of the Lord, and he built much in the wall of Opel.

4 In the mountain of Judah, and in the woods, he built both dwelling-places and towers.

5 He fought against the king of the children of Ammon, and prevailed against him: and the children of Ammon gave him even annually a hundred talents of silver, and ten thousand measures of wheat, and ten thousand of barley. These the king of the children of Ammon brought to him annually in the first and second and third years.

6 Jotham grew strong, because he prepared his ways before the Lord his God.

7 And the rest of the acts of Jotham, and his war, and his deeds, behold, they are written in the book of the kings of Judah and Israel.

9 And Jotham slept with his fathers, and was buried in the city of David: and Ahaz his son reigned in his stead.

Chapter 28

1 Ahaz was five and twenty years old when he began to reign, and he reigned sixteen years in Jerusalem: and he did not that which was right in the sight of the Lord, as David his father.

2 But he walked in the ways of the kings of Israel, for he made graven images.

3 And he sacrificed to their idols in the valley of Benennom, and passed his children through the fire, according to the abominations of the heathen, whom the Lord cast out from before the children of Israel.

4 And he burnt incense upon the high places, and upon the roofs, and under every shady tree.

5 And the Lord his God delivered him into the hand of the king of Syria; and he smote him, and took captive of them a great band of prisoners, and carried him to Damascus. Also God delivered him into the hands of the king of Israel, who smote him with a great slaughter.

6 And Phakee the son of Romelias king of Israel, slew in Judah in one day a hundred and twenty thousand mighty men; because they had forsaken the Lord God of their fathers.

7 And Zechri, a mighty man of Ephraim, slew Maasias the king's son, and Ezrican the chief of his house, and Elcana the king's deputy.

8 And the children of Israel took captive of their brethren three hundred thousand, women, and sons, and daughters, and they spoiled them of much property, and brought the spoils to Samaria.

9 And there was there a prophet of the Lord, his name was Oded: and he went out to meet the host that were coming to Samaria, and said to them, Behold, the wrath of the Lord God of your fathers is upon Judah, and he has delivered them into your hands, and you have slain them in wrath, and it has reached even to heaven.

10 And now you talk of keeping the children of Judah and Jerusalem for servants and handmaidens. Lo, am I not with you to testify for the Lord your God?

11 And now hearken to me, and restore the prisoners of your brethren whom you have taken: for the fierce anger of the Lord is upon you.

12 And the chiefs of the sons of Ephraim rose up, Udias the son of Joanas, and Barachias the son of Mosolamoth, and Hezekiah the son of Sellem, and Amaziah the son of Eldai, against those that came from the war,

13 and said to them, You shall not bring in hither the prisoners to us, for whereas sin against the Lord is upon us, you mean to add to our sins, and to our trespass: for our sin is great, and the fierce anger of the Lord is upon Israel.

14 So the warriors left the prisoners and the spoils before the princes and all the congregation.

15 And the men who were called by name rose up, and took hold of the prisoners, and clothed all the naked from the spoils, and gave them garments and shoes, and gave them food to eat, and oil to anoint themselves with, and they helped also every one that was weak with asses, and placed them in Jericho, the city of palm-trees, with their brethren; and they returned to Samaria.

16 At that time king Ahaz sent to the king of Assyria to help him, and on this occasion,

17 because the Idumæans had attacked him, and smitten Judah, and taken a number of prisoners.

18 Also the Philistines had made an attack on the cities of the plain country, and the cities of the south of Judah, and taken Bæthsamys, and [the things in the house of the Lord, and the things in the house of the king, and of the princes: and they gave to the king] Ælon, and Galero, and Socho and her villages, and Timnah and her villages, and Gamzo and her villages: and they dwelt there.

19 For the Lord humbled Judah because of Ahaz king of Judah, because he grievously departed from the Lord.

20 And there came against him Thalgaphellasar king of Assyria, and he afflicted him.

21 And Ahaz took the things that were in the house of the Lord, and the things in the house of the king, and of the princes, and gave them to the king of Assyria: but he was no help to him,

22 but only troubled him in his affliction: and he departed yet more from the Lord, and king Ahaz said,

23 I will seek after the gods of Damascus that smite me. And he said, Forasmuch as the gods of the king of Syria themselves strengthen them, therefore will I sacrifice to them, and they will help me. But they became a stumbling-block to him, and to all Israel.

24 And Ahaz removed the vessels of the house of the Lord, and cut them in pieces, and shut the doors of the house of the Lord, and made to himself altars in every corner in Jerusalem:

25 and in each several city in Judah he made high places to burn incense to strange gods: and they provoked the Lord God of their fathers.

26 And the rest of his acts, and his deeds, the first and the last, behold, they are written in the book of the kings of Judah and Israel.

27 And Ahaz slept with his fathers, and was buried in the city of David; for they did not bring him into the sepulchres of the kings of Israel: and Hezekiah his son reigned in his stead.

Chapter 29

1 And Hezekiah began to reign at the age of twenty-five years, and he reigned twenty-nine years in Jerusalem: and his mother's name was Abijah, daughter of Zechariah.

2 And he did that which was right in the sight of the Lord, according to all that his father David had done.

3 And it came to pass, when he was established over his kingdom, in the first month, he opened the doors of the house of the Lord, and repaired them.

4 And he brought in the priests and the Levites, and put them on the east side,

5 and said to them, Hear, you Levites: now sanctify yourselves, and sanctify the house of the Lord God of your fathers, and cast out the impurity from the holy places.

6 For our fathers have revolted, and done that which was evil before the Lord our God, and have forsaken him, and have turned away their face from the tabernacle of the Lord, and have turned their back.

7 And they have shut up the doors of the temple, and put out the lamps, and have not burnt incense, and have not offered whole-burnt-offerings in the holy place to the God of Israel.

8 And the Lord was very angry with Judah and Jerusalem, and made them an astonishment, and a desolation, and a hissing, as you see with your eyes.

9 And, behold, your fathers have been smitten with the sword, and your sons and your daughters and your wives are in captivity in a land not their own, as it is even now.

10 Therefore it is now in my heart to make a covenant, a covenant with the Lord God of Israel, that he may turn away his fierce wrath from us.

11 And now be not wanting to your duty, for the Lord has chosen you to stand before him to minister, and to be ministers and burners of incense to him.

12 Then the Levites rose up, Maath the son of Amasi, and Joel the son of Azarias, of the sons of Caath: and of the sons of Merari, Kis the son of Abdi, and Azarias the son of Ilaelel: and of the sons of Gedsoni, Jodaad the son of Zemmath, and Joadam: these were the sons of Joacha.

13 And of the sons of Elisaphan; Zambri, and Jeiel: and of the sons of Asaph; Zechariah, and Matthanias:

14 and of the sons of Æman; Jeiel, and Semei: and of the sons of Idithun; Samaias, and Oziel.

15 And they gathered their brethren, and they purified themselves according to the king's command by the order of the Lord, to purify the house of the Lord.

16 And the priests entered into the house of the Lord, to purify it, and they cast out all the uncleanness that was found in the house of the Lord, even into the court of the house of the Lord: and the Levites received it to cast into the brook of Kedron without.

17 And Hezekiah began on the first day, even on the new moon of the first month, to purify, and on the eighth day of the month they entered into the temple of the Lord: and they purified the house of the Lord in eight days; and on the thirteenth day of the first month they finished the work.

18 And they went in to king Hezekiah, and said, We have purified all the things in the house of the Lord, the altar of whole-burnt-offering, and its vessels, and the table of shew-bread, and its vessels;

19 and all the vessels which king Ahaz polluted in his reign, in his apostacy, we have prepared and purified: behold, they are before the altar of the Lord.

20 And king Hezekiah rose early in the morning, and gathered the chief men of the city, and went up to the house of the Lord.

21 And he brought seven calves, seven rams, seven lambs, seven kids of goats for a sin-offering, for the kingdom, and for the holy things, and for Israel: and he told the priests the sons of Aaron to go up to the altar of the Lord.

22 And they slew the calves, and the priests received the blood, and poured it on the altar: and they slew the rams, and poured the blood upon the altar: also they slew the lambs, and poured the blood round the altar.

23 And they brought the goats for a sin-offering before the king and the congregation; and laid their hands upon them.

24 And the priests slew them, and offered their blood as a propitiation on the altar; and they made atonement for all Israel: for the king said, The whole-burnt-offering, and the sin-offerings are for all Israel.

25 And he stationed the Levites in the house of the Lord with cymbals, and lutes, and harps, according to the commandment of king David, and of Gad the king's seer, and Nathan the prophet: for by the commandment of the Lord the order was in the hand of the prophets.

26 And the Levites stood with the instruments of David, and the priests with the trumpets.

27 And Hezekiah told them to offer up the whole-burnt-offering on the altar: and when they began to offer the whole-burnt-offering, they began to sing to the Lord, and the trumpets accompanied the instruments of David king of Israel.

28 And all the congregation worshipped, and the psalm-singers were singing, and the trumpets sounding, until the whole-burnt-sacrifice had been completely offered.

29 And when they had done offering it, the king and all that were present bowed, and worshipped.

30 And king Hezekiah and the princes told the Levites to sing hymns to the Lord in the words of David, and of Asaph the prophet: and they sang hymns with gladness, and fell down and worshipped.

31 Then Hezekiah answered and said, Now you have consecrated yourselves to the Lord, bring near and offer sacrifices of praise in the house of the Lord. And the congregation brought sacrifices and thank-offerings into

the house of the Lord; and every one who was ready in his heart brought whole-burnt-offerings.

32 And the number of the whole-burnt-offerings which the congregation brought, was seventy calves, a hundred rams, two hundred lambs: all these were for a whole-burnt-offering to the Lord.

33 And the consecrated calves were six hundred, and the sheep three thousand.

34 But the priests were few, and could not flay the whole-burnt-offering, so their brethren the Levites helped them, until the work was finished, and until the priests had purified themselves: for the Levites more zealously purified themselves than the priests.

35 And the whole-burnt-offering was abundant, with the fat of the complete peace-offering, and the drink-offerings of the whole-burnt-sacrifice. So the service was established in the house of the Lord.

36 And Hezekiah and all the people rejoiced, because God had prepared the people: for the thing was done suddenly.

Chapter 30

1 And Hezekiah sent to all Israel and Judah, and wrote letters to Ephraim and Manasseh, that they should come into the house of the Lord to Jerusalem, to keep the passover to the Lord God of Israel.

2 For the king, and the princes, and all the congregation in Jerusalem, designed to keep the passover in the second month.

3 For they could not keep it at that time, because a sufficient number of priests had not purified themselves, and the people was not gathered to Jerusalem.

4 And the proposal pleased the king and the congregation.

5 And they established a decree that a proclamation should go through all Israel, from Beersheba to Dan, that they should come and keep the passover to the Lord God of Israel at Jerusalem: for the multitude had not done it lately according to the scripture.

6 And the posts went with the letters from the king and the princes to all Israel and Judah, according to the command of the king, saying, Children of Israel, return to the Lord God of Abraam, and Isaac, and Israel, and bring back them that have escaped even those that were left of the hand of the king of Assyria.

7 And be not as your fathers, and your brethren, who revolted from the Lord God of their fathers, and he gave them up to desolation, as you see.

8 And now harden not your hearts, as your fathers did: give glory to the Lord God, and enter into his sanctuary, which he has sanctified for ever: and serve the Lord your God, and he shall turn away his fierce anger from you.

9 For when you turn to the Lord, your brethren and your children shall be pitied before all that have carried them captives, and he will restore you to this land: for the Lord our God is merciful and pitiful, and will not turn away his face from you, if we return to him.

10 So the posts went through from city to city in mount Ephraim, and Manasseh, and as far as Zebulun: and they as it were laughed them to scorn, and mocked them.

11 But the men of Aser, and some of Manasseh and of Zebulun, were ashamed, and came to Jerusalem and Judah.

12 And the hand of the Lord was present to give them one heart to come, to do according to the commands of the king and of the princes, by the word of the Lord.

13 And a great multitude were gathered to Jerusalem to keep the feast of unleavened bread in the second month, a very great congregation.

14 And they arose, and took away the altars that were in Jerusalem, and all on which they burnt incense to false gods they tore down and cast into the brook Kedron.

15 Then they killed the passover on the fourteenth day of the second month: and the priests and the Levites repented, and purified themselves, and brought whole-burnt-offerings into the house of the Lord.

16 And they stood at their post, according to their ordinance, according to the commandment of Moses the man of God: and the priests received the blood from the hand of the Levites.

17 For a great part of the congregation was not sanctified; and the Levites were ready to kill the passover for every one who could not sanctify himself to the Lord.

18 For the greatest part of the people of Ephraim, and Manasseh, and Issachar, and Zebulun, had not purified themselves, but ate the passover contrary to the scripture. On this account also Hezekiah prayed concerning them, saying,

19 The good Lord be merciful with regard to every heart that sincerely seeks the Lord God of their fathers, and is not purified according to the purification of the sanctuary.

20 And the Lord hearkened to Hezekiah, and healed the people.

21 And the children of Israel who were present in Jerusalem kept the feast of unleavened bread seven days with great joy; and they continued to sing hymns to the Lord daily, and the priests and the Levites played on instruments to the Lord.

22 And Hezekiah encouraged all the Levites, and those that had good understanding of the Lord: and they completely kept the feast of unleavened bread seven days, offering peace-offerings, and confessing to the Lord God of their fathers.

23 And the congregation purposed together to keep other seven days: and they kept seven days with gladness.

24 For Hezekiah set apart for Judah, even for the congregation, a thousand calves and seven thousand sheep; and the princes set apart for the people a thousand calves and ten thousand sheep: and the holy things of the priests abundantly.

25 And all the congregation, the priests and the Levites, rejoiced, and all the congregation of Judah, and they that were present of Jerusalem, and the strangers that came from the land of Israel, and the dwellers in Judah.

26 And there was great joy in Jerusalem: from the days of Solomon the son of David king of Israel there was not such a feast in Jerusalem.

27 Then the priests the Levites rose up and blessed the people: and their voice was heard, and their prayer came into his holy dwelling-place, even into heaven.

Chapter 31

1 And when all these things were finished, all Israel that were found in the cities of Judah went out, and broke in pieces the pillars, and cut down the groves, and tore down the high places and the altars out of all Judea and Benjamin, also of Ephraim and Manasseh, till they made an end: and all Israel returned, every one to his inheritance, and to their cities.

2 And Hezekiah appointed the courses of the priests and the Levites, and the courses of each one according to his ministry, to the priests and to the Levites, for the whole-burnt-offering, and for the peace-offering, and to praise, and to give thanks, and to minister in the gates and in the courts of the house of the Lord.

3 And the king's proportion out of his substance was appointed for the whole-burnt-offerings, the morning and the evening one, and the whole-burnt-offerings for the sabbaths, and for the new moons, and for the feasts that were ordered in the law of the Lord.

4 And they told the people who dwelt in Jerusalem, to give the portion of the priests and the Levites, that they might be strong in the ministry of the house of the Lord.

5 And as he gave the command, Israel brought abundantly first-fruits of corn, and wine, and oil, and honey, and every fruit of the field: and the children of Israel and Judah brought tithes of everything abundantly.

6 And they that dwelt in the cities of Judah themselves also brought tithes of calves and sheep, and tithes of goats, and consecrated them to the Lord their God, and they brought them and laid them in heaps.

7 In the third month the heaps began to be piled, and in the seventh month they were finished.

8 And Hezekiah and the princes came and saw the heaps, and blessed the Lord, and his people Israel.

9 Then Hezekiah enquired of the priests and the Levites concerning the heaps.

10 And Azarias the priest, the chief over the house of Sadoc, spoke to him, and said, From the time that the first-fruits began to be brought into the house of the Lord, we have eaten and drunk, and left even abundantly; for the Lord has blessed his people, and we have left to this amount.

11 And Hezekiah told them yet farther to prepare chambers for the house of the Lord; and they prepared them,

12 and they brought thither the first-fruits and the tithes faithfully: and Chonenias the Levite was superintendent over them, and Semei his brother was next.

13 And Jeiel, and Uzziah, and Naeth, and Asael, and Jerimoth, and Jozabad, and Eliel, and Samachia, and Maath, and Banaias, and his sons, were appointed by Chonenias and Semei his brother, as Hezekiah the king, and Azarias who was over the house of the Lord commanded.

14 And Korah, the son of Jemna the Levite, the porter eastward, was over the gifts, to distribute the first-fruits of the Lord, and the most holy things,

15 by the hand of Odom, and Benjamin, and Jesus, and Semei, and Amarias, and Sechonias, by the hand of the priests faithfully, to give to their brethren according to the courses, as well to great as small;

16 besides the increase of males from three years old and upward, to every one entering into the house of the Lord, a portion according to a daily rate, for service in the daily courses of their order.

17 This is the distribution of the priests according to the houses of their families; and the Levites in their daily courses from twenty years old and upward were in their order,

18 to assign stations for all the increase of their sons and their daughters, for the whole number: for they faithfully sanctified the holy place.

19 As for the sons of Aaron that executed the priests' office,—even those from their cities, the men in each several city who were named expressly,— were appointed to give a portion to every male among the priests, and to every one reckoned among the Levites.

20 And Hezekiah did so through all Judah, and did that which was good and right before the Lord his God.

21 And in every work which he began in service in the house of the Lord, and in the law, and in the ordinances, he sought his God with all his soul, and wrought, and prospered.

Chapter 32

1 And after these things and this faithful dealing, came Sennacherim king of the Assyrians, and he came to Judah, and encamped against the fortified cities, and intended to take them for himself.

2 And Hezekiah saw that Sennacherim was come, and that his face was set to fight against Jerusalem.

3 And he took counsel with his elders and his mighty men to stop the wells of water which were without the city: and they helped him.

4 And he collected many people, and stopped the wells of water, and the river that flowed through the city, saying, Lest the king of Assyria come, and find much water, and strengthen himself.

5 And Hezekiah strengthened himself, and built all the wall that had been pulled down, and the towers, and another wall in front without, and fortified the strong place of the city of David, and prepared arms in abundance.

6 And he appointed captains of war over the people, and they were gathered to meet him to the open place of the gate of the valley, and he encouraged them, saying,

7 Be strong and courageous, and fear not, neither be dismayed before the king of Assyria, and before all the nation that is with him: for there are more with us than with him.

8 With him are arms of flesh; but with us is the Lord our God to save us, and to fight our battle. And the people were encouraged at the words of Hezekiah king of Judah.

9 And afterward Sennacherim king of the Assyrians sent his servants to Jerusalem; and he went himself against Lachis, and all his army with him, and sent to Hezekiah king of Judah, and to all Judah that was in Jerusalem, saying,

10 Thus says Sennacherim king of the Assyrians, On what do you trust, that you will remain in the siege in Jerusalem?

11 Does not Hezekiah deceive you, to deliver you to death and famine and thirst, saying, The Lord our God will deliver us out of the hand of the king of Assyria?

12 Is not this Hezekiah who has taken down his altars and his high places, and has spoken to Judah and the dwellers in Jerusalem, saying, You shall worship before this altar, and burn incense upon it?

13 Know you not what I and my fathers have done to all the nations of the countries? Could the gods of the nations of all the earth at all rescue their people out of my hand?

14 Who is there among all the gods of those nations whom my fathers utterly destroyed, worthy of trust? Could they deliver their people out of my hand, that your God should deliver you out of my hand?

15 Now then, let not Hezekiah deceive you, and let him not make you thus confident, and believe him not: for no god of any kingdom or nation is at all able to deliver his people out of my hand, or the hand of my fathers: therefore your God shall not deliver you out of my hand.

16 And his servants continued to speak against the Lord God, and against his servant Hezekiah.

17 And he wrote a letter to reproach the Lord God of Israel, and spoke concerning him, saying, As the gods of the nations of the earth have not delivered their people out of my hand, so the God of Hezekiah shall by no means deliver his people out of my hand.

18 And he cried with a loud voice in the Jews' language to the people of Jerusalem on the wall, calling them to assist them, and pull down the walls, that they might take the city.

19 And he spoke against the God of Jerusalem, even as against the gods of the nations of the earth, the works of the hands of men.

20 And king Hezekiah and Isaiah the prophet the son of Amos prayed concerning these things, and they cried to heaven.

21 And the Lord sent an angel, and he destroyed every mighty man and warrior, and leader and captain in the camp of the king of Assyria: and he returned with shame of face to his own land and came into the house of his god: and some of them that came out of his bowels slew him with the sword.

22 So the Lord delivered Hezekiah and the dwellers in Jerusalem out of the hand of Sennacherim king of Assyria, and out of the hand of all his enemies, and gave them rest round about.

23 And many brought gifts to the Lord to Jerusalem, and presents to Hezekiah king of Judah; and he was exalted in the eyes of all the nations after these things.

24 In those days Hezekiah was sick even to death, and prayed to the Lord: and he hearkened to him, and gave him a sign.

25 But Hezekiah did not recompense the Lord according to the return which he made him, but his heart was lifted up: and wrath came upon him, and upon Judah and Jerusalem.

26 And Hezekiah humbled himself after the exaltation of his heart, he and the dwellers in Jerusalem; and the wrath of the Lord did not come upon them in the days of Hezekiah.

27 And Hezekiah had wealth and very great glory: and he made for himself treasuries of gold, and silver, and precious stones, also for spices, and stores for arms, and for precious vessels;

28 and cities for the produce of corn, and wine, and oil; and stalls and mangers for every kind of cattle, and folds for flocks;

29 and cities which he built for himself, and store of sheep and oxen in abundance, for the Lord gave him a very great store.

30 The same Hezekiah stopped up the course of the water of Gion above, and brought the water down straight south of the city of David. And Hezekiah prospered in all his works.

31 Notwithstanding, in regard to the ambassadors of the princes of Babylon, who were sent to him to enquire of him concerning the prodigy which came upon the land, the Lord left him, to try him, to know what was in his heart.

32 And the rest of the acts of Hezekiah, and his kindness, behold, they are written in the prophecy of Isaiah the son of Amos the prophet, and in the book of the kings of Judah and Israel.

33 And Hezekiah slept with his fathers, and they buried him in a high place among the sepulchres of the sons of David: and all Judah and the dwellers in Jerusalem gave him glory and honour at his death. And Manasseh his son reigned in his stead.

Chapter 33

1 Manasseh was twelve years old when he began to reign, and he reigned fifty-five years in Jerusalem.

2 And he did that which was evil in the sight of the Lord, according to all the abominations of the heathen, whom the Lord destroyed from before the face of the children of Israel.

3 And he returned and built the high places, which his father Hezekiah had pulled down, and set up images to Baalim, and made groves, and worshipped all the host of heaven, and served them.

4 And he built altars in the house of the Lord, concerning which the Lord said, In Jerusalem shall be my name for ever.

5 And he built altars to all the host of heaven in the two courts of the house of the Lord.

6 He also passed his children through the fire in the valley of Benennom; and he divined, and used auspices, and sorceries, and appointed those who had divining spirits, and enchanters, and wrought abundant wickedness before the Lord, to provoke him.

7 And he set the graven image, the molten statue, the idol which he made, in the house of God, of which God had said to David and to Solomon his son, In this house, and Jerusalem, which I have chosen out of all the tribes of Israel, I will put my name for ever;

8 and I will not again remove the foot of Israel from the land which I gave to their fathers, if only they will take heed to do all things which I have commanded them, according to all the law and the ordinances and the judgments given by the hand of Moses.

9 So Manasseh led astray Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem, to do evil beyond all the nations which the Lord cast out from before the children of Israel.

10 And the Lord spoke to Manasseh, and to his people: but they hearkened not.

11 And the Lord brought upon them the captains of the host of the king of Assyria, and they took Manasseh in bonds, and bound him in fetters, and brought him to Babylon.

12 And when he was afflicted, he sought the face of the Lord his God, and was greatly humbled before the face of the God of his fathers;

13 and he prayed to him: and he hearkened to him, and listened to his cry, and brought him back to Jerusalem to his kingdom: and Manasseh knew that the Lord he is God.

14 And afterward he built a wall without the city of David, from the southwest southward in the valleys and at the entrance through the fish-gate, as men go out by the gate round about, even as far as Opel; and he raised it much, and set captains of the host in all the fortified cities in Judah.

15 And he removed the strange gods and the graven image out of the house of the Lord, and all the altars which he had built in the mount of the house of the Lord, and in Jerusalem, and without the city.

16 And he repaired the altar of the Lord, and offered upon it a sacrifice of peace-offering and thank-offering, and he told Judah to serve the Lord God of Israel.

17 Nevertheless the people still sacrificed on the high places, only to the Lord their God.

18 And the rest of the acts of Manasseh, and his prayer to God, and the words of the seers that spoke to him in the name of the God of Israel,

19 behold, they are in the account of his prayer; and God hearkened to him. And all his sins, and his backslidings, and the spots on which he built the high places, and set there groves and graven images, before he repented, behold, they are written in the books of the seers.

20 And Manasseh slept with his fathers, and they buried him in the garden of his house: and Amon his son reigned in his stead.

21 Amon was twenty and two years old when he began to reign, and he reigned two years in Jerusalem.

22 And he did that which was evil in the sight of the Lord, as his father Manasseh did: and Amon sacrificed to all the idols which his father Manasseh had made, and served them.

23 And he was not humbled before the Lord as his father Manasseh was humbled; for his son Amon abounded in transgression.

24 And his servants conspired against him, and slew him in his house.

25 And the people of the land slew the men who had conspired against king Amon; and the people of the land made Josiah his son king in his stead.

Chapter 34

1 Josiah was eight years old when he began to reign, and he reigned thirty-one years in Jerusalem.

2 And he did that which was right in the sight of the Lord, and walked in the ways of his father David, and turned not aside to the right hand or to the left.

3 And in the eighth year of his reign, and he being yet a youth, he began to seek the Lord God of his father David: and in the twelfth year of his reign he began to purge Judah and Jerusalem from the high places, and the groves, and the ornaments for the altars, and the molten images.

4 And he pulled down the altars of Baalim that were before his face, and the high places that were above them; and he cut down the groves, and the graven images, and broke in pieces the molten images, and reduced them to powder, and cast it upon the surface of the tombs of those who had sacrificed to them.

5 And he burnt the bones of the priests upon the altars, and purged Judah and Jerusalem.

6 And he did so in the cities of Manasseh, and Ephraim, and Simeon, and Naphtali, and the places round about them.

7 And he pulled down the altars and the groves, and he cut the idols in small pieces, and cut off all the high places from all the land of Israel, and returned to Jerusalem.

8 And in the eighteenth year of his reign, after having cleansed the land, and the house, he sent Saphan the son of Ezelias, and Maasa prefect of the city, and Juach son of Jehoahaz his recorder, to repair the house of the Lord his God.

9 And they came to Chelcias the high priest, and gave the money that was brought into the house of God, which the Levites who kept the gate collected of the hand of Manasseh and Ephraim, and of the princes, and of every one that was left in Israel, and of the children of Judah and Benjamin, and of the dwellers in Jerusalem.

10 And they gave it into the hand of the workmen, who were appointed in the house of the Lord, and they gave it to the workmen who wrought in the house of the Lord, to repair and strengthen the house.

11 They gave it also to the carpenters and builders, to buy squared stones, and timber for beams to cover the houses which the kings of Judah had destroyed.

12 And the men were faithfully engaged in the works: and over them were superintendents, Jeth and Abdias, Levites of the sons of Merari, and Zechariah and Mosollam, of the sons of Caath, appointed to oversee; and every Levite, and every one that understood how to play on musical instruments.

13 And overseers were over the burden-bearers, and over all the workmen in the respective works; and of the Levites were appointed scribes, and judges, and porters.

14 And when they brought forth the money that had been brought into the house of the Lord, Chelcias the priest found a book of the law of the Lord given by the hand of Moses.

15 And Chelcias answered and said to Saphan the scribe, I have found a book of the law in the house of the Lord. And Chelcias gave the book to Saphan.

16 And Saphan brought in the book to the king, and moreover gave an account to the king, saying, This is all the money given into the hand of your servants that work.

17 And they have collected the money that was found in the house of the Lord, and given it into the hand of the overseers, and into the hand of them that do the work.

18 And Saphan the scribe brought word to the king, saying, Chelcias the priest has given me a book. And Saphan read it before the king.

19 And it came to pass, when the king heard the words of the law, that he rent his garments.

20 And the king commanded Chelcias, and Achicam the son of Saphan, and Abdom the son of Michaias, and Saphan the scribe, and Asaia the servant of the king, saying,

21 Go, enquire of the Lord for me, and for every one that is left in Israel and Judah, concerning the words of the book that is found: for great is the wrath of the Lord which has been kindled amongst us, because our fathers have not hearkened to the words of the Lord, to do according to all the things written in this book.

22 And Chelcias went, and the others whom the king told, to Olda the prophetess, the wife of Sellem son of Thecoe, son of Aras, who kept the commandments; and she dwelt in Jerusalem in the second quarter: and they spoke to her accordingly.

23 And she said to them, Thus has the Lord God of Israel said, Tell the man who sent you to me,

24 Thus says the Lord, Behold, I bring evil upon this place, even all the words that are written in the book that was read before the king of Judah:

25 because they have forsaken me, and burnt incense to strange gods, that they might provoke me by all the works

of their hands; and my wrath is kindled against this place, and it shall not be quenched.

26 And concerning the king of Judah, who sent you to seek the Lord,—thus shall you say to him, Thus says the Lord God of Israel, As for the words which you have heard,

27 forasmuch as your heart was ashamed, and you were humbled before me when you heard my words against this place, and against the inhabitants of it, and you were humbled before me, and did rend your garments, and did weep before me; I also have heard, says the Lord.

28 Behold, I will gather you to your fathers, and you shall be gathered to your grave in peace, and your eyes shall not look upon all the evils which I am bringing upon this place, and upon the inhabitants of it. And they brought back word to the king.

29 And the king sent and gathered the elders of Judah and Jerusalem.

30 And the king went up to the house of the Lord, he and all Judah, and the inhabitants of Jerusalem, and the priests, and the Levites, and all the people great and small: and he read in their ears all the words of the book of the covenant that were found in the house of the Lord.

31 And the king stood at a pillar, and made a covenant before the Lord, to walk before the Lord, to keep his commandments and testimonies, and his ordinances, with all his heart and with all his soul, so as to perform the words of the covenant that were written in this book.

32 And he caused all that were found in Jerusalem and Benjamin to stand; and the inhabitants of Jerusalem made a covenant in the house of the Lord God of their fathers.

33 And Josiah removed all the abominations out of the whole land which belonged to the children of Israel, and caused all that were found in Jerusalem and in Israel, to serve the Lord their God all his days: he departed not from following the Lord God of his fathers.

Chapter 35

1 And Josiah kept a passover to the Lord his God; and sacrificed the passover on the fourteenth day of the first month.

2 And he appointed the priests at their charges, and encouraged them for the services of the house of the Lord.

3 And he told the Levites that were able to act in all Israel, that they should consecrate themselves to the Lord: and they put the holy ark in the house which Solomon the son of David king of Israel built: and the king said, You must not carry anything on your shoulders: now then minister to the Lord your God, and to his people Israel.

4 And prepare yourselves according to the houses of your families, and according to your daily courses, according to the writing of David king of Israel, and the order by the hand of his son Solomon.

5 And stand you in the house according to the divisions of the houses of your families for your brethren the sons of the people; so also let there be for the Levites a division of the house of their family.

6 And kill you the passover, and prepare it for your brethren, to do according to the word of the Lord, by the hand of Moses.

7 And Josiah gave as an offering to the children of the people, sheep, and lambs, and kids of the young of the goats, all for the passover, even for all that were found, in number amounting to thirty thousand, and three thousand calves, these were of the substance of the king.

8 And his princes gave an offering to the people, and to the priests, and to the Levites: and Chelcias and Zechariah and Jeiel the chief men gave to the priests of the house of God, they even gave for the passover sheep, and lambs, and kids, two thousand six hundred, and three hundred calves.

9 And Chonenias, and Banæas, and Samæas, and Nathanael his brother, and Asabias, and Jeiel, and Jozabad, heads of the Levites, gave an offering to the Levites for the passover, of five thousand sheep and five hundred calves.

10 And the service was duly ordered, and the priests stood in their place, and the Levites in their divisions, according to the command of the king.

11 And they slew the passover, and the priests sprinkled the blood from their hand, and the Levites flayed the victims.

12 And they prepared the whole-burnt-offering to give to them, according to the division by the houses of families, even to the sons of the people, to offer to the Lord, as it is written in the book of Moses.

13 And thus they did till the morning. And they roasted the passover with fire according to the ordinance; and boiled the holy pieces in copper vessels and caldrons, and the feast went on well, and they quickly served all the children of the people.

14 And after they had prepared for themselves and for the priests, for the priests were engaged in offering the whole-burnt-offerings and the fat until night, then the Levites prepared for themselves, and for their brethren the sons of Aaron.

15 And the sons of Asaph the psalm-singers were at their post according to the commands of David, and Asaph, and Æman, and Idithom, the prophets of the king: also the chiefs and the porters of the several gates;—it was not for them to stir from the service of the holy things, for their brethren the Levites prepared for them.

16 So all the service of the Lord was duly ordered and prepared in that day, for keeping the passover, and offering

the whole-burnt-sacrifices on the altar of the Lord, according to the command of king Josiah.

17 And the children of Israel that were present kept the passover at that time, and the feast of unleavened bread seven days.

18 And there was no passover like it in Israel from the days of Samuel the prophet, or any king of Israel: they kept not such a passover as Josiah, and the priests, and the Levites, and all Judah and Israel that were present, and the dwellers in Jerusalem, kept to the Lord.

19 In the eighteenth year of the reign of Josiah this passover was kept, after all these things that Josiah did in the house.

19a And king Josiah burnt those who had in them a divining spirit, and the wizards, and the images, and the idols, and the sodomites which were in the land of Judah and in Jerusalem, that he might confirm the words of the law that were written in the book which Chelcias the priest found in the house of the Lord.

19b There was no king like him before him, who turned to the Lord with all his heart, and all his soul, and all his strength, according to all the law of Moses, and after him there rose up none like him.

19c Nevertheless the Lord turned not from the anger of his fierce wrath, wherewith the Lord was greatly angry against Judah, for all the provocations wherewith Manasseh provoked him:

19d and the Lord said, I will even remove Judah also from my presence, as I have removed Israel, and I have rejected the city which I chose, even Jerusalem, and the house of which I said, My name shall be there.

20 And Pharaoh Nechao king of Egypt went up against the king of the Assyrians to the river Euphrates, and king Josiah went to meet him.

21 And he sent messengers to him, saying, What have I to do with you, O king of Judah? I am not come to-day to war against you; and God has told me to hasten: beware of the God that is with me, lest he destroy you.

22 However Josiah turned not his face from him, but strengthened himself to fight against him, and hearkened not to the words of Nechao by the mouth of God, and he came to fight in the plain of Megiddo.

23 And the archers shot at king Josiah; and the king said to his servants, Take me away, for I am severely wounded.

24 And his servants lifted him out of the chariot, and put him in the second chariot which he had, and brought him to Jerusalem; and he died, and was buried with his fathers: and all Judah and Jerusalem lamented over Josiah.

25 And Jeremiah mourned over Josiah, and all the chief men and chief women uttered a lamentation over Josiah until this day: and they made it an ordinance for Israel, and, behold, it is written in the lamentations.

26 And the rest of the acts of Josiah, and his hope, are written in the law of the Lord.

27 And his acts, the first and the last, behold, they are written in the book of the kings of Israel and Judah.

Chapter 36

1 And the people of the land took Jehoahaz the son of Josiah, and anointed him, and made him king over Jerusalem in the room of his father.

2 Jehoahaz was twenty-three years old when he began to reign, and he reigned three months in Jerusalem:

2a and his mother's name was Amital, daughter of Jeremiah of Lobna.

2b And he did that which was evil in the sight of the Lord, according to all that his fathers had done.

2c And Pharaoh Nechao bound him in Deblatha in the land of Æmath, that he might not reign in Jerusalem.

3 And the king brought him over to Egypt; and imposed a tribute on the land, a hundred talents of silver and a talent of gold.

4 And Pharaoh Nechao made Eliakim the son of Josiah king over Judah in the room of his father Josiah, and changed his name to Jehoiakim. And Pharaoh Nechao took his brother Jehoahaz and brought him into Egypt, and he died there:

4a but he had given the silver and the gold to Pharaoh. At that time the land began to be taxed to give the money at the command of Pharaoh; and every one as he could borrowed the silver and the gold of the people of the land, to give to Pharaoh Nechao.

5 Joachim was twenty-five years old when he began to reign, and he reigned eleven years in Jerusalem: and his mother's name was Zechora, daughter of Nerias of Ramah. And he did that which was evil in the sight of the Lord, according to all that his fathers did.

5a In his days came Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon into the land, and he served him three years, and then revolted from him.

5b And the Lord sent against them the Chaldeans, and plundering parties of Syrians, and plundering parties of the Moabites, and of the children of Ammon, and of Samaria; but after this they departed, according to the word of the Lord by the hand of his servants the prophets.

5c Nevertheless the wrath of the Lord was upon Judah, so that they should be removed from his presence, because of the sins of Manasseh in all that he did,

5d and for the innocent blood which Jehoiakim shed, for he had filled Jerusalem with innocent blood; yet the Lord would not utterly destroy them.

6 And Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon came up against him, and bound him with brazen fetters, and carried him away to Babylon.

7 And he carried away a part of the vessels of the house of the Lord to Babylon, and put them in his temple in Babylon.

8 And the rest of the acts of Jehoiakim, and all that he did, behold, are not these things written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Judah? And Jehoiakim slept with his fathers, and was buried with his fathers in Ganozae: and Jeconiah his son reigned in his stead.

9 Jeconiah was eight years old when he began to reign, and he reigned three months and ten days in Jerusalem, and did that which was evil in the sight of the Lord.

10 And at the turn of the year, king Nebuchadnezzar sent, and brought him to Babylon, with the precious vessels of the house of the Lord, and made Zedekiah his father's brother king over Judah and Jerusalem.

11 Zedekiah was twenty-one years old when he began to reign, and he reigned eleven years in Jerusalem.

12 And he did that which was evil in the sight of the Lord his God: he was not ashamed before the prophet Jeremiah, nor because of the word of the Lord;

13 in that he rebelled against king Nebuchadnezzar, which he adjured him by God not to do: but he stiffened his neck, and hardened his heart, so as not to return to the Lord God of Israel.

14 And all the great men of Judah, and the priests, and the people of the land transgressed abundantly in the abominations of the heathen, and polluted the house of the Lord which was in Jerusalem.

15 And the Lord God of their fathers sent by the hand of his prophets; rising early and sending his messengers, for he spared his people, and his sanctuary.

16 Nevertheless they sneered at his messengers, and set at nought his words, and mocked his prophets, until the wrath of the Lord rose up against his people, till there was no remedy.

17 And he brought against them the king of the Chaldeans, and slew their young men with the sword in the house of his sanctuary, and did not spare Zedekiah, and had no mercy upon their virgins, and they led away their old men: he delivered all things into their hands.

18 And all the vessels of the house of God, the great and the small, and the treasures of the house of the Lord, and all the treasures of the king and the great men; he brought all to Babylon.

19 And he burnt the house of the Lord, and broke down the wall of Jerusalem, and burnt its palaces with fire, and utterly destroyed every beautiful vessel.

20 And he carried away the remnant to Babylon; and they were servants to him and to his sons until the establishment of the kingdom of the Medes.

21 That the word of the Lord by the mouth of Jeremiah might be fulfilled, until the land should enjoy its sabbaths in resting and sabbath keeping all the days of its desolation, till the accomplishment of seventy years.

22 In the first year of Cyrus king of the Persians, after the fulfilment of the word of the Lord by the mouth of Jeremiah, the Lord stirred up the spirit of Cyrus king of the Persians, and told him to make proclamation in writing throughout all his kingdom, saying,

23 Thus says Cyrus king of the Persians to all the kingdoms of the earth, The Lord God of heaven has given me power, and he has commanded me to build a house to him in Jerusalem, in Judea. Who is there of you of all his people? his God shall be with him, and let him go up.

Ezra

Chapter 1

1 NOW in the first year of Cyrus king of the Persians, that the word of the Lord by the mouth of Jeremiah might be fulfilled, the Lord stirred up the spirit of Cyrus king of the Persians, and he issued a proclamation through all his kingdom, and that in writing, saying,

2 Thus said Cyrus king of the Persians, The Lord God of heaven has given me all the kingdoms of the earth, and he has given me a charge to build him a house in Jerusalem that is in Judea.

3 Who is there among you of all his people? for his God shall be with him, and he shall go up to Jerusalem that is in Judea, and let him build the house of the God of Israel: he is the God that is in Jerusalem.

4 And let every Jew that is left go from every place where he sojourns, and the men of his place shall help him with silver, and gold, and goods, and cattle, together with the voluntary offering for the house of God that is in Jerusalem.

5 Then the chiefs of the families of Judah and Benjamin arose, and the priests, and the Levites, all whose spirit the Lord stirred up to go up to build the house of the Lord that is in Jerusalem.

6 And all that were round about strengthened their hands with vessels of silver, with gold, with goods, and with cattle, and with presents, besides the voluntary offerings.

7 And king Cyrus brought out the vessels of the house of the Lord, which Nebuchadnezzar had brought from Jerusalem, and put in the house of his god.

8 And Cyrus king of the Persians brought them out by the hand of Mithradates the treasurer, and he numbered them to Sasabasar, the chief man of Judah.

9 And this is their number: thirty gold basons, and a thousand silver basons, nine and twenty changes, thirty golden goblets,

10 and four hundred and ten double silver vessels, and a thousand other vessels.

11 All the gold and silver vessels were five thousand four hundred, even all that went up with Sasabasar from the place of transportation, from Babylon to Jerusalem.

Chapter 2

1 And these are the people of the land that went up, of the number of prisoners who were removed, whom Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon carried away to Babylon, and they returned to Judah and Jerusalem, every man to his city;

2 who came with Zerubbabel: Jesus, Neemias, Saraias, Reelias, Mardochæus, Balasan, Masphar, Baguai, Reum, Baana. The number of the people of Israel:

3 The children of Phares, two thousand one hundred and seventy-two.

4 The children of Saphatia, three hundred and seventy-two.

5 The children of Ares, seven hundred and seventy-five.

6 The children of Phaath Moab, belonging to the sons of Jesue and Joab, two thousand eight hundred and twelve.

7 The children of Ælam, a thousand two hundred and fifty-four.

8 The children of Zatthua, nine hundred and forty-five.

9 The children of Zacchu, seven hundred and sixty.

10 The children of Banui, six hundred and forty-two.

11 The children of Babai, six hundred and twenty-three.

12 The children of Asgad, a thousand two hundred and twenty-two.

13 The children of Adonicam, six hundred and sixty-six.

14 The children of Bague, two thousand and fifty-six.

15 The children of Addin, four hundred and fifty-four.

16 The children of Ater the son of Hezekiah, ninety-eight.

17 The children of Bassu, three hundred and twenty-three.

18 The children of Jora, a hundred and twelve.

19 The children of Asum, two hundred and twenty-three.

20 The children of Gaber, ninety-five.

21 The children of Bethlaem, a hundred and twenty-three.

22 The children of Netopha, fifty-six.

23 The children of Anathoth, a hundred and twenty-eight.

24 The children of Azmoth, forty-three.

25 The children of Cariathiarim, Chaphira, and Beroth, seven hundred and forty-three.

26 The children of Ramah and Gibeah, six hundred and twenty-one.

27 The men of Machmas, a hundred and twenty-two.

28 The men of Bethel and Aia, four hundred and twenty-three.

29 The children of Nabu, fifty-two.

30 The children of Magebis, a hundred and fifty-six.

31 The children of Elamar, a thousand two hundred and fifty-four.

32 The children of Elam, three hundred and twenty.

33 The children of Lodadi and Ono, seven hundred and twenty-five.

34 The children of Jericho, three hundred and forty-five.

35 The children of Senaa, three thousand six hundred and thirty.

36 And the priests, the sons of Jedua, belonging to the house of Jesus, were nine hundred and seventy-three.

37 The children of Emmer, a thousand and fifty-two.

38 The children of Phassur, a thousand two hundred and forty-seven.

39 The children of Erem, a thousand and seven.

40 And the Levites, the sons of Jesus and Cadmiel, belonging to the sons of Oduia, seventy-four.

41 The sons of Asaph, singers, a hundred and twenty-eight.

42 The children of the porters, the children of Sellum, the children of Ater, the children of Telmon, the children of Acub, the children of Atita, the children of Sobai, in all a hundred and thirty-nine.

43 The Nathinim: the children of Suthia, the children of Asupha, the children of Tabaoth,

44 the sons of Kadesh, the children of Siaa, the children of Phadon,

45 the children of Labano, the children of Agaba, the sons of Acub,

46 the children of Agab, the children of Selami, the children of Anan,

47 the children of Geddel, the children of Gaar, the children of Raia,

48 the children of Rason, the children of Necoda, the children of Gazem,

49 the children of Azo, the children of Phase, the children of Basi,

50 the children of Asena, the children of Moünim, the children of Nephusim,

51 the children of Bacbuc, the children of Acupha, the children of Arur,

52 the children of Basaloth, the children of Mauda, the children of Arsa,

53 the children of Barcos, the children of Sisara, the children of Thema,

54 the children of Nasthie, the children of Atupha.

55 The children of the servants of Solomon: the children of Sotai, the children of Sephera, the children of Phadura,

56 the children of Jeela, the children of Darcon, the children of Gedel,

57 the children of Saphatia, the children of Atil, the children of Phacherath, the children of Aseboim, the children of Emei.

58 All the Nathanim, and the sons of Abdeselma were three hundred and ninety-two.

59 And these are they that went up from Thelmelech, Thelaresa, Cherub, Hedan, Emmer: and they were not able to tell the house of their fathers, and their seed, whether they were of Israel:

60 the children of Dalæa, the children of Bua, the children of Tobias, the children of Necoda, six hundred and fifty-two.

61 And of the children of the priests, the children of Labeia, the children of Akkus, the children of Berzellai, who took a wife of the daughter of Berzellai the Galaadite, and was called by their name.

62 These sought their genealogy as though they had been reckoned, but they were not found; and they were removed, as polluted, from the priesthood.

63 And the Athersastha told them that they should not eat of the most holy things, until a priest should arise with Lights and Perfections.

64 And all the congregation together were about forty-two thousand three hundred and sixty;

65 besides their men-servants and maid-servants, and these were seven thousand three hundred and thirty-seven: and among these were two hundred singing men and singing women.

66 Their horses were seven hundred and thirty-six, their mules, two hundred and forty-five.

67 Their camels, four hundred and thirty-five; their asses, six thousand seven hundred and twenty.

68 And some of the chiefs of families, when they went into the house of the Lord that was in Jerusalem, offered willingly for the house of God, to establish it on its prepared place.

69 According to their power they gave into the treasury of the work pure gold sixty-one thousand pieces, and five thousand pounds of silver, and one hundred priests' garments.

70 So the priests, and the Levites, and some of the people, and the singers, and the porters, and the Nathinim, dwelt in their cities, and all Israel in their cities.

Chapter 3

1 And the seventh month came on, and the children of Israel were in their cities, and the people assembled as one man at Jerusalem.

2 Then stood up Jesus the son of Jozadak, and his brethren the priests, and Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel, and his brethren, and they built the altar of the God of Israel, to offer upon it whole-burnt-offerings, according to the things that were written in the law of Moses the man of God.

3 And they set up the altar on its place, for there was a terror upon them because of the people of the lands: and the whole-burnt-offering was offered up upon it to the Lord morning and evening.

4 And they kept the feast of tabernacles, according to that which was written, and offered whole-burnt-offerings daily in number according to the ordinance, the exact daily rate.

5 And after this the perpetual whole-burnt-offering, and offering for the season of new moon, and for all the hallowed feasts to the Lord, and for every one that offered a free-will-offering to the Lord.

6 On the first day of the seventh month they began to offer whole-burnt-offerings to the Lord: but the foundation of the house of the Lord was not laid.

7 And they gave money to the stone-hewers and carpenters, and meat and drink, and oil, to the Sidonians, and Tyrians, to bring cedar trees from Lebanon to the sea of Joppa, according to the grant of Cyrus king of the Persians to them.

8 And in the second year of their coming to the house of God in Jerusalem, in the second month, began Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel, and Jesus the son of Jozadak, and the rest of their brethren the priests and the Levites, and all who came from the captivity to Jerusalem, and they appointed the Levites, from twenty years old and upward, over the workmen in the house of the Lord.

9 And Jesus and his sons and his brethren stood, Cadmiel and his sons the sons of Judah, over them that wrought the works in the house of God: the sons of Enadad, their sons and their brethren the Levites.

10 And they laid a foundation for building the house of the Lord: and the priests in their robes stood with trumpets and the Levites the sons of Asaph with cymbals, to praise the Lord, according to the order of David king of Israel.

11 And they answered each other with praise and thanksgiving to the Lord, saying, For it is good, for his mercy to Israel endures for ever. And all the people shouted with a loud voice to praise the Lord at the laying the foundation of the house of the Lord.

12 But many of the priests and the Levites, and the elder men, heads of families, who had seen the former house on its foundation, and who saw this house with their eyes, wept with a loud voice: but the multitude shouted with joy to raise a song.

13 And the people did not distinguish the voice of the glad shout from the voice of the weeping of the people: for the people shouted with a loud voice, and the voice was heard even from afar off.

Chapter 4

1 And they that afflicted Judah and Benjamin heard, that the children of the captivity were building a house to the Lord God of Israel.

2 And they drew near to Zerubbabel, and to the heads of families, and said to them, We will build with you; for as you do, we seek to serve our God, and we do sacrifice to him from the days of Asaradan king of Assur, who brought us hither.

3 Then Zerubbabel, and Jesus and the rest of the heads of the families of Israel said to them, It is not for us and you to build a house to our God, for we ourselves will build together to the Lord our God, as Cyrus the king of the Persians commanded us.

4 And the people of the land weakened the hands of the people of Judah, and hindered them in building,

5 and continued hiring persons against them, plotting to frustrate their counsel, all the days of Cyrus king of the Persians, and until the reign of Darius king of the Persians.

6 And in the reign of Assuerus, even in the beginning of his reign, they wrote a letter against the inhabitants of Judah and Jerusalem.

7 And in the days of Arthasastha, Tabeel wrote peaceably to Mithradates and to the rest of his fellow-servants: the tribute-gatherer wrote to Arthasastha king of the Persians a writing in the Syrian tongue, and the same interpreted.

8 Reum the chancellor, and Sampsa the scribe wrote an epistle against Jerusalem to king Arthasastha, saying,

9 Thus has judged Reum the chancellor, and Sampsa the scribe, and the rest of our fellow-servants, the Dinæans, the Apharsathachæans, the Tarphalæans, the Apharsæans, the Archyæans, the Babylonians, the Susanachæans, Davæans,

10 and the rest of the nations whom the great and noble Assenaphar removed, and settled them in the cities of Somoron, and the rest of them beyond the river.

11 This is the purport of the letter, which they sent to him: Your servants the men beyond the river to king Arthasastha.

12 Be it known to the king, that the Jews who came up from you to us have come to Jerusalem the rebellious and wicked city, which they are building, and its walls are set in order, and they have established the foundations of it.

13 Now then be it known to the king, that if that city be built up, and its walls completed, you shall have no tribute, neither will they pay anything, and this injures kings.

14 And it is not lawful for us to see the dishonour of the king: therefore have we sent and made known the matter to the king;

15 that examination may be made in your fathers' book of record; and you shall find, and you shall know that that city is rebellious, and does harm to kings and countries, and there are in the midst of it from very old time refuges for runaway slaves: therefore this city has been made desolate.

16 We therefore declare to the king, that, if that city be built, and its walls be set up, you shall not have peace.

17 Then the king sent to Reum the chancellor, and Sampsa the scribe, and the rest of their fellow-servants who dwelt in Samaria, and the rest beyond the river, saying, Peace; and he says,

18 The tribute-gatherer whom you sent to us, has been called before me.

19 And a decree has been made by me, and we have examined, and found that that city of old time exalts itself against kings, and that rebellions and desertions take place within it.

20 And there were powerful kings in Jerusalem, and they ruled over all the country beyond the river, and abundant revenues and tribute were given to them.

21 Now therefore make a decree to stop the work of those men, and that city shall no more be built.

22 See that you be careful of the decree, not to be remiss concerning this matter, lest at any time destruction should abound to the harm of kings.

23 Then the tribute-gatherer of king Arthasastha read the letter before Reum the chancellor, and Sampsa the scribe, and his fellow-servants: and they went in haste to Jerusalem and through Judah, and caused them to cease with horses and an armed force.

24 Then ceased the work of the house of God in Jerusalem, and it was at a stand until the second year of the reign of Darius king of the Persians.

Chapter 5

1 And Haggai the prophet, and Zechariah the son of Addo, prophesied a prophecy to the Jews in Judah and Jerusalem in the name of the God of Israel, even to them.

2 Then rose up Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel, and Jesus the son of Jozadak, and began to build the house of God that was in Jerusalem: and with them were the prophets of God assisting them.

3 At the same time came there upon them Thanthanai, the governor on this side the river, and Satharbuzanai, and their fellow-servants, and spoke thus to them, Who has ordained a decree for you to build this house, and to provide this preparation?

4 Then they spoke thus to them, What are the names of the men that build this city?

5 But the eyes of God were upon the captivity of Judah, and they did not cause them to cease till the decree was brought to Darius; and then was sent by the tribute-gatherer concerning this

6 the copy of a letter, which Thanthanai, the governor of the part on this side the river, and Satharbuzanai, and their fellow-servants the Apharsachæans who were on this side of the river, sent to king Darius.

7 They sent an account to him, and thus it was written in it: All peace to king Darius.

8 Be it known to the king, that we went into the land of Judea, to the house of the great God; and it is building with choice stones, and they are laying timbers in the walls, and that work is prospering, and goes on favourably in their hands.

9 Then we asked those elders, and thus we said to them, Who gave you the order to build this house, and to provide this preparation?

10 And we asked them their names, in order to declare them to you, so as to write to you the names of their leading men.

11 And they answered us thus, saying, We are the servants of the God of heaven and earth, and we are building the house which had been built many years before this, and a great king of Israel built it, and established it for them.

12 But after that our fathers provoked the God of heaven, he gave them into the hands of Nebuchadnezzar the Chaldean, king of Babylon, and he destroyed this house, and carried the people captive to Babylon.

13 And in the first year of king Cyrus, Cyrus the king made a decree that this house of God should be built.

14 And the gold and silver vessels of the house of God, which Nebuchadnezzar brought out from the house that was in Jerusalem, and carried them into the temple of the king, them did king Cyrus bring out from the temple of the king, and gave them to Sabanasar the treasurer, who was over the treasure;

15 and said to him, Take all the vessels, and go, put them in the house that is in Jerusalem in their place.

16 Then that Sabanazar came, and laid the foundations of the house of God in Jerusalem: and from that time even until now it has been building, and has not been finished.

17 And now, if it seem good to the king, let search be made in the treasure-house of the king at Babylon, that you may know if it be that a decree was made by king Cyrus to build that house of God that was in Jerusalem, and let the king send to us when he has learnt concerning this matter.

Chapter 6

1 Then Darius the king made a decree, and caused a search to be made in the record-offices, where the treasure is stored in Babylon.

2 And there was found in the city, in the palace, a volume, and this was the record written in it.

3 In the first year of king Cyrus, Cyrus the king made a decree concerning the holy house of God that was in Jerusalem, saying, Let the house be built, and the place where they sacrifice the sacrifices. (Also he appointed its elevation, in height sixty cubits; its breadth was of sixty cubits.)

4 And let there be three strong layers of stone, and one layer of timber; and the expense shall be paid out of the house of the king.

5 And the silver and the gold vessels of the house of God, which Nebuchadnezzar carried off from the house that was in Jerusalem, and carried to Babylon, let them even be given, and be carried to the temple that is in Jerusalem, and put in the place where they were set in the house of God.

6 Now, you rulers beyond the river, Satharbuzanai, and their fellow-servants the Apharsachæans, who are on the other side of the river, give these things, keeping far from that place.

7 Now let alone the work of the house of God: let the rulers of the Jews and the elders of the Jews build that house of God on its place.

8 Also a decree has been made by me, if haply you may do somewhat in concert with the elders of the Jews for the building of that house of God: to wit, out of the king's property, even the tributes beyond the river, let there be money to defray the expenses carefully granted to those men, so that they be not hindered.

9 And whatever need there may be, you shall give both the young of bulls and rams, and lambs for whole-burnt-offerings to the God of heaven, wheat, salt, wine, oil:—let it be given them according to the word of the priests that are in Jerusalem, day by day whatsoever they shall ask;

10 that they may offer sweet savours to the God of heaven, and that they may pray for the life of the king and his sons.

11 And a decree has been made by me, that every man who shall alter this word, timber shall be pulled down from his house, and let him be lifted up and slain upon it, and his house shall be confiscated.

12 And may the God whose name dwells there, overthrow every king and people who shall stretch out his hand to alter or destroy the house of God which is in Jerusalem. I Darius have made a decree; let it be diligently attended to.

13 Then Thanthanai the governor on this side beyond the river, Satharbuzanai, and his fellow-servants, according to that which king Darius sent, so they did diligently.

14 And the elders of the Jews and the Levites built, at the prophecy of Haggai the prophet, and Zechariah the son of Addo: and they built up, and finished it, by the decree of the God of Israel, and by the decree of Cyrus, and Darius, and Arthasastha, kings of the Persians.

15 And they finished this house by the third day of the month Adar, which is the sixth year of the reign of Darius the king.

16 And the children of Israel, the priests, and the Levites, and the rest of the children of the captivity, kept the dedication of the house of God with gladness.

17 And they offered for the dedication of the house of God a hundred calves, two hundred rams, four hundred lambs, twelve kids of the goats for a sin-offering for all Israel, according to the number of the tribes of Israel.

18 And they set the priests in their divisions, and the Levites in their separate orders, for the services of God in Jerusalem, according to the writing of the book of Moses.

19 And the children of the captivity kept the passover on the fourteenth day of the first month.

20 For the priests and Levites were purified, all were clean to a man, and they slew the passover for all the children of the captivity, and for their brethren the priests, and for themselves.

21 And the children of Israel ate the passover, even they that were of the captivity, and every one who separated himself to them from the uncleanness of the nations of the land, to seek the Lord God of Israel.

22 And they kept the feast of unleavened bread seven days with gladness, because the Lord made them glad, and he turned the heart of the king of Assyria to them, to strengthen their hands in the works of the house of the God of Israel.

Chapter 7

1 Now after these things, in the reign of Arthasastha king of the Persians, came up Ezra the son of Saraias, the son of Azarias, the son of Chelcias,

2 the son of Selum, the son of Sadduc, the son of Achitob,

3 the son of Samarias, the son of Esria, the son of Mareoth,

4 the son of Zaraia, the son of Uzziah, the son of Bokki,

5 the son of Abisue, the son of Phinees, the son of Eleazar, the son of Aaron the first priest.

6 This Ezra went up out of Babylon; and he was a ready scribe in the law of Moses, which the Lord God of Israel

gave: and the king gave him leave, for the hand of the Lord his God was upon him in all things which he sought.

7 And some of the children of Israel went up, and some of the priests, and of the Levites, and the singers, and the door-keepers, and the Nathinim, to Jerusalem, in the seventh year of Arthasastha the king.

8 And they came to Jerusalem in the fifth month, this was the seventh year of the king.

9 For in the first day of the first month he began the going up from Babylon, and in the first day of the fifth month they came to Jerusalem, for the good hand of his God was upon him.

10 For Ezra had determined in his heart to seek the law, and to do and teach the ordinances and judgments in Israel.

11 And this is the copy of the order which Arthasastha gave to Ezra the priest, the scribe of the book of the words of the commandments of the Lord, and of his ordinances to Israel.

12 Arthasastha, king of kings, to Ezra, the scribe of the law of the Lord God of heaven, Let the order and the answer be accomplished.

13 A decree is made by me, that every one who is willing in my kingdom of the people of Israel, and of the priests and Levites, to go to Jerusalem, be permitted to go with you.

14 One has been sent from the king and the seven councillors, to visit Judea and Jerusalem, according to the law of their God that is in yours hand.

15 And for the house of the Lord there have been sent silver and gold, which the king and the councillors have freely given to the God of Israel, who dwells in Jerusalem.

16 And all the silver and gold, whatsoever you shall find in all the land of Babylon, with the freewill-offering of the people, and the priests that offer freely for the house of God which is in Jerusalem.

17 And as for every one that arrives there, speedily order him by this letter to bring calves, rams, lambs, and their meat-offerings, and their drink-offerings; and you shall offer them on the altar of the house of your God which is in Jerusalem.

18 And whatever it shall seem good to you and to your brethren to do with the rest of the silver and the gold, do as it is pleasing to your God.

19 And deliver the vessels that are given you for the service of the house of God, before God in Jerusalem.

20 And as to the rest of the need of the house of your God, you shall give from the king's treasure-houses,

21 and from me, whatever it shall seem good to you to give. I king Arthasastha have made a decree for all the treasuries that are in the country beyond the river, that whatever Ezra the priest and scribe of the God of heaven may ask you, it shall be done speedily,

22 to the amount of a hundred talents of silver, and a hundred measures of wheat, and a hundred baths of wine, and a hundred baths of oil, and salt without reckoning.

23 Let whatever is in the decree of the God of heaven, be done: take heed lest any one make an attack on the house of the God of heaven, lest at any time there should be wrath against the realm of the king and his sons.

24 Also this has been declared to you, with respect to all the priests, and Levites, the singers, porters, Nathinim and ministers of the house of God, let no tribute be paid to you; you shall not have power to oppress them.

25 And you, Ezra, as the wisdom of God is in your hand, appoint scribes and judges, that they may judge for all the people beyond the river, all that know the law of the Lord your God; and you shall make it known to him that knows not.

26 And whosoever shall not do the law of God, and the law of the king readily, judgment shall be taken upon him, whether for death or for chastisement, or for a fine of his property, or casting into prison.

27 Blessed be the Lord God of our fathers, who has put it thus into the heart of the king, to glorify the house of the Lord which is in Jerusalem;

28 and has given me favour in the eyes of the king, and of his councillors, and all the rulers of the king, the exalted ones. And I was strengthened according to the good hand of God upon me, and I gathered chief men of Israel to go up with me.

Chapter 8

1 And these are the heads of their families, the leaders that went up with me in the reign of Arthasastha the king of Babylon.

2 Of the sons of Phinees; Gerson: of the sons of Ithamar; Daniel: of the sons of David; Attus.

3 Of the sons of Sachania, and of the sons of Phoros; Zechariah: and with him a company of a hundred and fifty.

4 Of the sons of Phaath-Moab; Eliana the son of Saraia, and with him two hundred that were males.

5 And of the sons of Zathoes; Sechenias the son of Aziel, and with him three hundred males.

6 And of the sons of Adin; Obeth the son of Jonathan, and with him fifty males.

7 And of the sons of Elam; Isæas the son of Athelia, and with him seventy males.

8 And of the sons of Saphatia; Zabadias the son of Michael, and with him eighty males.

9 And of the sons of Joab; Abadia the son of Jeiel, and with him two hundred and eighteen males.

10 And of the sons of Baani; Selimuth the son of Josephia, and with him a hundred and sixty males.

11 And of the sons of Babi; Zechariah the son of Babi, and with him twenty-eight males.

12 And of the sons of Asgad; Joanan the son of Accatan, and with him a hundred and ten males.

13 And of the sons of Adonicam were the last, and these were their names, Eliphalat, Jeel, and Samæa, and with them sixty males.

14 And of the sons of Baguæ, Uthai, and Zabud, and with him seventy males.

15 And I gathered them to the river that comes to Evi, and we encamped there three days: and I reviewed the people and the priests, and found none of the sons of Levi there.

16 And I sent men of understanding to Eleazar, to Ariel, to Semeias, and to Alonam, and to Jarib, and to Elnatham, and to Nathan, and to Zechariah, and to Mesollam, and to Joarim, and to Elnathan.

17 And I forwarded them to the rulers with the money of the place, and I put words in their mouth to speak to their brethren the Athinim with the money of the place, that they should bring us singers for the house of our God.

18 And they came to us, as the good hand of our God was upon us, even a man of understanding of the sons of Mooli, the son of Levi, the son of Israel, and at the commencement came his sons and his brethren, eighteen.

19 And Asebia, and Isaia of the sons of Merari, his brethren and his sons, twenty.

20 And of the Nathinim, whom David and the princes had appointed for the service of the Levites there were two hundred and twenty Nathinim; all were gathered by their names.

21 And I proclaimed there a fast, at the river Aüe, that we should humble ourselves before our God, to seek of him a straight way for us, and for our children, and for all our property.

22 For I was ashamed to ask of the king a guard and horsemen to save us from the enemy in the way: for we had spoken to the king, saying, The hand of our God is upon all that seek him, for good; but his power and his wrath are upon all that forsake him.

23 So we fasted, and asked of our God concerning this; and he hearkened to us.

24 And I gave charge to twelve of the chiefs of the priests, to Saraia, to Asabia, and ten of their brethren with them.

25 And I weighed to them the silver, and the gold, and the vessels of the first-fruits of the house of our God, which the king, and his councillors, and his princes, and all Israel that were found, had dedicated.

26 I even weighed into their hands six hundred and fifty talents of silver, and a hundred silver vessels, and a hundred talents of gold;

27 and twenty golden bowls, weighing about a thousand drachms, and superior vessels of fine shining brass, precious as gold.

28 And I said to them, You are holy to the Lord; and the vessels are holy; and the silver and the gold are freewill-offerings to the Lord God of our fathers.

29 Be watchful and keep them, until you weigh them before the chief priests and the Levites, and the chiefs of families in Jerusalem, at the chambers of the house of the Lord.

30 So the priests and the Levites took the weight of the silver, and the gold, and the vessels, to bring to Jerusalem into the house of our God.

31 And we departed from the river of Aüe on the twelfth day of the first month, to come to Jerusalem: and the hand of our God was upon us, and delivered us from the hand of the enemy and adversary in the way.

32 And we came to Jerusalem, and abode there three days.

33 And it came to pass on the fourth day that we weighed the silver, and the gold, and the vessels, in the house of our God, into the hand of Merimoth the son of Uria the priest; and with him was Eleazar the son of Phinees, and with them Jozabad the son of Jesus, and Noadia the son of Banaia, the Levites.

34 All things were reckoned by number and weight, and the whole weight was written down.

35 At that time the children of the banishment that came from the captivity offered whole-burnt-offerings to the God of Israel, twelve calves for all Israel, ninety-six rams, seventy-seven lambs, twelve goats for a sin-offering: all whole-burnt-offerings to the Lord.

36 And they gave the king's mandate to the king's lieutenants, and the governors beyond the river: and they honoured the people and the house of God.

Chapter 9

1 And when these things were finished, the princes drew near to me, saying, The people of Israel, and the priests, and the Levites, have not separated themselves from the people of the lands in their abominations, even the Chananite, the Ethite, the Pherezite, the Jebusite, the Ammonite, the Moabite, and the Moserite and the Amorite.

2 For they have taken of their daughters for themselves and their sons; and the holy seed has passed among the nations

of the lands, and the hand of the rulers has been first in this transgression.

3 And when I heard this thing, I rent my garments, and trembled, and plucked some of the hairs of my head and of my beard, and sat down mourning.

4 Then there assembled to me all that followed the word of the God of Israel, on account of the transgression of the captivity; and I remained mourning until the evening sacrifice.

5 And at the evening sacrifice I rose up from my humiliation; and when I had rent my garments, then I trembled, and I bow myself on my knees, and spread out my hands to the Lord God,

6 and I said, O Lord, I am ashamed and confounded, O my God, to lift up my face to you: for our transgressions have abounded over our head, and our trespasses have increased even to heaven.

7 From the days of our fathers we have been in a great trespass until this day: and because of our iniquities we, and our kings, and our children, have been delivered into the hand of the kings of the Gentiles by the sword, and by captivity, and by spoil, and with shame of our face, as at this day.

8 And now our God has dealt mercifully with us, so as to leave us to escape, and to give us an establishment in the place of his sanctuary, to enlighten our eyes, and to give a little quickening in our servitude.

9 For we are slaves, yet in our servitude the Lord our God has not deserted us; and he has extended favour to us in the sight of the kings of the Persians, to give us a quickening, that they should raise up the house of our God, and restore the desolate places of it, and to give us a fence in Judah and Jerusalem.

10 What shall we say, our God, after this? for we have forsaken your commandments,

11 which you have given us by the hand of your servants the prophets, saying, The land, into which you go to inherit it, is a land subject to disturbance by the removal of the people of the nations for their abominations, wherewith they have filled it from one end to the other by their uncleannesses.

12 And now give not your daughters to their sons, and take not of their daughters for your sons, neither shall you seek their peace or their good for ever: that you may be strong, and eat the good of the land, and transmit it as an inheritance to your children for ever.

13 And after all that is come upon us because of our evil deeds, and our great trespass, it is clear that there is none such as our God, for you have lightly visited our iniquities, and given us deliverance;

14 whereas we have repeatedly broken your commandments, and intermarried with the people of the lands: be not very angry with us to our utter destruction, so that there should be no remnant or escaping one.

15 O Lord God of Israel, you are righteous; for we remain yet escaped, as at this day: behold, we are before you in our trespasses: for we cannot stand before you on this account.

Chapter 10

1 So when Ezra had prayed, and when he had confessed, weeping and praying before the house of God, a very great assembly of Israel came together to him, men and women and youths; for the people wept, and wept aloud.

2 And Sechenias the son of Jeel, of the sons of Elam, answered and said to Ezra, We have broken covenant with our God, and have taken strange wives of the nations of the land: yet now there is patience of hope to Israel concerning this thing.

3 Now then let us make a covenant with our God to put away all the wives, and their offspring, as you shall advise:

4 arise, and alarm them with the commands of our God; and let it be done according to the law. Rise up, for the matter is upon you; and we are with you: be strong and do.

5 Then Ezra arose, and caused the rulers, the priests, and Levites, and all Israel, to swear that they would do according to this word: and they swore.

6 And Ezra rose up from before the house of God, and went to the treasury of Joanan the son of Elisub; he even went thither: he ate no bread, and drank no water; for he mourned over the unfaithfulness of them of the captivity.

7 And they made proclamation throughout Judah and Jerusalem to all the children of the captivity, that they should assemble at Jerusalem, saying,

8 Every one who shall not arrive within three days, as is the counsel of the rulers and the elders, all his substance shall be forfeited, and he shall be separated from the congregation of the captivity.

9 So all the men of Judah and Benjamin assembled at Jerusalem within the three days. This was the ninth month: on the twentieth day of the month all the people sat down in the street of the house of the Lord, because of their alarm concerning the word, and because of the storm.

10 And Ezra the priest arose, and said to them, You have broken covenant, and have taken strange wives, to add to the trespass of Israel.

11 Now therefore give praise to the Lord God of our fathers, and do that which is pleasing in his sight: and separate yourselves from the peoples of the land, and from the strange wives.

12 Then all the congregation answered and said, This your word is powerful upon us to do it.

13 But the people is numerous, and the season is stormy, and there is no power to stand without, and the work is more than enough for one day or for two; for we have greatly sinned in this matter.

14 Let now our rulers stand, and for all those in our cities who have taken strange wives, let them come at appointed times, and with them elders from every several city, and judges, to turn away the fierce wrath of our God from us concerning this matter.

15 Only Jonathan the son of Asael, and Jazias the son of Thecoe were with me concerning this; and Mesollam, and Sabbathai the Levite helped them.

16 And the children of the captivity did thus: and Ezra the priest, and heads of families according to their house were separated, and all by their names, for they returned in the first day of the tenth month to search out the matter.

17 And they made an end with all the men who had taken strange wives by the first day of the first month.

18 And there were found some of the sons of the priests who had taken strange wives: of the sons of Jesus the son of Jozadak, and his brethren; Maasia, and Eliezer, and Jarib, and Gadalia.

19 And they pledged themselves to put away their wives, and offered a ram of the flock for a trespass-offering because of their trespass.

20 And of the sons of Emmer; Anani, and Zabdia.

21 And of the sons of Eram; Masael, and Elia, and Samaia, and Jeel, and Ozia.

22 And of the sons of Phasur; Elionai, Maasia, and Ishmael, and Nathanael, and Jozabad, and Elasa.

23 And of the Levites; Jozabad, and Samu, and Colia (he is Colitas,) and Phetheia, and Judas, and Eliezer.

24 And of the singers; Elisab: and of the porters; Solmen, and Telmen, and Oduth.

25 Also of Israel: of the sons of Phoros; Ramia, and Azia, and Melchia, and Meamin, and Eleazar, and Asabia, and Banaia.

26 And of the sons of Helam; Matthania, and Zacharia, and Jaïel, and Abdia, and Jarimoth, and Elia.

27 And of the sons of Zathua; Elionai, Elisub, Matthanai, and Armoth, and Zabad, and Oziza.

28 And of the sons of Babei; Joanan, Anania, and Zabu, and Thali.

29 And of the sons of Banui; Mosollam, Maluch, Adaias, Jasub, and Saluia, and Remoth.

30 And of the sons of Phaath Moab; Edne, and Chalel, and Banaia, Maasia, Matthania, Beseleel, and Banui, and Manasseh.

31 And of the sons of Eram; Eliezer, Jesia, Melchia, Samaias, Semeon,

32 Benjamin, Baluch, Samaria.

33 And of the sons of Asem; Metthania, Matthatha, Zadab, Eliphalet, Jerami, Manasseh, Semei.

34 And of the sons of Bani; Moodia, Amram, Uel,

35 Banaia, Badaia, Chelkia,

36 Uvania, Marimoth, Eliasiph,

37 Matthania, Matthanai:

38 and so did the children of Banui, and the children of Semei,

39 and Selemia, and Nathan, and Adaia,

40 Machadnabu, Sesei, Sariu,

41 Ezriel, and Selemia, and Samaria,

42 and Sellum, Amaria, Joseph.

43 Of the sons of Nabu; Jael, Matthanias, Zabad, Zebennas, Jadai, and Joel, and Banaia.

44 All these had taken strange wives, and had begotten sons of them.

Nehemiah

Chapter 1

1 The words of Neemias the son of Chelcia. And it came to pass in the month Chaseleu, of the twentieth year, that I was in Susan the palace.

2 And Anani, one of my brethren, came, he and some men of Judah; and I asked them concerning those that had escaped, who had been left of the captivity, and concerning Jerusalem.

3 And they said to me, The remnant, even those that are left of the captivity, are there in the land, in great distress and reproach: and the walls of Jerusalem are thrown down, and its gates are burnt with fire.

4 And it came to pass, when I heard these words, that I sat down and wept, and mourned for several days, and continued fasting and praying before the God of heaven.

5 And I said, Nay, I pray you, O Lord God of heaven, the mighty, the great and terrible, keeping your covenant and mercy to them that love him, and to those that keep his commandments:

6 let now your ear be attentive, and your eyes open, that you may hear the prayer of your servant, which I pray before you at this time, this day both day and night, for the children of Israel your servants, and make confession for the sins of the children of Israel, which we have sinned against you: both I and the house of my father have sinned.

7 We have altogether broken covenant with you, and we have not kept the commandments, and the ordinances, and the judgments, which you did command your servant Moses.

8 Remember, I pray you, the word wherewith you did charge your servant Moses, saying, If you break covenant with me, I will disperse you among the nations.

9 But if you turn again to me, and keep my commandments, and do them; if you should be scattered under the utmost bound of heaven, thence will I gather them, and I will bring them into the place which I have chosen to cause my name to dwell there.

10 Now they are your servants and your people, whom you have redeemed with your great power, and with your strong hand.

11 Turn not away, I pray you, O Lord, but let your ear be attentive to the prayer of your servant, and to the prayer of your servants, who desire to fear your name: and prosper, I pray you, your servant this day, and cause him to find mercy in the sight of this man. Now I was the king's cup-bearer.

Chapter 2

1 And it came to pass in the month Nisan of the twentieth year of king Arthasastha, that the wine was before me: and I took the wine, and gave it to the king: and there was not another before him.

2 And the king said to me, Why is your countenance sad, and do you not control yourself? and now this is nothing but sorrow of heart. Then I was very much alarmed,

3 and I said to the king, Let the king live for ever: why should not my countenance be said, forasmuch as the city, even the home of the sepulchres of my fathers, has been laid waste, and her gates have been devoured with fire?

4 And the king said to me, For what do you ask thus? So I prayed to the God of heaven.

5 And I said to the king, If it seem good to the king, and if your servant shall have found favour in your sight, I ask that you would send him into Judah, to the city of the sepulchres of my fathers; then will I rebuild it.

6 And the king, and his concubine that sat next to him, said to me, For how long will your journey be, and when will you return? and the proposal was pleasing before the king, and he sent me away, and I appointed him a time.

7 And I said to the king, If it seem good to the king, let him give me letters to the governors beyond the river, so as to forward me till I come to Judah;

8 and a letter to Asaph the keeper of the garden which belongs to the king, that he may give me timber to cover the gates, and for the wall of the city, and for the house into which I shall enter. And the king gave to me, according as the good hand of God was upon me.

9 And I came to the governors beyond the river, and I gave them the king's letters. (Now the king had sent with me captains of the army and horsemen.)

10 And Sanaballat the Aronite heard it, and Tobia the servant, the Ammonite, and it was grievous to them that a man was come to seek good for the children of Israel.

11 So I came to Jerusalem, and was there three days.

12 And I rose up by night, I and a few men with me; and I told no man what God put into my heart to do with Israel; and there was no beast with me, except the beast which I rode upon.

13 And I went forth by the gate of the valley by night, and to the mouth of the well of fig trees, and to the dung-gate: and I mourned over the wall of Jerusalem which they were destroying, and her gates were devoured with fire.

14 And I passed on to the fountain gate, and to the king's pool; and there was no room for the beast to pass under me.

15 And I went up by the wall of the brook by night, and mourned over the wall, and passed through the gate of the valley, and returned.

16 And the sentinels knew not why I went, nor what I was doing; and until that time I told it not to the Jews, or to the priests, or to the nobles, or to the captains, or to the rest of the men who wrought the works.

17 Then I said to them, You see this evil, in which we are, how Jerusalem is desolate, and her gates have been set on fire: come, and let us build throughout the wall of Jerusalem, and we shall be no longer a reproach.

18 And I told them of the hand of God which was good upon me, also about the words of the king which he spoke to me: and I said, Let us arise and build. And their hands were strengthened for the good work.

19 And Sanaballat the Aronite, and Tobia the servant, the Ammonite, and Gesam the Arabian, heard it, and they laughed us to scorn, and came to us, and said, What is this thing that you are doing? are you revolting against the king?

20 And I answered them, and said to them, The God of heaven, he shall prosper us, and we his servants are pure, and we will build: but you have no part, nor right, nor memorial, in Jerusalem.

Chapter 3

1 Then Eliasub the high priest, and his brethren the priests, rose up, and built the sheep-gate; they sanctified it, and set up the doors of it; even to the tower of the hundred they sanctified it, to the tower of Anameel.

2 And they builded by the side of the men of Jericho, and by the side of the sons of Zacchur, the son of Amari.

3 And the sons of Asana built the fish-gate; they roofed it, and covered in its doors, and bolts, and bars.

4 And next to them the order reached to Ramoth the son of Uria, the son of Accos, and next to them Mosollam son of Barachias the son of Mazebel took his place: and next to them Sadoc the son of Baana took his place.

5 And next to them the Thecoim took their place; but the Adorim applied not their neck to their service.

6 And Joida the son of Phasec, and Mesulam son of Basodia, repaired the old gate; they covered it in, and set up its doors, and its bolts, and its bars.

7 And next to them repaired Maltias the Gabaonite, and Evaron the Meronothite, the men of Gibeon and Mizpah, to the throne of the governor on this side the river.

8 And next to him Oziel the son of Arachias of the smiths, carried on the repairs: and next to them Ananias the son of one of the apothecaries repaired, and they finished Jerusalem to the broad wall.

9 And next to them repaired Raphaea the son of Sur, the ruler of half the district round about Jerusalem.

10 And next to them repaired Jedaia the son of Eromaph, and that in front of his house: and next to him repaired Attuth son of Asabania.

11 And next to him repaired Melchias son of Heram, and Asub son of Phaat Moab, even to the tower of the furnaces.

12 And next to him repaired Sallum the son of Alloes, the ruler of half the district round about Jerusalem, he and his daughters.

13 Anun and the inhabitants of Zano repaired the gate of the valley: they built it, and set up its doors, and its bolts, and its bars, and a thousand cubits of the wall as far as the dung-gate.

14 And Melchia the son of Rechab, the ruler of the district round about Beth-accharim, repaired the dung-gate, he and his sons; and they covered it, and set up its doors, and its bolts, and its bars.

15 But Solomon the son of Choleze repaired the gate of the fountain, the ruler of part of Mizpah; he built it, and covered it, and set up its doors and its bars, and the wall of the pool of the skins by the meadow of the king, and as far as the steps that lead down from the city of David.

16 After him repaired Neemias son of Azabuch, ruler of half the district round about Bethsur, as far as the garden of David's sepulchre, and as far as the artificial pool, and as far as the house of the mighty men.

17 After him repaired the Levites, even Raum the son of Bani: next to him repaired Asabia, ruler of half the district round about Keila, in his district.

18 And after him repaired his brethren, Benei son of Enadad, ruler of half the district round about Keila.

19 And next to him repaired Azur the son of Joshua, ruler of Masphai, another portion of the tower of ascent, where it meets the corner.

20 After him repaired Baruch the son of Zabu, a second portion, from the corner as far as the door of the house of Eliasub the high priest.

21 After him repaired Meramoth the son of Uria the son of Accos, a second part from the door of the house of Eliasub, to the end of the house of Eliasub.

22 And after him repaired the priests, the men of Ecchechar.

23 And after him repaired Benjamin and Asub over against their house: and after him repaired Azarias son of Maasias the son of Ananias, the parts near to his house.

24 After him repaired Bani the son of Adad, another portion from the house of Azaria as far as the corner and to the turning,

25 of Phalach the son of Uzai, opposite the corner, and where is also the tower that projects from the king's house, even the upper one of the prison-house: and after him repaired Phadaea the son of Phoros.

26 And the Nathinim dwelt in Ophal, as far as the garden of the water-gate eastward, and there is the projecting tower.

27 And after them the Thecoim repaired, another portion opposite the great projecting tower, even as far as the wall of Ophla.

28 The priests repaired above the horse-gate, every man over against his own house.

29 And after him Sadduc the son of Emmer repaired opposite his own house: and after him repaired Samaea son of Sechenia, guard of the eastgate.

30 After him repaired Anania son of Selemia, and Anom, the sixth son of Seleph, another portion: after him Mesulam the son of Barachia repaired over against his treasury.

31 After him repaired Melchia the son of Sarephi as far as the house of the Nathinim, and the chapmen over against the gate of Maphecad, and as far as the steps of the corner.

32 And between that and the sheep-gate the smiths and chapmen repaired.

Chapter 4

1 Now it came to pass, when Sanaballat heard that we were building the wall, that it was grievous to him, and he was very angry, and railed against the Jews.

2 And he said before his brethren (that is the army of the Samaritans) Is it true that these Jews are building their city? do they indeed offer sacrifices? will they prevail? and will they this day restore the stones, after they have been burnt and made a heap of rubbish?

3 And Tobias the Ammanite came near to him, and said to them, Do they sacrifice or eat in their place? shall not a fox go up and pull down their wall of stones?

4 Hear, O our God, for we have become a scorn; and return you their reproach upon their head, and make them a scorn in a land of captivity,

5 and do not cover their iniquity.

7 But it came to pass, when Sanaballat and Tobia, and the Arabians, and the Ammanites, heard that the building of the walls of Jerusalem was advancing, and that the breaches began to be stopped, that it appeared very grievous to them.

8 And all of them assembled together, to come to fight against Jerusalem, and to destroy it utterly.

9 So we prayed to our God and set watchmen against them day and night, because of them.

10 And Judah said, The strength of the enemies is broken, yet there is much rubbish, and we shall not be able to build the wall.

11 And they that afflicted us said, They shall not know, and they shall not see, until we come into the midst of them, and slay them, and cause the work to cease.

12 And it came to pass, when the Jews who lived near them came, that they said to us, They are coming up against us from every quarter.

13 So I set men in the lowest part of the place behind the wall in the lurking-places, I even set the people according to their families, with their swords, their spears, and their bows.

14 And I looked, and arose, and said to the nobles, and to the captains, and to the rest of the people, Be not afraid of them: remember our great and terrible God, and fight for your brethren, your sons, your daughters, your wives, and your houses.

15 And it came to pass, when our enemies heard that it was made known to us, and God had frustrated their counsel, that we all returned to the wall, every man to his work.

16 And it came to pass from that day that half of them that had been driven forth, wrought the work, and half of them kept guard; and there were spears, and shields, and bows, and breast-plates, and rulers behind the whole house of Judah,

17 even of them that were building the wall:—and those who carried the burdens were under arms: each with one hand wrought his work, and with the other held his dart.

18 And the builders wrought each man having his sword girt upon his loins, and so they built: and the trumpeter with his trumpet next to him.

19 And I said to the nobles, and to the rulers, and to the rest of the people, The work is great and abundant, and we are dispersed upon the wall, each at a great distance from his brother.

20 In whatsoever place you shall hear the sound of the cornet, thither gather yourselves together to us; and our God shall fight for us.

21 So we continued labouring at the work: and half of them held the spears from the rising of the morning until the stars appeared.

22 And at that time I said to the people, Lodge you every man with his servant in the midst of Jerusalem, and let the night be a watch-time to you, and the day a work-time.

23 And I was there, and the watchmen behind me, and there was not a man of us that put off his garments.

Chapter 5

1 And the cry of the people and their wives was great against their brethren the Jews.

2 And some said, We are numerous with our sons and our daughters; so we will take corn, and eat, and live.

3 And some said, As to our fields and vineyards and houses, let us pledge them, and we will take corn, and eat.

4 And some said, We have borrowed money for the king's tributes:—our fields, and our vineyards, and houses are pledged.

5 And now our flesh is as the flesh of our brethren, our children are as their children: yet, behold, we are reducing our sons and our daughters to slavery, and some of our daughters are enslaved: and there is no power of our hands, for our fields and our vineyards belong to the nobles.

6 And I was much grieved as I heard their cry and these words.

7 And my heart took counsel within me, and I contended against the nobles, and the princes, and I said to them, Should every man demand of his brother what you demand? And I appointed against them a great assembly,

8 and I said to them, We of our free-will have redeemed our brethren the Jews that were sold to the Gentiles; and do you sell your brethren? and shall they be delivered to us? And they were silent, and found no answer.

9 And I said, The thing which you do is not good; you will not so walk in the fear of our God because of the reproach of the Gentiles our enemies.

10 Both my brethren, and my acquaintances, and I, have lent them money and corn: let us now leave off this exaction.

11 Restore to them, I pray, as at this day, their fields, and their vineyards, and their olive-yards, and their houses, and bring forth to them corn and wine and oil of the money.

12 And they said, We will restore, and we will not exact of them; we will do thus as you say. Then I called the priests, and bound them by oath to do according to this word.

13 And I shook out my garment, and said, So may God shake out every man who shall not keep to this word, from his house, and from his labours, he shall be even thus shaken out, as an outcast and empty. And all the congregation said, Amen, and they praised the Lord: and the people did this thing.

14 From the day that he charged me to be their ruler in the land of Judah, from the twentieth year even to the thirty-second year of Arthasastha, twelve years, I and my brethren ate not provision extorted from them.

15 But as for the former acts of extortion wherein those who were before me oppressed them, they even took of them their last money, forty didrachms for bread and wine; and the very outcasts of them exercised authority over the people: but I did not so, because of the fear of God.

16 Also in the work of the wall I treated them not with rigor, I bought not land: and all that were gathered together came thither to the work.

17 And the Jews, to the number of a hundred and fifty men, besides those coming to us from the nations round about, were at my table.

18 And there came to me for one day one calf, and I had six choice sheep and a goat; and every ten days wine in abundance of all sorts: yet with these I required not the bread of extortion, because the bondage was heavy upon this people.

19 Remember me, O God, for good, in all that I have done to this people.

Chapter 6

1 Now it came to pass, when Sanaballat, and Tobias, and Gesam the Arabian, and the rest of our enemies, heard that I had built the wall, and that there was no opening left therein; (but hitherto I had not set up the doors on the gates;)

2 that Sanaballat and Gesam sent to me, saying, Come and let us meet together in the villages in the plain of Ono. But they were plotting to do me mischief.

3 So I sent messengers to them, saying, I am doing a great work, and I shall not be able to come down, lest the work should cease: as soon as I shall have finished it, I will come down to you.

4 And they sent to me again to this effect; and I sent them word accordingly.

5 Then Sanaballat sent his servant to me with an open letter in his hand.

6 And in it was written, It has been reported among the Gentiles that you and the Jews are planning to revolt: therefore you are building the wall, and you will be a king to them.

7 And moreover you has appointed prophets to yourself, that you might dwell in Jerusalem as a king over Judah: and now these words will be reported to the king. Now then, come, let us take counsel together.

8 And I sent to him, saying, It has not happened according to these words, even as you say, for you frame them falsely out of your heart.

9 For all were trying to alarm us, saying, Their hands shall be weakened from this work, and it shall not be done. Now therefore I have strengthened my hands.

10 And I came into the house of Semei the son of Dalaia the Son of Metabeel, and he was shut up; and he said, Let us

assemble together in the house of God, in the midst of it, and let us shut the doors of it; for they are coming by night to slay you.

11 And I said, Who is the man that shall enter into the house, that he may live?

12 And I observed, and, behold, God had not sent him, for the prophecy was a fable devised against me:

13 and Tobias and Sanaballat had hired against me a multitude, that I might be frightened, and do this, and sin, and become to them an ill name, that they might reproach me.

14 Remember, O God, Tobias and Sanaballat, according to these their deeds, and the prophetess Noadia, and the rest of the prophets who tried to alarm me.

15 So the wall was finished on the twenty-fifth day of the month Elul, in fifty-two days.

16 And it came to pass, when all our enemies heard of it, that all the nations round about us feared, and great alarm fell upon them, and they knew that it was of our God that this work should be finished.

17 And in those days letters came to Tobias from many nobles of Judah, and those of Tobias came to them.

18 For many in Judah were bound to him by oath, because he was son-in-law of Sechenias the son of Herae; and Jonan his son had taken the daughter of Mesulam the son of Barachia to wife.

19 And they reported his words to me, and carried out my words to him: and Tobias sent letters to terrify me.

Chapter 7

1 And it came to pass, when the wall was built, and I had set up the doors, and the porters and the singers and the Levites were appointed,

2 that I gave charge to Ananias my brother, and Ananias the ruler of the palace, over Jerusalem: for he was a true man, and one that feared God beyond many.

3 And I said to them, The gates of Jerusalem shall not be opened till sunrise; and while they are still watching, let the doors be shut, and bolted; and set watches of them that dwell in Jerusalem, every man at his post, and every man over against his house.

4 Now the city was wide and large; and the people were few in it, and the houses were not built.

5 And God put it into my heart, and I gathered the nobles, and the rulers, and the people, into companies: and I found a register of the company that came up first, and I found written in it as follows:

6 Now these are the children of the country, that came up from captivity, of the number which Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon carried away, and they returned to Jerusalem and to Judah, every man to his city;

7 with Zerubbabel, and Jesus, and Neemia, Azaria, and Reelma, Naemani, Mardochaeus, Balsan, Maspharath, Esdra, Boguia, Inaum, Baana, Masphar, men of the people of Israel.

8 The children of Phoros, two thousand one hundred and seventy-two.

9 The children of Saphatia, three hundred and seventy-two.

10 The children of Era, six hundred and fifty-two.

11 The children of Phaath Moab, with the children of Jesus and Joab, two thousand six hundred and eighteen.

12 The children of Aelam, a thousand two hundred and fifty-four.

13 The children of Zathuia, eight hundred and forty-five.

14 The children of Zacchu, seven hundred and sixty.

15 The children of Banui, six hundred and forty-eight.

16 The children of Bebi, six hundred and twenty-eight.

17 The children of Asgad, two thousand three hundred and twenty-two.

18 The children of Adonicam, six hundred and sixty-seven.

19 The children of Bagoi, two thousand and sixty-seven.

20 The children of Edin, six hundred and fifty-five.

21 The children of Ater, the son of Hezekiah, ninety-eight.

22 The children of Esam, three hundred and twenty-eight.

23 The children of Besei, three hundred and twenty-four.

24 The children of Ariph, a hundred and twelve: the children of Asen, two hundred and twenty-three.

25 The children of Gibeon, ninety-five.

26 The children of Baethalem, a hundred and twenty-three: the children of Atopha, fifty-six.

27 The children of Anathoth, a hundred and twenty-eight.

28 The men of Bethasmoth, forty-two.

29 The men of Cariatharim, Caphira, and Beroth, seven hundred and forty-three.

30 The men of Arama and Gibeah, six hundred and twenty.

31 The men of Machemas, a hundred and twenty-two.

32 The men of Bethel and Ai, a hundred and twenty-three.

33 The men of Nabia, a hundred an fifty-two.

34 The men of Elamaar, one thousand two hundred and fifty-two.

35 The children of Eram, three hundred and twenty.

36 The children of Jericho, three hundred and forty-five.

37 The children of Lodadid and Ono, seven hundred and twenty-one.

38 The children of Sanana, three thousand nine hundred and thirty.

39 The priests; the sons of Jodae, pertaining to the house of Jesus, nine hundred and seventy-three.

40 The children of Emmer, one thousand and fifty-two.

41 The children of Phaseur, one thousand two hundred and forty-seven.

42 The children of Eram, a thousand and seventeen.

43 The Levites; the children of Jesus the son of Cadmiel, with the children of Uduia, seventy-four.

44 The singers; the children of Asaph, a hundred and forty-eight.

45 The porters; the children of Salum, the children of Ater, the children of Telmon, the children of Acub, the children of Atita, the children of Sabi, a hundred and thirty-eight.

46 The Nathinim; the children of Sea, the children of Aspha, the children of Tabaoth,

47 the children of Kiras, the children of Asuia, the children of Phadon,

48 the children of Labana, the children of Agaba, the children of Selmei,

49 the children of Anan, the children of Gadel, the children of Gaar,

50 the children of Raaia, the children of Rasson, the children of Necoda,

51 the children of Gezam, the children of Ozi, the children of Phese,

52 the children of Besi, the children of Meinon, the children of Nephosasi,

53 the children of Bacbuc, the children of Achipha, the children of Arur,

54 the children of Basaloth, the children of Mida, the children of Adasan,

55 the children of Barcue, the children of Sisarath, the children of Thema,

56 the children of Nisia, the children of Atipha.

57 The children of the servants of Solomon; the children of Sutei, the children of Sapharat, the children of Pherida,

58 the children of Jelel, the children of Dorcon, the children of Gadael,

59 the children of Saphatia, the children of Ettel, the children of Phacarath, the children of Sabaim, the children of Emim.

60 All the Nathinim, and children of the servants of Solomon, were three hundred and ninety-two.

61 And these went up from Thelmeleth, Thelaresa, Charub, Eron, Jemer: but they could not declare the houses of their families, or their seed, whether they were of Israel.

62 The children of Dalaia, the children of Tobia, the children of Necoda, six hundred and forty-two.

63 And of the priests; the children of Ebia, the children of Acos, the children of Berzelli, for they took wives of the daughters of Berzelli the Galaadite, and they were called by their name.

64 These sought the pedigree of their company, and it was not found, and they were removed as polluted from the priesthood.

65 And the Athersastha said, that they should not eat of the most holy things, until a priest should stand up to give light.

66 And all the congregation was about forty-two thousand three hundred and sixty,

67 besides their men-servants and their maid-servants: these were seven thousand three hundred and thirty seven: and the singing-men and singing-women, two hundred and forty-five.

69 Two thousand seven hundred asses.

70 And part of the heads of families gave into the treasury to Neemias for the work a thousand pieces of gold, fifty bowls, and thirty priests' garments.

71 And some of the heads of families gave into the treasuries of the work, twenty thousand pieces of gold, and two thousand three hundred pounds of silver.

72 And the rest of the people gave twenty thousand pieces of gold, and two thousand two hundred pounds of silver, and sixty-seven priests' garments.

73 And the priests, and Levites, and porters, and singers, and some of the people, and the Nathinim, and all Israel, dwelt in their cities.

Chapter 8

1 And the seventh month arrived, and the children of Israel were settled in their cities; and all the people were gathered as one man to the broad place before the water-gate, and they told Ezra the scribe to bring the book of the law of Moses, which the Lord commanded Israel.

2 So Ezra the priest brought the law before the congregation both of men and women, and every one who had understanding was present to hearken, on the first day of the seventh month.

3 And he read in it from the time of sun-rise to the middle of the day, before the men and the women; and they understood it, and the ears of all the people were attentive to the book of the law.

4 And Ezra the scribe stood on a wooden stage, and there stood next to him Mattathias, and Samaeas, and Ananias, and Urias, and Chelcia, and Massia, on his right hand; and on his left Phadaeas, and Misael, and Melchias, and Asom, and Asabadma, and Zechariah, and Mesollam.

5 And Ezra opened the book before all the people, for he was above the people; and it came to pass when he had opened it, that all the people stood.

6 And Ezra blessed the Lord, the great God: and all the people answered, and said, Amen, lifting up their hands: and they bowed down and worshipped the Lord with their face to the ground.

7 And Jesus and Banaias and Sarabias instructed the people in the law, and the people stood in their place.

8 And they read in the book of the law of God, and Ezra taught, and instructed them distinctly in the knowledge of the Lord, and the people understood the law in the reading.

9 And Neemias, and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites, and they that instructed the people, spoke and said to all the people, It is a holy day to the Lord our God; do not mourn, nor weep. For all the people wept when they heard the words of the law.

10 And the governor said to them, Go, eat the fat, and drink the sweet, and send portions to them that have nothing; for the day is holy to our Lord: and faint not, for the Lord is our strength.

11 And the Levites caused all the people to be silent, saying, Be silent, for it is a holy day, and despond not.

12 So all the people departed to eat, and to drink, and to send portions, and to make great mirth, for they understood the words which he made known to them.

13 And on the second day the heads of families assembled with all the people, also the priests and Levites, to Ezra the scribe, to attend to all the words of the law.

14 And they found written in the law which the Lord commanded Moses, that the children of Israel should dwell in booths, in the feast in the seventh month:

15 and that they should sound with trumpets in all their cities, and in Jerusalem. And Ezra said, Go forth to the mountain, and bring branches of olive, and branches of cypress trees, and branches of myrtle, and branches of palm trees, and branches of every thick tree, to make booths, according to that which was written.

16 And the people went forth, and brought them, and made booths for themselves, each one upon his roof, and in their courts, and in the courts of the house of God, and in the streets of the city, and as far as the gate of Ephraim.

17 And all the congregation who had returned from the captivity, made booths, and dwelt in booths: for the children of Israel had not done so from the days of Jesus the son of Naue until that day: and there was great joy.

18 And Ezra read in the book of the law of God daily, from the first day even to the last day: and they kept the feast seven days; and on the eighth day a solemn assembly, according to the ordinance.

Chapter 9

1 Now on the twenty-fourth day of this month the children of Israel assembled with fasting, and in sackcloths, and with ashes on their head.

2 And the children of Israel separated themselves from every stranger, and stood and confessed their sins, and the iniquities of their fathers.

3 And they stood in their place, and read in the book of the law of the Lord their god: and they confessed their sins to the Lord, and worshipped the Lord their God.

4 And there stood upon the stairs, of the Levites, Jesus, and the sons of Cadmiel, Sechenia the son of Sarabia, sons of Choneni; and they cried with a loud voice to the Lord their God.

5 And the Levites, Jesus and Cadmiel, said, Rise up, bless the Lord our God forever and ever: and let them bless your glorious name, and exalt it with all blessing and praise.

6 And Ezra said, You are the only true Lord; you made the heaven, and the heaven of heavens, and all their array, the earth, and all things that are in it, the seas, and all things in them; and you quicken all things, and the hosts of heaven worship you.

7 You are the Lord God, you did choose Abram, and brought him out of the land of the Chaldeans, and gave him the name of Abraam:

8 and you found his heart faithful before you, and did make a covenant with him to give to him and to his seed the land of the Chananites, and the Chettites, and Amorites, and Pherezites, and Jebusites, and Gergesites; and you have confirmed your words, for you are righteous.

9 And you saw the affliction of our fathers in Egypt, and you heard their cry at the Red Sea.

10 And you shewedst signs and wonders in Egypt, on Pharaoh and all his servants, and on all the people of his land: for you know that they behaved insolently against them: and you made yourself a name, as at this day.

11 And you did cleave the sea before them, and they passed through the midst of the sea on dry land; and you did cast into the deep them that were about to pursue them, as a stone in the mighty water.

12 And you guidedst them by day by a pillar of cloud, and by night by a pillar of fire, to enlighten for them the way wherein they should walk.

13 Also you came down upon mount Sinai, and you spoke to them out of heaven, and gave them right judgments, and laws of truth, ordinances, and good commandments.

14 And you did make known to them your holy sabbath; you did enjoin upon them commandments, and ordinances, and a law, by the hand of your servant Moses.

15 And you gave them bread from heaven for their food, and you brought them forth water from a rock for their thirst; and you bade them go in to inherit the land over which you stretchedst out your hand to give it them.

16 But they and our fathers behaved proudly, and hardened their neck, and did not hearken to your commandments,

17 and refused to listen, and remembered not your wonders which you wrought with them; and they hardened their neck, and appointed a leader to return to their slavery in Egypt: but you, O God, art merciful and compassionate, long-suffering, and abundant in mercy, and you did not forsake them.

18 And still farther they even made to themselves a molten calf, and said, These are the gods that brought us up out of Egypt: and they wrought great provocations.

19 Yet you in your great compassions did not forsake them in the wilderness: you did not turn away from them the pillar of the cloud by day, to guide them in the way, nor the pillar of fire by night, to enlighten for them the way wherein they should walk.

20 And you gave your good Spirit to instruct them, and you did not withhold your manna from their mouth, and gave them water in their thirst.

21 And you did sustain them forty years in the wilderness; you did not allow anything to fail them: their garments did not wax old, and their feet were not bruised.

22 Moreover, you gave them kingdoms, and did divide nations to them: and they inherited the land of Seon king of Heshbon, and the land of Og king of Basan.

23 And you did multiply their children as the stars of heaven, and brought them into the land of which you spoke to their fathers;

24 And they inherited it: and you did destroy from before them the dwellers in the land of the Chananites, and you gave into their hands them and their kings, and the nations of the land, to do unto them as it pleased them.

25 And they took lofty cities, and inherited houses full of all good things, wells dug, vineyards, and oliveyards, and every fruit tree in abundance: so they ate, and were filled, and grew fat, and rioted in your great goodness.

26 But they turned, and revolted from you, and cast your law behind their backs; and they slew your prophets, who testified against them to turn them back to you, and they wrought great provocations.

27 Then you gave them into the hand of them that afflicted them, and they did afflict them: and they cried to you in the time of their affliction, and you did hear them from your heaven, and in your great compassions gave them deliverers, and did save them from the hand of them that afflicted them.

28 But when they rested, they did evil again before you: so you left them in the hands of their enemies, and they ruled over them: and they cried again to you, and you heard them from heaven, and did deliver them in your great compassions.

29 And you did testify against them, to bring them back to your law: but they hearkened not, but sinned against your commandments and your judgments, which if a man do, he shall live in them; and they turned their back, and hardened their neck, and heard not.

30 Yet you did bear long with them many years, and did testify to them by your Spirit by the hand of your prophets: but they hearkened not; so you gave them into the hand of the nations of the land.

31 But you in your many mercies did not appoint them to destruction, and did not forsake them; for you are strong, and merciful, and pitiful.

32 And now, O our God, the powerful, the great, the mighty, and the terrible, keeping your covenant and your mercy, let not all the trouble seem little in your sight which has come upon us, and our kings, and our princes, and our priests, and our prophets, and our fathers, and upon all your people, from the days of the kings of Assur even to this day.

33 But you are righteous in all the things that come upon us; for you have wrought faithfully, but we have greatly sinned.

34 And our kings, and our princes, and our priests, and our fathers, have not performed your law, and have not given heed to your commandments, and have not kept your testimonies which you did testify to them.

35 And they did not serve you in your kingdom, and in your great goodness which you gave to them, and in the large and fat land which you did furnish before them, and they turned not from their evil devices.

36 Behold, we are servants this day, and as for the land which you gave to our fathers to eat the fruit of it and the good things of it, behold, we are servants upon it:

37 and its produce is abundant for the kings whom you did appoint over us because of our sins; and they have dominion over our bodies, and over our cattle, as it pleases them, and we are in great affliction.

38 And in regard to all these circumstances we make a covenant, and write it, and our princes, our Levites, and our priests, set their seal to it.

Chapter 10

1 And over them that sealed were Neemias the Artasastha, son of Achalia, and Zedekias,

2 the son of Araea, and Azaria, and Jeremia,

3 Phasur, Amaria, Melchia,

4 Attus, Sebani, Maluch,

5 Iram, Meramoth, Abdia,

6 Daniel, Gannathon, Baruch,

7 Mesulam, Abijah, Miamin,

8 Maazia, Belgai, Samaia; these were priests.

9 And the Levites; Jesus the son of Azania, Banaiu of the sons of Enadad, Cadmiel

10 and his brethren, Sabania, Oduia, Calitan, Phelia, Anan,

11 Micha, Roob, Asebias,

12 Zacchor, Sarabia, Sebania,

13 Odum, the sons of Banuae.

14 The heads of the people; Phoros, Phaath Moab, Elam, Zathuia,

15 the sons of Bani, Asgad, Bebai,

16 Adania, Bagoi, Hedin

17 Ater, Ezekia, Azur,

18 Oduia, Esam, Besi,

19 Ariph, Anathoth, Nobai,

20 Megaphes, Mesullam, Ezir,

21 Mesozebel, Saduc, Jeddua,

22 Phaltia, Anan, Anaea,

23 Hosea, Anania, Asub,

24 Aloes, Phalai, Sobec,

25 Reum, Essabana, Maasia,

26 and Aia, Aenan, Enam,

27 Maluch, Eram, Baana.

28 And the rest of the people, the priests, the Levites, the porters, the singers, the Nathinim, and every one who drew off from the nations of the land to the law of God, their wives, their sons, their daughters, every one who had knowledge and understanding,

29 were urgent with their brethren, and bound them under a curse, and entered into a curse, and into an oath, to walk in the law of God, which was given by the hand of Moses, the servant of God; to keep and to do all the commandments of the Lord, and his judgments, and his ordinances;

30 and that we will not, they said,give our daughters to the people of the land, nor will we take their daughters to our sons.

31 And as for the people of the land who bring wares and all manner of merchandise to sell on the sabbath-day, we will not buy of them on the sabbath or on the holy day: and we will leave the seventh year, and the exaction of every debt.

32 And we will impose ordinances upon ourselves, to levy on ourselves the third part of a didrachm yearly for the service of the house of our God;

33 the shewbread, and the continual meat-offering, and for the continual whole-burnt-offering, of the sabbaths, of the new moon, for the feast, and for the holy things, and the sin-offerings, to make atonement for Israel, and for the works of the house of our God.

34 And we cast lots for the office of wood-bearing, we the priests, and the Levites, and the people, to bring wood into the house of our God, according to the house of our families, at certain set times, year by year, to burn on the altar of the Lord our God, as it is written in the law:

35 and to bring the first-fruits of our land, and the first-fruits of the fruit of every tree, year by year, into the house of the Lord:

36 the first-born of our sons, and of our cattle, as it is written in the law, and the first-born of our herds and of our flocks, to bring to the house of our God, for the priests that minister in the house of our God.

37 And the first-fruits of our corn, and the fruit of every tree, of wine, and of oil, will we bring to the priests to the treasury of the house of God; and a tithe of our land to the Levites: for the Levites themselves shall receive tithes in all the cities of the land we cultivate.

38 And the priest the son of Aaron shall be with the Levites in the tithe of the Levite: and the Levites shall bring up the tenth part of their tithe to the house of our God, into the treasuries of the house of God.

39 For the children of Israel and the children of Levi shall bring into the treasuries the first-fruits of the corn, and wine, and oil; and there are the holy vessels, and the priests, and the ministers, and the porters, and the singers: and we will not forsake the house of our God.

Chapter 11

1 And the chiefs of the people dwelt in Jerusalem: and the rest of the people cast lots, to bring one of every ten to dwell in Jerusalem the holy city, and nine parts in the other cities.

2 And the people blessed all the men that volunteered to dwell in Jerusalem.

3 Now these are the chiefs of the province who dwelt in Jerusalem, and in the cities of Judah; every man dwelt in his possession in their cities: Israel, the priests, and the Levites, and the Nathinim, and the children of the servants of Solomon.

4 And there dwelt in Jerusalem some of the children of Judah, and of the children of Benjamin. Of the children of Judah; Athaia son of Azia, the son of Zacharia, the son of

Samaria, the son of Saphatia, the son of Maleleel, and some of the sons of Phares;

5 and Maasia son of Baruch, son of Chalaza, son of Ozia, son of Adaia, son of Joarib, son of Zechariah, son of Seloni.

6 All the sons of Phares who dwelt in Jerusalem were four hundred and sixty-eight men of might.

7 And these were the children of Benjamin; Shiloh son of Mesulam, son of Joad, son of Phadaia, son of Coleia, son of Maasias, son of Ethiel, son of Jesia.

8 And after him Gebe, Seli, nine hundred and twenty-eight.

9 And Joel son of Zechri was overseer over them: and Judah son of Asana was second in the city.

10 Of the priests: both Jadia son of Joarib, and Jachin.

11 Saraia, son of Elchia, son of Mesulam, son of Sadduc, son of Marioth, son of Aetoth, was over the house of God.

12 And their brethren doing the work of the house were eight hundred and twenty-two: and Adaia son of Jeroam, son of Phalalia, son of Amasi, son of Zacharia, son of Phassur, son of Melchia,

13 and his brethren, chiefs of families, two hundred and forty-two: and Amasia son of Esdriel, son of Mesarimith, son of Emmer,

14 and his brethren, mighty men of war, a hundred and twenty-eight: and their overseer was Badiel son of one of the great men.

15 And of the Levites; Samaia, son of Esricam,

17 Matthanias son of Micha, and Jobeb son of Samui,

18 two hundred and eighty-four.

19 And the porters; Acub, Telamin, and their brethren, a hundred and seventy-two.

22 And the overseer of the Levites was the son of Bani, son of Ozi, son of Asabia, the son of Micha. Of the sons of Asaph the singers some were over the house of God,

23 For so was the king's commandment concerning them.

24 And Phathaia son of Baseza was in attendance on the king in every matter for the people,

25 and with regard to villages in their country district: and some of the children of Judah dwelt in Cariatharboc,

26 and in Jesu,

27 and in Beersheba:

30 And their villages were Lachis and her hands: and they pitched their tents in Beersheba.

31 And the children of Benjamin dwelt from Gibeah to Machmas.

36 And of the Levites there were divisions to Judah and to Benjamin.

Chapter 12

1 Now these are the priests and the Levites that went up with Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel and Jesus: Saraia, Jeremia, Esdra,

2 Amaria, Maluch,

3 Sechenia.

7 These were the chiefs of the priests, and their brethren in the days of Jesus.

8 And the Levites were, Jesus, Banui, Cadmiel, Sarabia, Jodae, Matthania: he was over the bands,

9 and his brethren were appointed to the daily courses.

10 And Jesus begot Jehoiakim, and Jehoiakim begot Eliasib, and Eliasib begot Jodae,

11 and Jodae begot Jonathan, and Jonathan begot Jadu.

12 And in the days of Jehoiakim, his brethren the priests and the heads of families were, belonging to Saraia, Amaria; to Jeremia, Anania;

13 to Esdra, Mesulam; to Amaria, Joanan;

14 to Amaluch, Jonathan; to Sechenia, Joseph;

15 to Are, Mannas; to Marioth, Elcai;

16 to Adadai, Zacharia; to Ganathoth, Mesolam;

17 to Abijah, Zechri; to Miamin, Maadai; to Pheleti, one;

18 to Balgas, Samue; to Semia, Jonathan;

19 to Joarib, Matthanai; to Edio, Ozi;

20 to Salai, Callai; to Amec, Abed;

21 to Elkia, Asabias; to Jedeiu, Nathanael.

22 The Levites in the days of Eliasib, Joada, and Joa, and Joanan, and Idua, were recorded heads of families: also the priests, in the reign of Darius the Persian.

23 And the sons of Levi, heads of families, were written in the book of the chronicles, even to the days of Joanan son of Elisue.

24 And the heads of the Levites were Asabia, and Sarabia, and Jesu: and the sons of Cadmiel, and their brethren over against them, were to sing hymns of praise, according to the commandment of David the man of God, course by course.

25 When I gathered the porters,

26 it was in the days of Jehoiakim son of Jesus, son of Jozadak, and in the days of Neemia: and Ezra the priest was scribe.

27 And at the dedication of the wall of Jerusalem they sought the Levites in their places, to bring them to Jerusalem, to keep a feast of dedication and gladness with thanksgiving, and they sounded cymbals with songs, and had psalteries and harps.

28 And the sons of the singers were assembled both from the neighbourhood round about to Jerusalem, and from the villages,

29 and from the country: for the singers built themselves villages by Jerusalem.

30 And the priests and the Levites purified themselves, and they purified the people, and the porters, and the wall.

31 And they brought up the princes of Judah on the wall, and they appointed two great companies for thanksgiving, and they passed on the right hand on the wall of the dung-gate.

32 And after them went Osaia, and half the princes of Judah,

33 and Azarias, and Ezra, and Mesollam,

34 and Judah, and Benjamin, and Samaias and Jeremia.

35 And some of the sons of the priest with trumpets, Zechariah son of Jonathan, son of Samaias, son of Matthania, son of Michaia, son of Zacchur, son of Asaph:

36 and his brethren, Samaia, and Oziel, Gelol, Jama, Aia, Nathanael, and Judah, Anani, to praise with the hymns of David the man of God; and Ezra the scribe was before them,

37 at the gate, to praise before them, and they went up by the steps of the city of David, in the ascent of the wall, above the house of David, even to the water-gate

39 of Ephraim, and to the fish-gate, and by the tower of Anameel, and as far as the sheep-gate.

42 And the singers were heard, and were numbered.

43 And in that day they offered great sacrifices, and rejoiced; for God had made them very joyful: and their wives and their children rejoiced: and the joy in Jerusalem was heard from afar off.

44 And in that day they appointed men over the treasuries, for the treasures, the first-fruits, and the tithes, and for the chiefs of the cities who were assembled among them, to furnish portions for the priests and Levites: for there was joy in Judah over the priests and over the Levites that waited.

45 And they kept the charges of their God, and the charges of the purification, and ordered the singers and the porters, according to the commandments of David and his son Solomon.

46 For in the days of David Asaph was originally first of the singers, and they sang hymns and praise to God.

47 And all Israel in the days of Zerubbabel, and in the days of Neemias, gave the portions of the singers and the porters, a daily rate: and consecrated them to the Levites: and the Levites consecrated them to the sons of Aaron.

Chapter 13

1 In that day they read in the book of Moses in the ears of the people; and it was found written in it, that the Ammonites and Moabites should not enter into the congregation of God for ever;

2 because they met not the children of Israel with bread and water, but hired Balaam against them to curse them: but our God turned the curse into a blessing.

3 And it came to pass, when they heard the law, that they were separated, even every alien in Israel.

4 And before this time Eliasib the priest dwelt in the treasury of the house of our God, connected with Tobias;

5 and he made himself a great treasury, and there they were formerly in the habit of bestowing the offerings, and the frankincense, and the vessels, and the tithe of the corn, and the wine, and the oil, the ordered portion of the Levites, and singers, and porters; and the first-fruits of the priests.

6 But in all this time I was not in Jerusalem; for in the thirty-second year of Arthasastha king of Babylon I came to the king, and after a certain time I made my request of the king;

7 and I came to Jerusalem, and I understood the mischief which Eliasib had done in the case of Tobias, in making for him a treasury in the court of the house of God.

8 And it appeared very evil to me: so I cast forth all the furniture of the house of Tobias from the treasury.

9 And I gave orders, and they purified the treasuries: and I restored thither the vessels of the house of God, and the offerings, and the frankincense.

10 And I understood that the portion of the Levites had not been given: and they had fled every one to his field, the Levites and the singers doing the work.

11 And I strove with the commanders, and said, Wherefore has the house of God been abandoned? and I assembled them, and set them in their place.

12 And all Judah brought a tithe of the wheat and the wine and the oil into the treasuries,

13 to the charge of Selemia the priest, and Sadoc the scribe, and Phadaea of the Levites: and next to them was Anan the son of Zacchur, son of Matthanias; for they were accounted faithful: it was their office to distribute to their brethren.

14 Remember me, O God, in this, and let not my kindness be forgotten which I have wrought in regard to the house of the Lord God.

15 In those days I saw in Judah men treading wine-presses on the sabbath, and carrying sheaves, and loading asses with both wine, and grapes, and figs, and every kind of

burden, and bringing them into Jerusalem on the sabbath-day:

16 and I testified in the day of their sale. Also their dwelt in it men bringing fish, and selling every kind of merchandise to the children of Judah and in Jerusalem on the sabbath.

17 And I strove with the free children of Judah, and said to them, What is this evil thing which you do, and profane the sabbath-day?

18 Did not your fathers thus, and our God brought upon them and upon us and upon this city all these evils? and do you bring additional wrath upon Israel by profaning the sabbath?

19 And it came to pass, when the gates were set up in Jerusalem, before the sabbath, that I spoke, and they shut the gates; and I gave orders that they should not be opened till after the sabbath: and I set some of my servants at the gates, that none should bring in burdens on the sabbath-day.

20 So all the merchants lodged, and carried on traffic without Jerusalem once or twice.

21 Then I testified against them, and said to them, Why do you lodge in front of the wall? if you do so again, I will stretch out my hand upon you. From that time they came not on the sabbath.

22 and I told the Levites who were purifying themselves, and came and kept the gates, that they should sanctify the sabbath-day. Remember me, O God, for these things, and spare me according to the abundance of your mercy.

23 And in those days I saw the Jews who had married women of Ashdod, of Ammon, and of Moab:

24 and their children spoke half in the language of Ashdod, and did not know how to speak in the Jewish language.

25 And I strove with them and cursed them; and I smote some of them, and plucked off their hair, and made them swear by God, saying,You shall not give your daughters to their sons, and you shall not take of their daughters to your sons.

26 Did not Solomon king of Israel sin thus? though there was no king like him among many nations, and he was beloved of God, and God made him king over all Israel; yet strange women turned him aside.

27 So we will not hearken to you to do all this evil, to break covenant with our God, —to marry strange wives.

28 and Elisub the high priest, one of the sons of Joada, being son-in-law of Sanaballat the Uranite, I chased him away from me.

29 Remember them, O God, for their false connection with the priesthood, and the breaking the covenant of the priesthood, and for defiling the Levites.

30 So I purged them from all foreign connection, and established courses for the priests and the Levites, every man according to his work.

31 And the offering of the wood-bearers was at certain set times, and in the times of the first-fruits. Remember me, O our God, for good.

Esther

Chapter 1

1 [IN the second year of the reign of Artaxerxes the great king, on the first day of Nisan, Mardochæus the son of Jairus, the son of Semeias, the son of Cisæus, of the tribe of Benjamin,

1b a Jew dwelling in the city Susa, a great man, serving in the king's palace, saw a vision.

1c Now he was of the captivity which Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon had carried captive from Jerusalem, with Jeconiah the king of Judea.

1d And this was his dream: Behold, voices and a noise, thunders and earthquake, tumult upon the earth.

1e And, behold, two great serpents came forth, both ready for conflict, and there came from them a great voice,

1f and by their voice every nation was prepared for battle, even to fight against the nation of the just.

1g And, behold, a day of darkness and blackness, tribulation and anguish, affliction and great tumult upon the earth.

1h And all the righteous nation was troubled, fearing their own afflictions; and they prepared to die, and cried to God:

1i and from their cry there came as it were a great river from a little fountain, even much water.

1k And light and the sun arose, and the lowly were exalted, and devoured the honourable.

1l And Mardochæus who had seen this vision and what God designed to do, having awoke, kept it in his heart, and desired by all means to interpret it, even till night.

1m And Mardochæus rested quiet in the palace with Gabatha and Tharrha the king's two chamberlains, eunuchs who guarded the palace.

1n And he heard their reasonings and searched out their plans, and learnt that they were preparing to lay hands on king Artaxerxes: and he informed the king concerning them.

1o And the king examined the two chamberlains, and they confessed, and were executed.

1p And the king wrote these things for a memorial; also Mardochæus wrote concerning these matters.

1q And the king commanded Mardochæus to attend in the palace, and gave him gifts for this service.

1r And Aman the son of Amadathes the Bugæan was honourable in the sight of the king, and he endeavoured to hurt Mardochæus and his people, because of the two chamberlains of the king.]

1s And it came to pass after these things in the days of Artaxerxes,— (this Artaxerxes ruled over a hundred and twenty-seven provinces from India)—

2 in those days, when king Artaxerxes was on the throne in the city of Susa,

3 in the third year of his reign, he made a feast to his friends, and the other nations, and to the nobles of the Persians and Medes, and the chief of the satraps.

4 And after this, after he had shewn to them the wealth of his kingdom, and the abundant glory of his wealth during a hundred and eighty days,

5 when, I say, the days of the marriage feast were completed, the king made a banquet to the nations who were present in the city six days, in the court of the king's house,

6 which was adorned with hangings of fine linen and flax on cords of fine linen and purple, fastened to golden and silver studs, on pillars of Parian marble and stone: there were golden and silver couches on a pavement of emerald stone, and of pearl, and of Parian stone, and open-worked coverings variously flowered, having roses worked round about;

7 gold and silver cups, and a small cup of carbuncle set out of the value of thirty thousand talents, abundant and sweet wine, which the king himself drank.

8 And this banquet was not according to the appointed law; but so the king would have it: and he charged the stewards to perform his will and that of the company.

9 Also Astin the queen made a banquet for the women in the palace where king Artaxerxes dwelt.

10 Now on the seventh day the king, being merry, told Aman, and Bazan, and Tharrha, and Barazi, and Zatholtha, and Abataza, and Tharaba, the seven chamberlains, servants of king Artaxerxes,

11 to bring in the queen to him, to enthrone her, and crown her with the diadem, and to shew her to the princes, and her beauty to the nations: for she was beautiful.

12 But queen Astin hearkened not to him to come with the chamberlains: so the king was grieved and angered.

13 And he said to his friends, Thus has Astin spoken: pronounce therefore upon this case law and judgment.

14 So Arkesæus, and Sarsathæus, and Malisear, the princes of the Persians and Medes, who were near the king, who sat chief in rank by the king, drew near to him,

15 and reported to him according to the laws how it was proper to do to queen Astin, because she had not done the things commanded of the king by the chamberlains.

16 And Muchæus said to the king and to the princes, Queen Astin has not wronged the king only, but also all the king's rulers and princes:

17 for he has told them the words of the queen, and how she disobeyed the king. As then, said he, she refused to obey king Artaxerxes,

18 so this day shall the other ladies of the chiefs of the Persians and Medes, having heard what she said to the king, dare in the same way to dishonour their husbands.

19 If then it seem good to the king, let him make a royal decree, and let it be written according to the laws of the Medes and Persians, and let him not alter it: and let not the queen come in to him any more; and let the king give her royalty to a woman better than she.

20 And let the law of the king which he shall have made, be widely proclaimed, in his kingdom: and so shall all the women give honour to their husbands, from the poor even to the rich.

21 And the saying pleased the king and the princes; and the king did as Muchæus had said,

22 and sent into all his kingdom through the several provinces, according to their language, in order that men might be feared in their own houses.

Chapter 2

1 And after this the king's anger was pacified, and he no more mentioned Astin, bearing in mind what she had said, and how he had condemned her.

2 Then the servants of the king said, Let there be sought for the king chaste and beautiful young virgins.

3 And let the king appoint local governors in all the provinces of his kingdom, and let them select fair and chaste young damsels and bring them to the city Susa, into the women's apartment, and let them be consigned to the king's chamberlain, the keeper of the women; and let things for purification and other attendance be given to them.

4 And let the woman who shall please the king be queen instead of Astin. And the thing pleased the king; and he did so.

5 Now there was a Jew in the city Susa, and his name was Mardochæus, the son of Jairus, the son of Semeias, the son of Cisæus, of the tribe of Benjamin;

6 who had been brought a prisoner from Jerusalem, which Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon had carried into captivity.

7 And he had a foster-child, daughter of Aminadab his father's brother, and her name was Esther; and when her parents were dead, he brought her up for a wife for himself: and the damsel was beautiful.

8 And because the king's ordinance was published, many damsels were gathered to the city Susa under the hand of Gai; and Esther was brought to Gai the keeper of the women.

9 And the damsel pleased him, and she found favour in his sight; and he hasted to give her the things for purification, and her portion, and the seven maidens appointed her out of the palace: and he treated her and her maidens well in the women's apartment.

10 But Esther discovered not her family nor her kindred: for Mardochæus had charged her not to tell.

11 But Mardochæus used to walk every day by the women's court, to see what would become of Esther.

12 Now this was the time for a virgin to go in to the king, when she should have fulfilled twelve months; for so are the days of purification fulfilled, six months while they are anointing themselves with oil of myrrh, and six months with spices and women's purifications.

13 And then the damsel goes in to the king; and the officer to whomsoever he shall give the command, will bring her to come in with him from the women's apartment to the king's chamber.

14 She enters in the evening, and in the morning she departs to the second women's apartment, where Gai the king's chamberlain is keeper of the women: and she goes not in to the king again, unless she should be called by name.

15 And when the time was fulfilled for Esther the daughter of Aminadab the brother of Mardochæus' father to go in to the king, she neglected nothing which the chamberlain, the women's keeper, commanded; for Esther found grace in the sight of all that looked upon her.

16 So Esther went in to king Artaxerxes in the twelfth month, which is Adar, in the seventh year of his reign.

17 And the king loved Esther, and she found favour beyond all the other virgins: and he put on her the queen's crown.

18 And the king made a banquet for all his friends and great men for seven days, and he highly celebrated the marriage of Esther; and he made a release to those who were under his dominion.

19 But Mardochæus served in the palace.

20 Now Esther had not discovered her kindred; for so Mardochæus commanded her, to fear God, and perform his commandments, as when she was with him: and Esther changed not her manner of life.

21 And two chamberlains of the king, the chiefs of the body-guard, were grieved, because Mardochæus was promoted; and they sought to kill king Artaxerxes.

22 And the matter was discovered to Mardochæus, and he made it known to Esther, and she declared to the king the matter of the conspiracy.

23 And the king examined the two chamberlains, and hanged them: and the king gave orders to make a note for a

memorial in the royal records of the good offices of Mardochæus, as a commendation.

Chapter 3

1 And after this king Artaxerxes highly honoured Aman son of Amadathes, the Bugæan, and exalted him, and set his seat above all his friends.

2 And all in the palace did him obeisance, for so the king had given orders to do: but Mardochæus did not do him obeisance.

3 And they in the king's palace said to Mardochæus, Mardochæus, why do you transgress the commands of the king?

4 Thus they spoke daily to him, but he hearkened not unto them; so they represented to Aman that Mardochæus resisted the commands of the king: and Mardochæus had shewn to them that he was a Jew.

5 And when Aman understood that Mardochæus did not obeisance to him, he was greatly enraged,

6 and took counsel to destroy utterly all the Jews who were under the rule of Artaxerxes.

7 And he made a decree in the twelfth year of the reign of Artaxerxes, and cast lots daily and monthly, to slay in one day the race of Mardochæus: and the lot fell on the fourteenth day of the month which is Adar.

8 And he spoke to king Artaxerxes, saying, There is a nation scattered among the nations in all your kingdom, and their laws differ from those of all the other nations; and they disobey the laws of the king; and it is not expedient for the king to let them alone.

9 If it seem good to the king, let him make a decree to destroy them: and I will remit into the king's treasury ten thousand talents of silver.

10 And the king took off his ring, and gave it into the hands of Aman, to seal the decrees against the Jews.

11 And the king said to Aman, Keep the silver, and treat the nation as you will.

12 So the king's recorders were called in the first month, on the thirteenth day, and they wrote as Aman commanded to the captains and governors in every province, from India even to Ethiopia, to a hundred and twenty-seven provinces; and to the rulers of the nations according to their several languages, in the name of king Artaxerxes.

13 And the message was sent by posts throughout the kingdom of Artaxerxes, to destroy utterly the race of the Jews on the first day of the twelfth month, which is Adar, and to plunder their goods.

13a [And the following is the copy of the letter; The great king Artaxerxes writes thus to the rulers and inferior governors of a hundred and twenty-seven provinces, from India even to Ethiopia, who hold authority under him.

13b Ruling over many nations, and having obtained dominion over the whole world, I was minded, (not elated by the confidence of power, but ever conducting myself with great moderation and with gentleness,) to make the lives of my subjects continually tranquil, desiring both to maintain the kingdom quiet and orderly to its utmost limits, and to restore the peace desired by all men.

13c But when I had enquired of my counsellors how this should be brought to pass, Aman, who excels in soundness of judgment among us, and has been manifestly well inclined without wavering and with unshaken fidelity, and has obtained the second post in the kingdom,

13d informed us that a certain ill-disposed people is mixed up with all the tribes throughout the world, opposed in their laws to every other nation, and continually neglecting the commands of the kings, so that the united government blamelessly administered by us is not quietly established.

13e Having then conceived that this nation alone of all others is continually set in opposition to every man, introducing as a change a foreign code of laws, and injuriously plotting to accomplish the worst of evils against our interests, and against the happy establishment of the monarchy;

13f we have accordingly appointed those who are signified to you in the letters written by Aman, who is set over the public affairs and is our second governor, to destroy them all utterly with their wives and children by the swords of the enemies, without pitying or sparing any, on the fourteenth day of the twelfth month Adar, of the present year;

13g that the people aforetime and now ill-disposed to us having been violently consigned to death in one day, may hereafter secure to us continually a well constituted and quiet state of affairs.]

14 And the copies of the letters were published in every province; and an order was given to all the nations to be ready against that day.

15 And the business was hastened, and that at Susa: and the king and Aman began to drink; but the city was troubled.

Chapter 4

1 But Mardochæus having perceived what was done, rent his garments, and put on sackcloth, and sprinkled dust upon himself; and having rushed forth through the open street of the city, he cried with a loud voice, A nation that has done no wrong is going to be destroyed.

2 And he came to the king's gate, and stood; for it was not lawful for him to enter into the palace, wearing sackcloth and ashes.

3 And in every province where the letters were published, there was crying and lamentation and great mourning on the part of the Jews: they spread for themselves sackcloth and ashes.

4 And the queen's maids and chamberlains went in and told her: and when she had heard what was done, she was disturbed; and she sent to clothe Mardochæus, and take away his sackcloth; but he consented not.

5 So Esther called for her chamberlain Achrathæus, who waited upon her; and she sent to learn the truth from Mardochæus.

7 And Mardochæus shewed him what was done, and the promise which Aman had made the king of ten thousand talents to be paid into the treasury, that he might destroy the Jews.

8 And he gave him the copy of the writing that was published in Susa concerning their destruction, to shew to Esther; and told him to charge her to go in and intreat the king, and to beg him for the people, remembering, said he, the days of your low estate, how you were nursed by my hand: because Aman who holds the next place to the king has spoken against us for death. Do you call upon the Lord, and speak to the king concerning us, to deliver us from death.

9 So Achrathæus went in and told her all these words.

10 And Esther said to Achrathæus, Go to Mardochæus, and say,

11 All the nations of the empire know, that whoever, man or woman, shall go in to the king into the inner court uncalled, that person cannot live: only to whomsoever the king shall stretch out his golden sceptre, he shall live: and I have not been called to go in to the king, for these thirty days.

12 And Achrathæus reported to Mardochæus all the words of Esther.

13 Then Mardochæus said to Achrathæus, Go, and say to her, Esther, say not to yourself that you alone will escape in the kingdom, more than all the other Jews.

14 For if you shall refuse to hearken on this occasion, help and protection will be to the Jews from another quarter; but you and your father's house will perish: and who knows, if you have been made queen for this very occasion?

15 And Esther sent the man that came to her to Mardochæus, saying,

16 Go and assemble the Jews that are in Susa, and fast you for me, and eat not and drink not for three days, night and day: and I also and my maidens will fast; and then I will go in to the king contrary to the law, even if I must die.

17 So Mardochæus went and did all that Esther commanded him.

17a [And he besought the Lord, making mention of all the works of the Lord; and he said,

17b Lord God, king ruling over all, for all things are in your power, and there is no one that shall oppose you in your purpose to save Israel.—

17c For you have made the heaven and the earth, and every wonderful thing in the world under heaven. And you are Lord of all, and there is no one who shall resist you the Lord.

17d You know all things: you know, Lord, that it is not in insolence, nor haughtiness, nor love of glory, that I have done this, to refuse obeisance to the haughty Aman. For I would gladly have kissed the soles of his feet for the safety of Israel.

17e But I have done this, that I might not set the glory of man above the glory of God: and I will not worship any one except you, my Lord, and I will not do these things in haughtiness.

17f And now, O Lord God, the King, the God of Abraam, spare your people, for our enemies are looking upon us to our destruction, and they have desired to destroy your ancient inheritance.

17g Do not overlook your peculiar people, whom you have redeemed for yourself out of the land of Egypt.

17h Hearken to my prayer, and be propitious to your inheritance, and turn our mourning into gladness, that we may live and sing praise to your name, O Lord; and do not utterly destroy the mouth of them that praise you, O Lord.

17i And all Israel cried with all their might, for their death was before their eyes.

17k And queen Esther betook herself for refuge to the Lord, being taken as it were in the agony of death. And having taken off her glorious apparel, she put on garments of distress and mourning; and instead of grand perfumes she filled her head with ashes and dung, and she greatly brought down her body, and she filled every place of her glad adorning with the torn curls of her hair. And she besought the Lord God of Israel, and said,

17l O my Lord, you alone art our king: help me who am destitute, and have no helper but you, for my danger is near at hand.

17m I have heard from my birth, in the tribe of my kindred, that you, Lord, took Israel out of all the nations, and our fathers out of all their kindred for a perpetual inheritance, and have wrought for them all that you have said.

17n And now we have sinned before you, and you have delivered us into the hands of our enemies, because we honoured their gods: you are righteous, O Lord.

17o But now they have not been contented with the bitterness of our slavery, but have laid their hands on the hands of their idols, in order to abolish the decree of your mouth, and utterly to destroy your inheritance, and to stop the mouth of them that praise you, and to extinguish the glory of yours house and your altar,

17p and to open the mouth of the Gentiles to speak the praises of vanities, and in order that a mortal king should be admired for ever.

17q O Lord, do not resign your sceptre to them that are not, and let them not laugh at our fall, but turn their counsel against themselves, and make an example of him who has begun to injure us.

17r Remember us, O Lord, manifest yourself in the time of our affliction, and encourage me, O king of gods, and ruler of all dominion.

17s Put harmonious speech into my mouth before the lion, and turn his heart to hate him that fights against us, to the utter destruction of him and of them that consent with him.

17t But deliver us by yours hand, and help me who am destitute, and have none but you, O Lord.

17u You know all things, and know that I hate the glory of transgressors, and that I abhor the couch of the uncircumcised, and of every stranger.

17w You know my necessity, for I abhor the symbol of my proud station, which is upon my head in the days of my splendour: I abhor it as a menstruous cloth, and I wear it not in the days of my tranquillity.

17x And your handmaid has not eaten at the table of Aman, and I have not honoured the banquet of the king, neither have I drunk wine of libations.

17y Neither has your handmaid rejoiced since the day of my promotion until now, except in you, O Lord God of Abraam.

17z O God, who have power over all, hearken to the voice of the desperate, and deliver us from the hand of them that devise mischief; and deliver me from my fear.

Chapter 5

1 And it came to pass on the third day, when she had ceased praying, that she put off her mean dress, and put on her glorious apparel.

1a And being splendidly arrayed, and having called upon God the Overseer and Preserver of all things, she took her two maids, and she leaned upon one, as a delicate female, and the other followed bearing her train.

1b And she was blooming in the perfection of her beauty; and her face was cheerful, as it were benevolent, but her heart was straitened for fear.

1c And having passed through all the doors, she stood before the king: and he was sitting upon his royal throne, and he had put on all his glorious apparel, covered all over with gold and precious stones, and was very terrible.

1d And having raised his face resplendent with glory, he looked with intense anger: and the queen fell, and changed her colour as she fainted; and she bowed herself upon the head of the maid that went before her.

1e But God changed the spirit of the king to gentleness, and in intense feeling he sprang from off his throne, and took her into his arms, until she recovered: and he comforted her with peaceable words, and said to her,

1f What is the matter, Esther? I am your brother; be of good cheer, you shall not die, for our command is openly declared to you, Draw nigh.

2 And having raised the golden sceptre he laid it upon her neck, and embraced her, and said, Speak to me.

2a And she said to him, I saw you, my lord, as an angel of God, and my heart was troubled for fear of your glory; for you, my lord, art to be wondered at, and your face is full of grace.

2b And while she was speaking, she fainted and fell. Then the king was troubled, and all his servants comforted her.]

3 And the king said, What will you, Esther? and what is your request? ask even to the half of my kingdom, and it shall be yours.

4 And Esther said, To-day is my great day: if then it seem good to the king, let both him and Aman come to the feast which I will prepare this day.

5 And the king said, Hasten Aman hither, that we may perform the word of Esther. So they both come to the feast of which Esther had spoken.

6 And at the banquet the king said to Esther, What is your request, queen Esther? speak, and you shall have all that you require.

7 And she said, My request and my petition are:

8 if I have found favour in the sight of the king, let the king and Aman come again to-morrow to the feast which I shall prepare for them, and to-morrow I will do the same.

9 So Aman went out from the king very glad and merry: but when Aman saw Mardochæus the Jew in the court, he was greatly enraged.

10 And having gone into his own house, he called his friends, and his wife Zosara.

11 And he shewed them his wealth, and the glory with which the king had invested him, and how he had caused him to take precedence and bear chief rule in the kingdom.

12 And Aman said, The queen has called no one to the feast with the king but me, and I am invited to-morrow.

13 But these things please me not, while I see Mardochæus the Jew in the court.

14 And Zosara his wife and his friends said to him, Let there be a gallows made for you of fifty cubits, and in the morning do you speak to the king, and let Mardochæus be hanged on the gallows: but do you go in to the feast with the king, and be merry. And the saying pleased Aman, and the gallows was prepared.

Chapter 6

1 But the Lord removed sleep from the king that night: and he told his servant to bring in the books, the registers of daily events, to read to him.

2 And he found the records written concerning Mardochæus, how he had told the king concerning the two chamberlains of the king, when they were keeping guard, and sought to lay hands on Artaxerxes.

3 And the king said, What honour or favour have we done to Mardochæus? And the king's servants said, You have not done anything to him.

4 And while the king was enquiring about the kindness of Mardochæus, behold, Aman was in the court. And the king said, Who is in the court? Now Aman was come in to speak to the king, that he should hang Mardochæus on the gallows, which he had prepared.

5 And the king's servants said, Behold, Aman stands in the court. And the king said, Call him.

6 And the king said to Aman, What shall I do to the man whom I wish to honour? And Aman said within himself, Whom would the king honour but myself?

7 and he said to the king, As for the man whom the king wishes to honour,

8 let the king's servants bring the robe of fine linen which the king puts on, and the horse on which the king rides,

9 and let him give it to one of the king's noble friends, and let him array the man whom the king loves; and let him mount him on the horse, and proclaim through the street of the city, saying, Thus shall it be done to every man whom the king honours.

10 Then the king said to Aman, You have well said: so do to Mardochæus the Jew, who waits in the palace, and let not a word of what you have spoken be neglected.

11 So Aman took the robe and the horse, and arrayed Mardochæus, and mounted him on the horse, and went through the street of the city, and proclaimed, saying, Thus shall it be to every man whom the king wishes to honour.

12 And Mardochæus returned to the palace: but Aman went home mourning, and having his head covered.

13 And Aman related the events that had befallen him to Zosara his wife, and to his friends: and his friends and his wife said to him, If Mardochæus be of the race of the Jews, and you have begun to be humbled before him, you will assuredly fall, and you will not be able to withstand him, for the living God is with him.

14 While they were yet speaking, the chamberlains arrived, to hasten Aman to the banquet which Esther had prepared.

Chapter 7

1 So the king and Aman went in to drink with the queen.

2 And the king said to Esther at the banquet on the second day, What is it, queen Esther? and what is your request, and what is your petition? and it shall be done for you, to the half of my kingdom.

3 And she answered and said, If I have found favour in the sight of the king, let my life be granted to my petition, and my people to my request.

4 For both I and my people are sold for destruction, and pillage, and slavery; both we and our children for bondmen and bondwomen: and I consented not to it, for the slanderer is not worthy of the king's palace.

5 And the king said, Who is this that has dared to do this thing?

6 And Esther said, The adversary is Aman, this wicked man. Then Aman was troubled before the king and the queen.

7 And the king rose up from the banquet to go into the garden: and Aman began to intreat the queen; for he saw that he was in an evil case.

8 And the king returned from the garden; and Aman had fallen upon the bed, intreating the queen. And the king said, Will you even force my wife in my house? And when Aman heard it, he changed countenance.

9 And Bugathan, one of the chamberlains, said to the king, Behold, Aman has also prepared a gallows for Mardochæus, who spoke concerning the king, and a gallows of fifty cubits high has been set up in the premises of Aman. And the king said, Let him be hanged thereon.

10 So Aman was hanged on the gallows that had been prepared for Mardochæus: and then the king's wrath was appeased.

Chapter 8

1 And in that day king Artaxerxes gave to Esther all that belonged to Aman the slanderer: and Mardochæus was called by the king; for Esther had shewn that he was related to her.

2 And the king took the ring which he had taken away from Aman, and gave it to Mardochæus: and Esther appointed Mardochæus over all that had been Aman's.

3 And she spoke yet again to the king, and fell at his feet, and besought him to do away the mischief of Aman, and all that he had done against the Jews.

4 Then the king stretched out to Esther the golden sceptre: and Esther arose to stand near the king.

5 And Esther said, If it seem good to you, and I have found favour in your sight, let an order be sent that the letters sent by Aman may be reversed, that were written for the destruction of the Jews, who are in your kingdom.

6 For how shall I be able to look upon the affliction of my people, and how shall I be able to survive the destruction of my kindred?

7 And the king said to Esther, If I have given and freely granted you all that was Aman's, and hanged him on a gallows, because he laid his hands upon the Jews, what do you yet further seek?

8 Write you also in my name, as it seems good to you, and seal it with my ring: for whatever orders are written at the command of the king, and sealed with my ring, it is not lawful to gainsay them.

9 So the scribes were called in the first month, which is Nisan, on the three and twentieth day of the same year; and orders were written to the Jews, whatever the king had commanded to the local governors and chiefs of the satraps, from India even to Ethiopia, a hundred and twenty-seven satraps, according to the several provinces, according to their dialects.

10 And they were written by order of the king, and sealed with his ring, and they sent the letters by the posts:

11 wherein he charged them to use their own laws in every city, and to help each other, and to treat their adversaries, and those who attacked them, as they pleased,

12 on one day in all the kingdom of Artaxerxes, on the thirteenth day of the twelfth month, which is Adar.

12a And the following is the copy of the letter of the orders.

12b [The great king Artaxerxes sends greeting to the rulers of provinces in a hundred and twenty-seven satrapies, from India to Ethiopia, even to those who are faithful to our interests.

12c Many who have been frequently honoured by the most abundant kindness of their benefactors have conceived ambitious designs, and not only endeavour to hurt our subjects, but moreover, not being able to bear prosperity, they also endeavour to plot against their own benefactors.

12d And they not only would utterly abolish gratitude from among men, but also, elated by the boastings of men who are strangers to all that is good, they suppose that they shall escape the sin-hating vengeance of the ever-seeing God.

12e And oftentimes evil exhortation has made partakers of the guilt of shedding innocent blood, and has involved in irremediable calamities, many of those who were appointed to offices of authority, who had been entrusted with the management of their friends' affairs;

12f while men, by the false sophistry of an evil disposition, have deceived the simple candour of the ruling powers.

12g And it is possible to see this, not so much from more ancient traditionary accounts, as it is immediately in your power to see it by examining what things have been wickedly perpetrated by the baseness of men unworthily holding power.

12h And it is right to take heed with regard to the future, that we may maintain the government in undisturbed peace for all men,

12i adopting needful changes, and ever judging those cases which come under our notice, with truly equitable decision.

12k For whereas Aman, a Macedonian, the son of Amadathes, in reality an alien from the blood of the Persians, and differing widely from our mild course of government, having been hospitably entertained by us,

12l obtained so large a share of our universal kindness, as to be called our father, and to continue the person next to the royal throne, reverenced of all;

12m he, however, overcome by the pride of his station, endeavoured to deprive us of our dominion, and our life;

12n having by various and subtle artifices demanded for destruction both Mardochæus our deliverer and perpetual benefactor, and Esther the blameless consort of our kingdom, with their whole nation.

12o For by these methods he thought, having surprised us in a defenceless state, to transfer the dominion of the Persians to the Macedonians.

12p But we find that the Jews, who have been consigned to destruction by the most abominable of men, are not malefactors, but living according to the justest laws,

12q and being the sons of the living God, the most high and mighty, who maintains the kingdom, to us as well as to our forefathers, in the most excellent order.

12r You will therefore do well in refusing to obey the letters sent by Aman the son of Amadathes, because he that has done these things, has been hanged with his whole family at the gates of Susa, Almighty God having swiftly returned to him a worthy recompence.

12s We enjoin you then, having openly published a copy of this letter in every place, to give the Jews permission to use their own lawful customs, and to strengthen them, that on the thirteenth of the twelfth month Adar, on the self-same day, they may defend themselves against those who attacked them in a time of affliction.

12t For in the place of the destruction of the chosen race, Almighty God has granted them this time of gladness.

12u Do you therefore also, among your notable feasts, keep a distinct day with all festivity, that both now and hereafter it may be a day of deliverance to us and those who are well disposed toward the Persians, but to those that plotted against us a memorial of destruction.

12x And every city and province collectively, which shall not do accordingly, shall be consumed with vengeance by spear and fire: it shall be made not only inaccessible to men, but also most hateful to wild beasts and birds for ever.]

13 And let the copies be posted in conspicuous places throughout the kingdom, and let all the Jews be ready against this day, to fight against their enemies.

14 So the horsemen went forth with haste to perform the king's commands; and the ordinance was also published in Susa.

15 And Mardochæus went forth robed in the royal apparel, and wearing a golden crown, and a diadem of fine purple linen: and the people in Susa saw it and rejoiced.

16 And the Jews had light and gladness,

17 in every city and province wherever the ordinance was published: wherever the proclamation took place, the Jews had joy and gladness, feasting and mirth: and many of the Gentiles were circumcised, and became Jews, for fear of the Jews.

Chapter 9

1 For in the twelfth month, on the thirteenth day of the month which is Adar, the letters written by the king arrived.

2 In that day the adversaries of the Jews perished: for no one resisted, through fear of them.

3 For the chiefs of the satraps, and the princes and the royal scribes, honoured the Jews; for the fear of Mardochæus lay upon them.

4 For the order of the king was in force, that he should be celebrated in all the kingdom.

6 And in the city Susa the Jews slew five hundred men:

7 both Pharsannes, and Delphon and Phasga,

8 and Pharadatha, and Barea, and Sarbaca,

9 and Marmasima, and Ruphæus, and Arsæus, and Zabuthæus,

10 the ten sons of Aman the son of Amadathes the Bugæan, the enemy of the Jews, and they plundered their property on the same day:

11 and the number of them that perished in Susa was rendered to the king.

12 And the king said to Esther, The Jews have slain five hundred men in the city Susa; and how, think you, have they used them in the rest of the country? What then do you yet ask, that it may be done for you?

13 And Esther said to the king, Let it be granted to the Jews so to treat them to-morrow as to hang the ten sons of Aman.

14 And he permitted it to be so done; and he gave up to the Jews of the city the bodies of the sons of Aman to hang.

15 And the Jews assembled in Susa on the fourteenth day of Adar, and slew three hundred men, but plundered no property.

16 And the rest of the Jews who were in the kingdom assembled, and helped one another, and obtained rest from their enemies: for they destroyed fifteen thousand of them on the thirteenth day of Adar, but took no spoil.

17 And they rested on the fourteenth of the same month, and kept it as a day of rest with joy and gladness.

18 And the Jews in the city Susa assembled also on the fourteenth day and rested; and they kept also the fifteenth with joy and gladness.

19 On this account then it is that the Jews dispersed in every foreign land keep the fourteenth of Adar as a holy day with joy, sending portions each to his neighbour.

20 And Mardochæus wrote these things in a book, and sent them to the Jews, as many as were in the kingdom of Artaxerxes, both them that were near and them that were afar off,

21 to establish these as joyful days, and to keep the fourteenth and fifteenth of Adar;

22 for on these days the Jews obtained rest from their enemies: and as to the month, which was Adar, in which a change was made for them, from mourning to joy, and from sorrow to a good day, to spend the whole of it in good days of feasting and gladness, sending portions to their friends, and to the poor.

23 And the Jews consented to this accordingly as Mardochæus wrote to them,

24 shewing how Aman the son of Amadathes the Macedonian fought against them, how he made a decree and cast lots to destroy them utterly;

25 also how he went in to the king, telling him to hang Mardochæus: but all the calamities he tried to bring upon the Jews came upon himself, and he was hanged, and his children.

26 Therefore these days were called Phruræ, because of the lots; (for in their language they are called Phruræ;) because of the words of this letter, and because of all they suffered on this account, and all that happened to them.

27 And Mardochæus established it, and the Jews took upon themselves, and upon their seed, and upon those that were joined to them to observe it, neither would they on any account behave differently: but these days were to be a memorial kept in every generation, and city, and family, and province.

28 And these days of the Phruræ, said they, shall be kept for ever, and their memorial shall not fail in any generation.

29 And queen Esther, the daughter of Aminadab, and Mardochæus the Jew, wrote all that they had done, and the confirmation of the letter of Phruræ.

31 And Mardochæus and Esther the queen appointed a fast for themselves privately, even at that time also having formed their plan against their own health.

32 And Esther established it by a command for ever, and it was written for a memorial.

Chapter 10

1 And the king levied a tax upon his kingdom both by land and sea.

2 And as for his strength and valour, and the wealth and glory of his kingdom, behold, they are written in the book of the Persians and Medes, for a memorial.

3 And Mardochæus was viceroy to king Artaxerxes, and was a great man in the kingdom, and honoured by the Jews, and passed his life beloved of all his nation.

3a [And Mardochæus said, These things have been done of God.

3b For I remember the dream which I had concerning these matters: for not one particular of them has failed.

3c There was the little fountain, which became a river, and there was light, and the sun, and much water. The river is Esther, whom the king married, and made queen.

3d And the two serpents are I and Aman.

3e And the nations are those nations that combined to destroy the name of the Jews.

3f But as for my nation, this is Israel, even they that cried to God, and were delivered: for the Lord delivered his people, and the Lord rescued us out of all these calamities; and God wrought such signs and great wonders as have not been done among the nations.

3g Therefore did he ordain two lots, one for the people of God, and one for all the other nations.

3h And these two lots came for an appointed season, and for a day of judgment, before God, and for all the nations.

3i And God remembered his people, and vindicated his inheritance.

3k And they shall observe these days, in the month Adar, on the fourteenth and on the fifteenth day of the month, with an assembly, and joy and gladness before God, throughout the generations for ever among his people Israel.

3l In the fourth year of the reign of Ptolemy and Cleopatra, Dositheus, who said that he was a priest and a Levite, and Ptolemy his son, brought in the published letter of Phruræ, which they said existed, and which Lysimachus the son of Ptolemy, who was in Jerusalem, had interpreted.]

Job

Chapter 1

1 THERE was a certain man in the land of Ausis, whose name was Job; and that man was true, blameless, righteous, and godly, abstaining from everything evil.

2 And he had seven sons and three daughters.

3 And his cattle consisted of seven thousand sheep, three thousand camels, five hundred yoke of oxen, five hundred she-asses in the pastures, and a very great household, and he had a great husbandry on the earth; and that man was most noble of the men of the east.

4 And his sons visiting one another prepared a banquet every day, taking with them also their three sisters to eat and drink with them.

5 And when the days of the banquet were completed, Job sent and purified them, having risen up in the morning, and offered sacrifices for them, according to their number, and one calf for a sin-offering for their souls: for Job said, Lest peradventure my sons have thought evil in their minds against God. Thus then Job did continually.

6 And it came to pass on a day, that, behold, the angels of God came to stand before the Lord, and the devil came with them.

7 And the Lord said to the devil, Whence are you come? And the devil answered the Lord, and said, I am come from compassing the earth, and walking up and down in the world.

8 And the Lord said to him, Have you diligently considered my servant Job, that there is none like him on the earth, a man blameless, true, godly, abstaining from everything evil?

9 Then the devil answered, and said before the Lord, Does Job worship the Lord for nothing?

10 Have you not made a hedge about him, and about his household, and all his possessions round about? and have you not blessed the works of his hands, and multiplied his cattle upon the land?

11 But put forth yours hand, and touch all that he has: verily he will bless you to your face.

12 Then the Lord said to the devil, Behold, I give into yours hand all that he has, but touch not himself. So the devil went out from the presence of the Lord.

13 And it came to pass on a certain day, that Job's sons and his daughters were drinking wine in the house of their elder brother.

14 And, behold, there came a messenger to Job, and said to him, The yokes of oxen were ploughing, and the she-asses were feeding near them;

15 and the spoilers came and took them for a prey, and slew the servants with the sword; and I having escaped alone am come to tell you.

16 While he was yet speaking, there came another messenger, and said to Job, Fire has fallen from heaven, and burnt up the sheep, and devoured the shepherds likewise; and I having escaped alone am come to tell you.

17 While he was yet speaking, there came another messenger, and said to Job, The horsemen formed three companies against us, and surrounded the camels, and took them for a prey, and slew the servants with the sword; and I only escaped, and am come to tell you.

18 While he is yet speaking, another messenger comes, saying to Job, While your sons and your daughters were eating and drinking with their elder brother,

19 suddenly a great wind came on from the desert, and caught the four corners of the house, and the house fell upon your children, and they are dead; and I have escaped alone, and am come to tell you.

20 So Job arose, and rent his garments, and shaved the hair of his head, and fell on the earth, and worshipped,

21 and said, I myself came forth naked from my mother's womb, and naked shall I return thither: the Lord gave, the Lord has taken away: as it seemed good to the Lord, so has it come to pass; blessed be the name of the Lord.

22 In all these events that befel him Job sinned not at all before the Lord, and did not impute folly to God.

Chapter 2

1 And it came to pass on a certain day, that the angels of God came to stand before the Lord, and the devil came among them to stand before the Lord.

2 And the Lord said to the devil, Whence come you? Then the devil said before the Lord, I am come from going through the world, and walking about the whole earth.

3 And the Lord said to the devil, Have you then observed my servant Job, that there is none of men upon the earth like him, a harmless, true, blameless, godly man, abstaining from all evil? and he yet cleaves to innocence, whereas you have told me to destroy his substance without cause?

4 And the devil answered and said to the Lord, Skin for skin, all that a man has will he give as a ransom for his life.

5 Nay, but put forth yours hand, and touch his bones and his flesh: verily he will bless you to your face.

6 And the Lord said to the devil, Behold, I deliver him up to you; only save his life.

7 So the devil went out from the Lord, and smote Job with sore boils from his feet to his head.

8 And he took a potsherd to scrape away the discharge, and sat upon a dung-heap outside the city.

9 And when much time had passed, his wife said to him, How long will you hold out, saying,

9a Behold, I wait yet a little while, expecting the hope of my deliverance?

9b for, behold, your memorial is abolished from the earth, even your sons and daughters, the pangs and pains of my womb which I bore in vain with sorrows;

9c and you yourself sit down to spend the nights in the open air among the corruption of worms,

9d and I am a wanderer and a servant from place to place and house to house, waiting for the setting of the sun, that I may rest from my labours and my pangs which now beset me:

9e but say some word against the Lord, and die.

10 But he looked on her, and said to her, You have spoken like one of the foolish women. If we have received good things of the hand of the Lord, shall we not endure evil things? In all these things that happened to him, Job sinned not at all with his lips before God.

11 Now his three friends having heard of all the evil that was come upon him, came to him each from his own country: Eliphaz the king of the Thæmans, Baldad sovereign of the Saucheans, Sophar king of the Minæans: and they came to him with one accord, to comfort and to visit him.

12 And when they saw him from a distance they did not know him; and they cried with a loud voice, and wept, and rent every one his garment, and sprinkled dust upon their heads,

13 and they sat down beside him seven days and seven nights, and no one of them spoke; for they saw that his affliction was dreadful and very great.

Chapter 3

1 After this Job opened his mouth, and cursed his day,

2 saying,

3 Let the day perish in which I was born, and that night in which they said, Behold a man-child!

4 Let that night be darkness, and let not the Lord regard it from above, neither let light come upon it.

5 But let darkness and the shadow of death seize it; let blackness come upon it;

6 let that day and night be cursed, let darkness carry them away; let it not come into the days of the year, neither let it be numbered with the days of the months.

7 But let that night be pain, and let not mirth come upon it, nor joy.

8 But let him that curses that day curse it, even he that is ready to attack the great whale.

9 Let the stars of that night be darkened; let it remain dark, and not come into light; and let it not see the morning star arise:

10 because it shut not up the gates of my mother's womb, for so it would have removed sorrow from my eyes.

11 For why died I not in the belly? and why did I not come forth from the womb and die immediately?

12 And why did the knees support me? and why did I suck the breasts?

13 Now I should have lain down and been quiet, I should have slept and been at rest,

14 with kings and councillors of the earth, who gloried in their swords;

15 or with rulers, whose gold was abundant, who filled their houses with silver:

16 or I should have been as an untimely birth proceeding from his mother's womb, or as infants who never saw light.

17 There the ungodly have burnt out the fury of rage; there the wearied in body rest.

18 And the men of old time have together ceased to hear the exactor's voice.

19 The small and great are there, and the servant that feared his lord.

20 For why is light given to those who are in bitterness, and life to the souls which are in griefs?

21 who desire death, and obtain it not, digging for it as for treasures;

22 and would be very joyful if they should gain it?

23 Death is rest to such a man, for God has hedged him in.

24 For my groaning comes before my food, and I weep being beset with terror.

25 For the terror of which I meditated has come upon me, and that which I had feared has befallen me.

26 I was not at peace, nor quiet, nor had I rest; yet wrath came upon me.

Chapter 4

1 Then Eliphaz the Thæmanite answered and said,

2 Have you been often spoken to in distress? but who shall endure the force of your words?

3 For whereas you have instructed many, and have strengthened the hands of the weak one,

4 and have supported the failing with words, and have imparted courage to feeble knees.

5 Yet now that pain has come upon you, and touched you, you are troubled.

6 Is not your fear founded in folly, your hope also, and the mischief of your way?

7 Remember then who has perished, being pure? or when were the truehearted utterly destroyed?

8 Accordingly as I have seen men ploughing barren places, and they that sow them will reap sorrows for themselves.

9 They shall perish by the command of the Lord, and shall be utterly consumed by the breath of his wrath.

10 The strength of the lion, and the voice of the lioness, and the exulting cry of serpents are quenched.

11 The old lion has perished for want of food, and the lions' whelps have forsaken one another.

12 But if there had been any truth in your words, none of these evils would have befallen you. Shall not mine ear receive excellent revelations from him?

13 But as when terror falls upon men, with dread and a sound in the night,

14 horror and trembling seized me, and caused all my bones greatly to shake.

15 And a spirit came before my face; and my hair and flesh quivered.

16 I arose and perceived it not: I looked, and there was no form before my eyes: but I only heard a breath and a voice, saying,

17 What, shall a mortal be pure before the Lord? or a man be blameless in regard to his works?

18 Whereas he trusts not in his servants, and perceives perverseness in his angels.

19 But as for them that dwell in houses of clay, of whom we also are formed of the same clay, he smites them like a moth.

20 And from morning to evening they no longer exist: they have perished, because they cannot help themselves.

21 For he blows upon them, and they are withered: they have perished for lack of wisdom.

Chapter 5

1 But call, if any one will hearken to you, or if you shall see any of the holy angels.

2 For wrath destroys the foolish one, and envy slays him that has gone astray.

3 And I have seen foolish ones taking root: but suddenly their habitation was devoured.

4 Let their children be far from safety, and let them be crushed at the doors of vile men, and let there be no deliverer.

5 For what they have collected, the just shall eat; but they shall not be delivered out of calamities: let their strength be utterly exhausted.

6 For labour cannot by any means come out of the earth, nor shall trouble spring out of the mountains:

7 yet man is born to labour, and even so the vulture's young seek the high places.

8 Nevertheless I will beseech the Lord, and will call upon the Lord, the sovereign of all;

9 who does great things and untraceable, glorious things also, and marvellous, of which there is no number:

10 who gives rain upon the earth, sending water on the earth:

11 who exalts the lowly, and raises up them that are lost:

12 frustrating the counsels of the crafty, and their hands shall not perform the truth:

13 who takes the wise in their wisdom, and subverts the counsel of the crafty.

14 In the day darkness shall come upon them, and let them grope in the noon-day even as in the night:

15 and let them perish in war, and let the weak escape from the hand of the mighty.

16 And let the weak have hope, but the mouth of the unjust be stopped.

17 But blessed is the man whom the Lord has reproved; and reject not you the chastening of the Almighty.

18 For he causes a man to be in pain, and restores him again: he smites, and his hands heal.

19 Six times he shall deliver you out of distresses: and in the seventh harm shall not touch you.

20 In famine he shall deliver you from death: and in war he shall free you from the power of the sword.

21 He shall hide you from the scourge of the tongue: and you shall not be afraid of coming evils.

22 You shall laugh at the unrighteous and the lawless: and you shall not be afraid of wild beasts.

23 For the wild beasts of the field shall be at peace with you.

24 Then shall you know that your house shall be at peace, and the provision for your tabernacle shall not fail.

25 And you shall know that your seed shall be abundant; and your children shall be like the herbage of the field.

26 And you shall come to the grave like ripe corn reaped in its season, or as a heap of the corn-flour collected in proper time.

27 Behold, we have thus sought out these matters; these are what we have heard: but do you reflect with yourself, if you have done anything wrong.

Chapter 6

1 But Job answered and said,

2 Oh that one would indeed weigh the wrath that is upon me, and take up my griefs in a balance together!

3 And verily they would be heavier than the sand by the seashore: but, as it seems, my words are vain.

4 For the arrows of the Lord are in my body, whose violence drinks up my blood: whenever I am going to speak, they pierce me.

5 What then? will the wild ass bray for nothing, if he is not seeking food? or again, will the ox low at the manger, when he has fodder?

6 Shall bread be eaten without salt? or again, is there taste in empty words?

7 For my wrath cannot cease; for I perceive my food as the smell of a lion to be loathsome.

8 For oh that he would grant my desire, and my petition might come, and the Lord would grant my hope!

9 Let the Lord begin and wound me, but let him not utterly destroy me.

10 Let the grave be my city, upon the walls of which I have leaped: I will not shrink from it; for I have not denied the holy words of my God.

11 For what is my strength, that I continue? what is my time, that my soul endures?

12 Is my strength the strength of stones? or is my flesh of brass?

13 Or have I not trusted in him? but help is far from me.

14 Mercy has rejected me; and the visitation of the Lord has disregarded me.

15 My nearest relations have not regarded me; they have passed me by like a failing brook, or like a wave.

16 They who used to reverence me, now have come against me like snow or congealed ice.

17 When it has melted at the approach of heat, it is not known what it was.

18 Thus I also have been deserted of all; and I am ruined, and become an outcast.

19 Behold the ways of the Thæmanites, you that mark the paths of the Sabæans.

20 They too that trust in cities and riches shall come to shame.

21 But you also have come to me without pity; so that beholding my wound you are afraid.

22 What? have I made any demand of you? or do I ask for strength from you,

23 to deliver me from enemies, or to rescue me from the hand of the mighty ones?

24 Teach you me, and I will be silent: if in anything I have erred, tell me.

25 But as it seems, the words of a true man are vain, because I do not ask strength of you.

26 Neither will your reproof cause me to cease my words, for neither will I endure the sound of your speech.

27 Even because you attack the fatherless, and insult your friend.

28 But now, having looked upon your countenances, I will not lie.

29 Sit down now, and let there not be unrighteousness; and unite again with the just.

30 For there is no injustice in my tongue; and does not my throat meditate understanding?

Chapter 7

1 Is not the life of man upon earth a state of trial? and his existence as that of a hireling by the day?

2 Or as a servant that fears his master, and one who has grasped a shadow? or as a hireling waiting for his pay?

3 So have I also endured months of vanity, and nights of pain have been appointed me.

4 Whenever I lie down, I say, When will it be day? and whenever I rise up, again I say when will it be evening? and I am full of pains from evening to morning.

5 And my body is covered with loathsome worms; and I waste away, scraping off clods of dust from my eruption.

6 And my life is lighter than a word, and has perished in vain hope.

7 Remember then that my life is breath, and mine eye shall not yet again see good.

8 The eye of him that sees me shall not see me again: your eyes are upon me, and I am no more.

9 I am as a cloud that is cleared away from the sky: for if a man go down to the grave, he shall not come up again:

10 and he shall surely not return to his own house, neither shall his place know him any more.

11 Then neither will I refrain my mouth: I will speak being in distress; being in anguish I will disclose the bitterness of my soul.

12 Am I a sea, or a serpent, that you have set a watch over me?

13 I said that my bed should comfort me, and I would privately counsel with myself on my couch.

14 You scare me with dreams, and do terrify me with visions.

15 You will separate life from my spirit; and yet keep my bones from death.

16 For I shall not live for ever, that I should patiently endure: depart from me, for my life is vain.

17 For what is man, that you have magnified him? or that you give heed to him?

18 Will you visit him till the morning, and judge him till the time of rest?

19 How long do you not let me alone, nor let me go, until I shall swallow down my spittle?

20 If I have sinned, what shall I be able to do, O you that understand the mind of men? why have you made me as your accuser, and why am I a burden to you?

21 Why have you not forgotten my iniquity, and purged my sin? but now I shall depart to the earth; and in the morning, I am no more.

Chapter 8

1 Then Baldad the Sauchite answered, and said,

2 How long will you speak these things, how long shall the breath of your mouth be abundant in words?

3 Will the Lord be unjust when he judges; or will he that has made all things pervert justice?

4 If your sons have sinned before him, he has cast them away because of their transgression.

5 But be you early in prayer to the Lord Almighty.

6 If you are pure and true, he will hearken to your supplication, and will restore to you the habitation of righteousness.

7 Though then your beginning should be small, yet your end should be unspeakably great.

8 For ask of the former generation, and search diligently among the race of our fathers:

9 (for we are of yesterday, and know nothing; for our life upon the earth is a shadow:)

10 shall not these teach you, and report to you, and bring out words from their heart?

11 Does the rush flourish without water, or shall the flag grow up without moisture?

12 When it is yet on the root, and though it has not been cut down, does not any herb wither before it has received moisture?

13 Thus then shall be the end of all that forget the Lord: for the hope of the ungodly shall perish.

14 For his house shall be without inhabitants, and his tent shall prove a spider's web.

15 If he should prop up his house, it shall not stand: and when he has taken hold of it, it shall not remain.

16 For it is moist under the sun, and his branch shall come forth out of his dung-heap.

17 He lies down upon a gathering of stones, and shall live in the midst of flints.

18 If God should destroy him, his place shall deny him. Have you not seen such things,

19 that such is the overthrow of the ungodly? and out of the earth another shall grow.

20 For the Lord will by no means reject the harmless man; but he will not receive any gift of the ungodly.

21 But he will fill with laughter the mouth of the sincere, and their lips with thanksgiving.

22 But their adversaries shall clothe themselves with shame; and the habitation of the ungodly shall perish.

Chapter 9

1 Then Job answered and said,

2 I know of a truth that it is so: for how shall a mortal man be just before the Lord?

3 For if he would enter into judgment with him, God would not hearken to him, so that he should answer to one of his charges of a thousand.

4 For he is wise in mind, and mighty, and great: who has hardened himself against him and endured?

5 Who wears out the mountains, and men know it not: who overturns them in anger.

6 Who shakes the earth under heaven from its foundations, and its pillars totter.

7 Who commands the sun, and it rises not; and he seals up the stars.

8 Who alone has stretched out the heavens, and walks on the sea as on firm ground.

9 Who makes Pleias, and Hesperus, and Arcturus, and the chambers of the south.

10 Who does great and unsearchable things; glorious also and excellent things, innumerable.

11 If ever he should go beyond me, I shall not see him: if he should pass by me, neither thus have I known it.

12 If he would take away, who shall turn him back? or who shall say to him, What have you done?

13 For if he has turned away his anger, the whales under heaven have stooped under him.

14 Oh then that he would hearken to me, or judge my cause.

15 For though I be righteous, he will not hearken to me: I will intreat his judgment.

16 And if I should call and he should not hearken, I cannot believe that he has listened to my voice.

17 Let him not crush me with a dark storm: but he has made my bruises many without cause.

18 For he suffers me not to take breath, but he has filled me with bitterness.

19 For indeed he is strong in power: who then shall resist his judgment?

20 For though I should seem righteous, my mouth will be profane: and though I should seem blameless, I shall be proved perverse.

21 For even if I have sinned, I know it not in my soul: but my life is taken away.

22 Wherefore I said, Wrath slays the great and mighty man.

23 For the worthless die, but the righteous are laughed to scorn.

24 For they are delivered into the hands of the unrighteous man: he covers the faces of the judges of the earth: but if it be not he, who is it?

25 But my life is swifter than a post: my days have fled away, and they knew it not.

26 Or again, is there a trace of their path left by ships? or is there one of the flying eagle as it seeks its prey?

27 And if I should say, I will forget to speak, I will bow down my face and groan;

28 I quake in all my limbs, for I know that you will not leave me alone as innocent.

29 But since I am ungodly, why have I not died?

30 For if I should wash myself with snow, and purge myself with pure hands,

31 you had thoroughly plunged me in filth, and my garment had abhorred me.

32 For you are not man like me, with whom I could contend, that we might come together to judgment.

33 Would that he our mediator were present, and a reprover, and one who should hear the cause between both.

34 Let him remove his rod from me, and let not his fear terrify me:

35 so shall I not be afraid, but I will speak: for I am not thus conscious of guilt.

Chapter 10

1 Weary in my soul, I will pour my words with groans upon him: I will speak being straitened in the bitterness of my soul.

2 And I will say to the Lord, Do not teach me to be impious; and wherefore have you thus judged me?

3 Is it good before you if I be unrighteous? for you have disowned the work of your hands, and attended to the counsel of the ungodly.

4 Or do you see as a mortal sees? or will you look as a man sees?

5 Or is your life human, or your years the years of a man,

6 that you have enquired into mine iniquity, and searched out my sins?

7 For you know that I have not committed iniquity: but who is he that can deliver out of your hands?

8 Your hands have formed me and made me; afterwards you did change your mind, and smite me.

9 Remember that you have made me as clay, and you do turn me again to earth.

10 Have you not poured me out like milk, and curdled me like cheese?

11 And you did clothe me with skin and flesh, and frame me with bones and sinews.

12 And you did bestow upon me life and mercy, and your oversight has preserved my spirit.

13 Having these things in yourself, I know that you can do all things; for nothing is impossible with you.

14 And if I should sin, you watch me; and you have not cleared me from iniquity.

15 Or if I should be ungodly, woe is me: and if I should be righteous, I cannot lift myself up, for I am full of dishonour.

16 For I am hunted like a lion for slaughter; for again you have changed and art terribly destroying me;

17 renewing against me my torture: and you have dealt with me in great anger, and you have brought trials upon me.

18 Why then did you bring me out of the womb? and why did I not die, and no eye see me,

19 and I become as if I had not been? for why was I not carried from the womb to the grave?

20 Is not the time of my life short? suffer me to rest a little,

21 before I go whence I shall not return, to a land of darkness and gloominess;

22 to a land of perpetual darkness, where there is no light, neither can any one see the life of mortals.

Chapter 11

1 Then Sophar the Minæan answered and said,

2 He that speaks much, should also hear on the other side: or does the fluent speaker think himself to be righteous? blessed is the short-lived offspring of woman.

3 Be not a speaker of many words; for is there none to answer you?

4 For say not, I am pure in my works, and blameless before him.

5 But oh that the Lord would speak to you, and open his lips with you!

6 Then shall he declare to you the power of wisdom; for it shall be double of that which is with you: and then shall you know, that a just recompence of your sins has come to you from the Lord.

7 Will you find out the traces of the Lord? or have you come to the end of that which the Almighty has made?

8 Heaven is high; and what will you do? and there are deeper things than those in hell; what do you know?

9 Or longer than the measure of the earth, or the breadth of the sea.

10 And if he should overthrow all things, who will say to him, What have you done?

11 For he knows the works of transgressors; and when he sees wickedness, he will not overlook it.

12 But man vainly buoys himself up with words; and a mortal born of woman is like an ass of the desert.

13 For if you have made yours heart pure, and lift up yours hands towards him;

14 if there is any iniquity in your hands, put it far from you, and let not unrighteousness lodge in your habitation.

15 For thus shall your countenance shine again, as pure water; and you shall divest yourself of uncleanness, and shall not fear.

16 And you shall forget trouble, as a wave that has passed by; and you shall not be scared.

17 And your prayer shall be as the morning star, and life shall arise to you as from the noon-day.

18 And you shall be confident, because you have hope; and peace shall dawn to you from out of anxiety and care.

19 For you shall be at ease, and there shall be no one to fight against you; and many shall charge, and make supplication to you.

20 But safety shall fail them; for their hope is destruction, and the eyes of the ungodly shall waste away.

Chapter 12

1 And Job answered and said,

2 So then you alone are men, and wisdom shall die with you?

3 But I also have a heart as well as you.

4 For a righteous and blameless man has become a subject for mockery.

5 For it had been ordained that he should fall under others at the appointed time, and that his houses should be spoiled by transgressors: let not however any one trust that, being evil, he shall be held guiltless,

6 even as many as provoke the Lord, as if there were indeed to be no inquisition made of them.

7 But ask now the beasts, if they may speak to you; and the birds of the air, if they may declare to you.

8 Tell the earth, if it may speak to you: and the fishes of the sea shall explain to you.

9 Who then has not known in all these things, that the hand of the Lord has made them?

10 Whereas the life of all living things is in his hand, and the breath of every man.

11 For the ear tries words, and the palate tastes meats.

12 In length of time is wisdom, and in long life knowledge.

13 With him are wisdom and power, with him counsel and understanding.

14 If he should cast down, who will build up? if he should shut up against men, who shall open?

15 If he should withhold the water, he will dry the earth: and if he should let it loose, he overthrows and destroys it.

16 With him are strength and power: he has knowledge and understanding.

17 He leads counsellors away captive, and maddens the judges of the earth.

18 He seats kings upon thrones, and girds their loins with a girdle.

19 He sends away priests into captivity, and overthrows the mighty ones of the earth.

20 He changes the lips of the trusty, and he knows the understanding of the elders.

21 He pours dishonour upon princes, and heals the lowly.

22 Revealing deep things out of darkness: and he has brought into light the shadow of death.

23 Causing the nations to wander, and destroying them: overthrowing the nations, and leading them away.

24 Perplexing the minds of the princes of the earth: and he causes them to wander in a way they have not known, saying,

25 Let them grope in darkness, and let there be no light, and let them wander as a drunken man.

Chapter 13

1 Behold, mine eye has seen these things, and mine ear has heard them.

2 And I know all that you too know; and I have not less understanding than you.

3 Nevertheless I will speak to the Lord, and I will reason before him, if he will.

4 But you are all bad physicians, and healers of diseases.

5 But would that you were silent, and it would be wisdom to you in the end.

6 But hear you the reasoning of my mouth, and attend to the judgment of my lips.

7 Do you not speak before the Lord, and utter deceit before him?

8 Or will you draw back? nay, do you yourselves be judges.

9 For it were well if he would thoroughly search you: for though doing all things in your power you should attach yourselves to him,

10 he will not reprove you at all the less: but if moreover you should secretly respect persons,

11 shall not his whirlpool sweep you round, and terror from him fall upon you?

12 And your glorying shall prove in the end to you like ashes, and your body like a body of clay.

13 Be silent, that I may speak, and cease from mine anger,

14 while I may take my flesh in my teeth, and put my life in my hand.

15 Though the Mighty One should lay hand upon me, forasmuch as he has begun, verily I will speak, and plead before him.

16 And this shall turn to me for salvation; for fraud shall have no entrance before him.

17 Hear, hear you my words, for I will declare in your hearing.

18 Behold, I am near my judgment: I know that I shall appear evidently just.

19 For who is he that shall plead with me, that I should now be silent, and expire?

20 But grant me two things: then I will not hide myself from your face.

21 Withhold yours hand from me: and let not your fear terrify me.

22 Then shall you call, and I will hearken to you: or you shall speak, and I will give you an answer.

23 How many are my sins and my transgressions? teach me what they are.

24 Wherefore hide you yourself from me, and deem me your enemy?

25 Will you be startled at me, as at a leaf shaken by the wind? or will you set yourself against me as against grass borne upon the breeze?

26 For you have written evil things against me, and you have compassed me with the sins of my youth.

27 And you have placed my foot in the stocks; and you have watched all my works, and have penetrated to my heels.

28 I am as that which waxes old like a bottle, or like a moth-eaten garment.

Chapter 14

1 For a mortal born of a woman is short-lived, and full of wrath.

2 Or he falls like a flower that has bloomed; and he departs like a shadow, and cannot continue.

3 Have you not taken account even of him, and caused him to enter into judgment before you?

4 For who shall be pure from uncleanness? not even one;

5 if even his life should be but one day upon the earth: and his months are numbered by him: you have appointed him for a time, and he shall by no means exceed it.

6 Depart from him, that he may be quiet, and take pleasure in his life, though as a hireling.

7 For there is hope for a tree, even if it should be cut down, that it shall blossom again, and its branch shall not fail.

8 For though its root should grow old in the earth, and its stem die in the rock;

9 it will blossom from the scent of water, and will produce a crop, as one newly planted.

10 But a man that has died is utterly gone; and when a mortal has fallen, he is no more.

11 For the sea wastes in length of time, and a river fails and is dried up.

12 And man that has lain down in death shall certainly not rise again till the heaven be dissolved, and they shall not awake from their sleep.

13 For oh that you had kept me in the grave, and had hidden me until your wrath should cease, and you should set me a time in which you would remember me!

14 For if a man should die, shall he live again, having accomplished the days of his life? I will wait till I exist again?

15 Then shall you call, and I will hearken to you: but do not you reject the work of yours hands.

16 But you have numbered my devices: and not one of my sins shall escape you?

17 And you have sealed up my transgressions in a bag, and marked if I have been guilty of any transgression unawares.

18 And verily a mountain falling will utterly be destroyed, and a rock shall be worn out of its place.

19 The waters wear the stones, and waters falling headlong overflow a heap of the earth: and you destroy the hope of man.

20 You drive him to an end, and he is gone: you set your face against him, and send him away;

21 and though his children be multiplied, he knows it not; and if they be few, he is not aware.

22 But his flesh is in pain, and his soul mourns.

Chapter 15

1 Then Eliphaz the Thæmanite answered and said,

2 Will a wise man give for answer a mere breath of wisdom? and does he fill up the pain of his belly,

3 reasoning with improper sayings, and with words wherein is no profit?

4 Have not you moreover cast off fear, and accomplished such words before the Lord?

5 You are guilty by the words of your mouth, neither have you discerned the words of the mighty.

6 Let your own mouth, and not me, reprove you: and your lips shall testify against you.

7 What! are you the first man that was born? or were you established before the hills?

8 Or have you heard the ordinance of the Lord? or has God used you as his counsellor? and has wisdom come only to you?

9 For what know you, that we know not? or what understand you, which we do not also?

10 Truly among us are both the old and very aged man, more advanced in days than your father.

11 You have been scourged for but few of your sins: you have spoken haughtily and extravagantly.

12 What has yours heart dared? or what have your eyes aimed at,

13 that you have vented your rage before the Lord, and delivered such words from your mouth?

14 For who, being a mortal, is such that he shall be blameless? or, who that is born of a woman, that he should be just?

15 Forasmuch as he trusts not his saints; and the heaven is not pure before him.

16 Alas then, abominable and unclean is man, drinking unrighteousness as a draught.

17 But I will tell you, hearken to me; I will tell you now what I have seen;

18 things wise men say, and their fathers have not hidden.

19 To them alone the earth was given, and no stranger came upon them.

20 All the life of the ungodly is spent in care, and the years granted to the oppressor are numbered.

21 And his terror is in his ears: just when he seems to be at peace, his overthrow will come.

22 Let him not trust that he shall return from darkness, for he has been already made over to the power of the sword.

23 And he has been appointed to be food for vultures; and he knows within himself that he is doomed to be a carcase: and a dark day shall carry him away as with a whirlwind.

24 Distress also and anguish shall come upon him: he shall fall as a captain in the first rank.

25 For he has lifted his hands against the Lord, and he has hardened his neck against the Almighty Lord.

26 And he has run against him with insolence, on the thickness of the back of his shield.

27 For he has covered his face with his fat, and made layers of fat upon his thighs.

28 And let him lodge in desolate cities, and enter into houses without inhabitant: and what they have prepared, others shall carry away.

29 Neither shall he at all grow rich, nor shall his substance remain: he shall not cast a shadow upon the earth.

30 Neither shall he in any wise escape the darkness: let the wind blast his blossom, and let his flower fall off.

31 Let him not think that he shall endure; for his end shall be vanity.

32 His harvest shall perish before the time, and his branch shall not flourish.

33 And let him be gathered as the unripe grape before the time, and let him fall as the blossom of the olive.

34 For death is the witness of an ungodly man, and fire shall burn the houses of them that receive gifts.

35 And he shall conceive sorrows, and his end shall be vanity, and his belly shall bear deceit.

Chapter 16

1 But Job answered and said,

2 I have heard many such things: poor comforters are you all.

3 What! is there any reason in vain words? or what will hinder you from answering?

4 I also will speak as you do: if indeed your soul were in my soul's stead, then would I insult you with words, and I would shake my head at you.

5 And would there were strength in my mouth, and I would not spare the movement of my lips.

6 For if I should speak, I shall not feel the pain of my wound: and if I should be silent, how shall I be wounded the less?

7 But now he has made me weary, and a worn-out fool; and you have laid hold of me.

8 My falsehood has become a testimony, and has risen up against me: it has confronted me to my face.

9 In his anger he has cast me down; he has gnashed his teeth upon me: the weapons of his robbers have fallen upon me.

10 He has attacked me with the keen glances of his eyes; with his sharp spear he has smitten me down upon my knees; and they have run upon me with one accord.

11 For the Lord has delivered me into the hands of unrighteous men, and thrown me upon the ungodly.

12 When I was at peace he distracted me: he took me by the hair of the head, and plucked it out: he set me up as a mark.

13 They surrounded me with spears, aiming at my reins: without sparing me they poured out my gall upon the ground.

14 They overthrew me with fall upon fall: they ran upon me in their might.

15 They sewed sackcloth upon my skin, and my strength has been spent on the ground.

16 My belly has been parched with wailing, and darkness is on my eyelids.

17 Yet there was no injustice in my hands, and my prayer is pure.

18 Earth, cover not over the blood of my flesh, and let my cry have no place.

19 And now, behold, my witness is in heaven, and my advocate is on high.

20 Let my supplication come to the Lord, and let mine eye weep before him.

21 Oh that a man might plead before the Lord, even as the son of man with his neighbour!

22 But my years are numbered and their end come, and I shall go by the way by which I shall not return.

Chapter 17

1 I perish, carried away by the wind, and I seek for burial, and obtain it not.

2 Weary I intreat; and what have I done? and strangers have stolen my goods.

3 Who is this? let him join hands with me.

4 For you have hid their heart from wisdom; therefore you shall not exalt them.

5 He shall promise mischief to his companions: but their eyes have failed for their children.

6 But you have made me a byword among the nations, and I am become a scorn to them.

7 For my eyes are dimmed through pain; I have been grievously beset by all.

8 Wonder has seized true men upon this; and let the just rise up against the transgressor.

9 But let the faithful hold on his own way, and let him that is pure of hands take courage.

10 Howbeit, do you all strengthen yourselves and come now, for I do not find truth in you.

11 My days have passed in groaning, and my heart-strings are broken.

12 I have turned the night into day: the light is short because of darkness.

13 For if I remain, Hades is my habitation: and my bed has been made in darkness.

14 I have called upon death to be my father, and corruption to be my mother and sister.

15 Where then is yet my hope? or where shall I see my good?

16 Will they go down with me to Hades, or shall we go down together to the tomb?

Chapter 18

1 Then Baldad the Sauchite answered and said,

2 How long will you continue? forbear, that we also may speak.

3 For wherefore have we been silent before you like brutes?

4 Anger has possessed you: for what if you should die; would the earth under heaven be desolate? or shall the mountains be overthrown from their foundations?

5 But the light of the ungodly shall be quenched, and their flame shall not go up.

6 His light shall be darkness in his habitation, and his lamp shall be put out with him.

7 Let the mean of men spoil his goods, and let his counsel deceive him.

8 His foot also has been caught in a snare, and let it be entangled in a net.

9 And let snares come upon him: he shall strengthen those that thirst for his destruction.

10 His snare is hid in the earth, and that which shall take him is by the path.

11 Let pains destroy him round about, and let many enemies come about him,

12 vex him with distressing hunger: and a signal destruction has been prepared for him.

13 Let the soles of his feet be devoured: and death shall consume his beauty.

14 And let health be utterly banished from his tabernacle, and let distress seize upon him with a charge from the king.

15 It shall dwell in his tabernacle in his night: his excellency shall be sown with brimstone.

16 His roots shall be dried up from beneath, and his crop shall fall away from above.

17 Let his memorial perish out of the earth, and his name shall be publicly cast out.

18 Let one drive him from light into darkness.

19 He shall not be known among his people, nor his house preserved on the earth.

20 But strangers shall dwell in his possessions: the last groaned for him, and wonder seized the first.

21 These are the houses of the unrighteous, and this is the place of them that know not the Lord.

Chapter 19

1 Then Job answered and said,

2 How long will you vex my soul, and destroy me with words? only know that the Lord has dealt with me thus.

3 You speak against me; you do not feel for me, but bear hard upon me.

4 Yea verily, I have erred in truth, (but the error abides with myself)

4a in having spoken words which it was not right to speak; and my words err, and are unseasonable.

5 But alas! for you magnify yourselves against me, and insult me with reproach.

6 Know then that it is the Lord that has troubled me, and has raised his bulwark against me.

7 Behold, I laugh at reproach; I will not speak: or I will cry out, but there is nowhere judgment.

8 I am fenced round about, and can by no means escape: he has set darkness before my face.

9 And he has stripped me of my glory, and has taken the crown from my head.

10 He has torn me round about, and I am gone: and he has cut off my hope like a tree.

11 And he has dreadfully handled me in anger, and has counted me for an enemy.

12 His troops also came upon me with one accord, liers in wait compassed my ways.

13 My brethren have stood aloof from me; they have recognised strangers rather than me: and my friends have become pitiless.

14 My nearest of kin have not acknowledged me, and they that knew my name, have forgotten me.

15 As for my household, and my maid-servants, I was a stranger before them.

16 I called my servant, and he hearkened not; and my mouth intreated him.

17 And I besought my wife, and earnestly intreated the sons of my concubines.

18 But they rejected me for ever; whenever I rise up, they speak against me.

19 They that saw me abhorred me: the very persons whom I had loved, rose up against me.

20 My flesh is corrupt under my skin, and my bones are held in my teeth.

21 Pity me, pity me, O friends; for it is the hand of the Lord that has touched me.

22 Wherefore do you persecute me as also the Lord does, and are not satisfied with my flesh?

23 For oh that my words were written, and that they were recorded in a book for ever,

24 with an iron pen and lead, or graven in the rocks!

25 For I know that he is eternal who is about to deliver me,

26 and to raise up upon the earth my skin that endures these sufferings: for these things have been accomplished to me of the Lord;

27 which I am conscious of in myself, which mine eye has seen, and not another, but all have been fulfilled to me in my bosom.

28 But if you shall also say, What shall we say before him, and so find the root of the matter in him?

29 Do you also beware of deceit: for wrath will come upon transgressors; and then shall they know where their substance is.

Chapter 20

1 Then Sophar the Minæan answered and said,

2 I did not suppose that you would answer thus: neither do you understand more than I.

3 I will hear my shameful reproach; and the spirit of my understanding answers me.

4 Have you not known these things of old, from the time that man was set upon the earth?

5 But the mirth of the ungodly is a signal downfall, and the joy of transgressors is destruction:

6 although his gifts should go up to heaven, and his sacrifice reach the clouds.

7 For when he shall seem to be now established, then he shall utterly perish: and they that knew him shall say, Where is he?

8 Like a dream that has fled away, he shall not be found; and he has fled like a vision of the night.

9 The eye has looked upon him, but shall not see him again; and his place shall no longer perceive him.

10 Let his inferiors destroy his children, and let his hands kindle the fire of sorrow.

11 His bones have been filled with vigour of his youth, and it shall lie down with him in the dust.

12 Though evil be sweet in his mouth, though he will hide it under his tongue;

13 though he will not spare it, and will not leave it, but will keep it in the midst of his throat:

14 yet he shall not at all be able to help himself; the gall of an asp is in his belly.

15 His wealth unjustly collected shall be vomited up; a messenger of wrath shall drag him out of his house.

16 And let him suck the poison of serpents, and let the serpent's tongue slay him.

17 Let him not see the milk of the pastures, nor the supplies of honey and butter.

18 He has laboured unprofitably and in vain, for wealth of which he shall not taste: it is as a lean thing, unfit for food, which he cannot swallow.

19 For he has broken down the houses of many mighty men: and he has plundered an habitation, though he built it not.

20 There is no security to his possessions; he shall not be saved by his desire.

21 There is nothing remaining of his provisions; therefore his goods shall not flourish.

22 But when he shall seem to be just satisfied, he shall be straitened; and all distress shall come upon him.

23 If by any means he would fill his belly, let God send upon him the fury of wrath; let him bring a torrent of pains upon him.

24 And he shall by no means escape from the power of the sword; let the brazen bow wound him.

25 And let the arrow pierce through his body; and let the stars be against his dwelling-place: let terrors come upon him.

26 And let all darkness wait for him: a fire that burns not out shall consume him; and let a stranger plague his house.

27 And let the heaven reveal his iniquities, and the earth rise up against him.

28 Let destruction bring his house to an end; let a day of wrath come upon him.

29 This is the portion of an ungodly man from the Lord, and the possession of his goods appointed him by the all-seeing God.

Chapter 21

1 But Job answered and said,

2 Hear you, hear you my words, that I may not have this consolation from you.

3 Raise me, and I will speak; then you shall not laugh me to scorn.

4 What! is my reproof of man? and why should I not be angry?

5 Look upon me, and wonder, laying your hand upon your cheek.

6 For even when I remember, I am alarmed, and pains seize my flesh.

7 Wherefore do the ungodly live, and grow old even in wealth?

8 Their seed is according to their desire, and their children are in their sight.

9 Their houses are prosperous, neither have they any where cause for fear, neither is there a scourge from the Lord upon them.

10 Their cow does not cast her calf, and their beast with young is safe, and does not miscarry.

11 And they remain as an unfailing flock, and their children play before them, taking up the psaltery and harp;

12 and they rejoice at the voice of a song.

13 And they spend their days in wealth, and fall asleep in the rest of the grave.

14 Yet such a man says to the Lord, Depart from me; I desire not to know your ways.

15 What is the Mighty One, that we should serve him? and what profit is there that we should approach him?

16 For their good things were in their hands, but he regards not the works of the ungodly.

17 Nevertheless, the lamp of the ungodly also shall be put out, and destruction shall come upon them, and pangs of vengeance shall seize them.

18 And they shall be as chaff before the wind, or as dust which the storm has taken up.

19 Let his substance fail to supply his children: God shall recompense him, and he shall know it.

20 Let his eyes see his own destruction, and let him not be saved by the Lord.

21 For his desire is in his house with him, and the number of his months has been suddenly cut off.

22 Is it not the Lord who teaches understanding and knowledge? and does not he judge murders?

23 One shall die in his perfect strength, and wholly at ease and prosperous;

24 and his inwards are full of fat, and his marrow is diffused throughout him.

25 And another dies in bitterness of soul, not eating any good thing.

26 But they lie down in the earth together, and corruption covers them.

27 So I know you, that you presumptuously attack me:

28 so that you will say, Where is the house of the prince? and where is the covering of the tabernacles of the ungodly?

29 Ask those that go by the way, and do not disown their tokens.

30 For the wicked hastens to the day of destruction: they shall be led away for the day of his vengeance.

31 Who will tell him his way to his face, whereas he has done it? who shall recompense him?

32 And he has been led away to the tombs, and he has watched over the heaps.

33 The stones of the valley have been sweet to him, and every man shall depart after him, and there are innumerable ones before him.

34 How then do you comfort me in vain? whereas I have no rest from your molestation.

Chapter 22

1 Then Eliphaz the Thæmanite answered and said,

2 Is it not the Lord that teaches understanding and knowledge?

3 For what matters it to the Lord, if you were blameless in your works? or is it profitable that you should perfect your way?

4 Will you maintain and plead your own cause? and will he enter into judgment with you?

5 Is not your wickedness abundant, and your sins innumerable?

6 And you have taken security of your brethren for nothing, and have taken away the clothing of the naked.

7 Neither have you given water to the thirsty to drink, but have taken away the morsel of the hungry.

8 And you have accepted the persons of some; and you have established those that were already settled on the earth.

9 But you have sent widows away empty, and have afflicted orphans.

10 Therefore snares have compassed you, and disastrous war has troubled you.

11 The light has proved darkness to you, and water has covered you on your lying down.

12 Does not he that dwells in the high places observe? and has he not brought down the proud?

13 And you have said, What does the Mighty One know? does he judge in the dark?

14 A cloud is his hiding-place, and he shall not be seen; and he passes through the circle of heaven.

15 Will you not mark the old way, which righteous men have trodden?

16 who were seized before their time: their foundations are as an overflowing stream.

17 Who say, What will the Lord do to us? or what will the Almighty bring upon us?

18 Yet he filled their houses with good things: but the counsel of the wicked is far from him.

19 The righteous have seen it, and laughed, and the blameless one has derided them.

20 Verily their substance has been utterly destroyed, and the fire shall devour what is left of their property.

21 Be firm, I pray you, if you can endure; then your fruit shall prosper.

22 And receive a declaration from his mouth, and lay up his words in yours heart.

23 And if you shall turn and humble yourself before the Lord, you have thus removed unrighteousness far from your habitation.

24 You shall lay up for yourself treasure in a heap on the rock; and Ophir shall be as the rock of the torrent.

25 So the Almighty shall be your helper from enemies, and he shall bring you forth pure as silver that has been tried by fire.

26 Then shall you have boldness before the Lord, looking up cheerfully to heaven.

27 And he shall hear you when you pray to him, and he shall grant you power to pay your vows.

28 And he shall establish to you again a habitation of righteousness and there shall be light upon your paths.

29 Because you have humbled yourself; and you shall say, Man has behaved proudly, but he shall save him that is of lowly eyes.

30 He shall deliver the innocent, and do you save yourself by your pure hands.

Chapter 23

1 Then Job answered and said,

2 Yea, I know that pleading is out of my reach; and his hand has been made heavy upon my groaning.

3 Who would then know that I might find him, and come to an end of the matter?

4 And I would plead my own cause, and he would fill my mouth with arguments.

5 And I would know the remedies which he would speak to me, and I would perceive what he would tell me.

6 Though he should come on me in his great strength, then he would not threaten me;

7 for truth and reproof are from him; and he would bring forth my judgment to an end.

8 For if I shall go first, and exist no longer, still what do I know concerning the latter end?

9 When he wrought on the left hand, then I observed it not: his right hand shall encompass me but I shall not see it.

10 For he knows already my way; and he has tried me as gold.

11 And I will go forth according to his commandments, for I have kept his ways; and I shall not turn aside from his commandments,

12 neither shall I transgress; but I have hid his words in my bosom.

13 And if too he has thus judged, who is he that has contradicted, for he has both willed a thing and done it.

15 Therefore am I troubled at him; and when I was reproved, I thought of him.

15a Therefore let me take good heed before him: I will consider, and be afraid of him.

16 But the Lord has softened my heart, and the Almighty has troubled me.

17 For I knew not that darkness would come upon me, and thick darkness has covered me before my face.

Chapter 24

1 But why have the seasons been hidden from the Lord,

2 while the ungodly have passed over the bound, carrying off the flock with the shepherd?

3 They have led away the ass of the fatherless, and taken the widow's ox for a pledge.

4 They have turned aside the weak from the right way: and the meek of the earth have hidden themselves together.

5 And they have departed like asses in the field, having gone forth on my account according to their own order: his bread is sweet to his little ones.

6 They have reaped a field that was not their own before the time: the poor have laboured in the vineyards of the ungodly without pay and without food.

7 They have caused many naked to sleep without clothes, and they have taken away the covering of their body.

8 They are wet with the drops of the mountains: they have embraced the rock, because they had no shelter.

9 They have snatched the fatherless from the breast, and have afflicted the outcast.

10 And they have wrongfully caused others to sleep without clothing, and taken away the morsel of the hungry.

11 They have unrighteously laid wait in narrow places, and have not known the righteous way.

12 Who have cast forth the poor from the city and their own houses, and the soul of the children has groaned aloud.

13 Why then has he not visited these? forasmuch as they were upon the earth, and took no notice, and they knew not the way of righteousness, neither have they walked in their appointed paths?

14 But having known their works, he delivered them into darkness: and in the night one will be as a thief:

15 and the eye of the adulterer has watched for the darkness, saying, Eye shall not perceive me, and he puts a covering on his face.

16 In darkness he digs through houses: by day they conceal themselves securely: they know not the light.

17 For the morning is to them all as the shadow of death, for each will be conscious of the terror of the shadow of death.

18 He is swift on the face of the water: let his portion be cursed on the earth; and let their plants be laid bare.

19 Let them be withered upon the earth; for they have plundered the sheaves of the fatherless.

20 Then is his sin brought to remembrance, and he vanishes like a vapour of dew: but let what he has done be recompensed to him, and let every unrighteous one be crushed like rotten wood.

21 For he has not treated the barren woman well, and has had no pity on a feeble woman.

22 And in wrath he has overthrown the helpless: therefore when he has arisen, a man will not feel secure of his own life.

23 When he has fallen sick, let him not hope to recover: but let him perish by disease.

24 For his exaltation has hurt many; but he has withered as mallows in the heat, or as an ear of corn falling off of itself from the stalk.

25 But if not, who is he that says I speak falsely, and will make my words of no account?

Chapter 25

1 Then Baldad the Sauchite answered and said,

2 What beginning or fear is his—even he that makes all things in the highest?

3 For let none think that there is a respite for robbers: and upon whom will there not come a snare from him?

4 For how shall a mortal be just before the Lord? or who that is born of a woman shall purify himself?

5 If he gives an order to the moon, then it shines not; and the stars are not pure before him.

6 But alas! man is corruption, and the son of man a worm.

Chapter 26

1 But Job answered and said,

2 To whom do you attach yourself, or whom are you going to assist? is it not he that has much strength, and he who has a strong arm?

3 To whom have you given counsel? is it not to him who has all wisdom? whom will you follow? is it not one who has the greatest power?

4 To whom have you uttered words? and whose breath is it that has come forth from you?

5 Shall giants be born from under the water and the inhabitants thereof?

6 Hell is naked before him, and destruction has no covering.

7 He stretches out the north wind upon nothing, and he upon nothing hangs the earth;

8 binding water in his clouds, and the cloud is not rent under it.

9 He keeps back the face of his throne, stretching out his cloud upon it.

10 He has encompassed the face of the water by an appointed ordinance, until the end of light and darkness.

11 The pillars of heaven are prostrate and astonished at his rebuke.

12 He has calmed the sea with his might, and by his wisdom the whale has been overthrown.

13 And the barriers of heaven fear him, and by a command he has slain the apostate dragon.

14 Behold, these are parts of his way; and we will hearken to him at the least intimation of his word: but the strength of his thunder who knows, when he shall employ it?

Chapter 27

1 And Job further continued and said in his parable,

2 As God lives, who has thus judged me; and the Almighty, who has embittered my soul;

3 verily, while my breath is yet in me, and the breath of God which remains to me is in my nostrils,

4 my lips shall not speak evil words, neither shall my soul meditate unrighteous thoughts.

5 Far be it from me that I should justify you till I die; for I will not let go my innocence,

6 but keeping fast to my righteousness I will by no means let it go: for I am not conscious to myself of having done any thing amiss.

7 Nay rather, but let mine enemies be as the overthrow of the ungodly, and they that rise up against me, as the destruction of transgressors.

8 For what is the hope of the ungodly, that he holds to it? will he indeed trust in the Lord and be saved?

9 Will God hear his prayer? or, when distress has come upon him,

10 has he any confidence before him? or will God hear him as he calls upon him?

11 Yet now I will tell you what is in the hand of the Lord: I will not lie concerning the things which are with the Almighty.

12 Behold, you all know that you are adding vanity to vanity.

13 This is the portion of an ungodly man from the Lord, and the possession of oppressors shall come upon them from the Almighty.

14 And if their children be many, they shall be for slaughter: and if they grow up, they shall beg.

15 And they that survive of him shall utterly perish, and no one shall pity their widows.

16 Even if he should gather silver as earth, and prepare gold as clay;

17 all these things shall the righteous gain, and the truehearted shall possess his wealth.

18 And his house is gone like moths, and like a spider's web.

19 The rich man shall lie down, and shall not continue: he has opened his eyes, and he is not.

20 Pains have come upon him as water, and darkness has carried him away by night.

21 And a burning wind shall catch him, and he shall depart, and it shall utterly drive him out of his place.

22 And God shall cast trouble upon him, and not spare: he would fain flee out of his hand.

23 He shall cause men to clap their hands against them, and shall hiss him out of his place.

Chapter 28

1 For there is a place for the silver, whence it comes, and a place for the gold, whence it is refined.

2 For iron comes out of the earth, and brass is hewn out like stone.

3 He has set a bound to darkness, and he searches out every limit: a stone is darkness, and the shadow of death.

4 There is a cutting off of the torrent by reason of dust: so they that forget the right way are weakened; they are removed from among men.

5 As for the earth, out of it shall come bread: under it has been turned up as it were fire.

6 Her stones are the place of the sapphire: and her dust supplies man with gold.

7 There is a path, the fowl has not known it, neither has the eye of the vulture seen it:

8 neither have the sons of the proud trodden it, a lion has not passed upon it.

9 He has stretched forth his hand on the sharp rock, and turned up mountains by the roots:

10 and he has interrupted the whirlpools of rivers, and mine eye has seen every precious thing.

11 And he has laid bare the depths of rivers, and has brought his power to light.

12 But whence has wisdom been discovered? and what is the place of knowledge?

13 A mortal has not known its way, neither indeed has it been discovered among men.

14 The depth said, It is not in me: and the sea said, It is not with me.

15 One shall not give fine gold instead of it, neither shall silver be weighed in exchange for it.

16 Neither shall it be compared with gold of Ophir, with the precious onyx and sapphire.

17 Gold and crystal shall not be equalled to it, neither shall vessels of gold be its exchange.

18 Coral and fine pearl shall not be mentioned: but do you esteem wisdom above the most precious things.

19 The topaz of Ethiopia shall not be equalled to it; it shall not be compared with pure gold.

20 Whence then is wisdom found? and of what kind is the place of understanding?

21 It has escaped the notice of every man, and has been hidden from the birds of the sky.

22 Destruction and Death said, We have heard the report of it.

23 God has well ordered the way of it, and he knows the place of it.

24 For he surveys the whole earth under heaven, knowing the things in the earth:

25 all that he has made; the weight of the winds, the measures of the water.

26 When he made them, thus he saw and numbered them, and made a way for the pealing of the thunder.

27 Then he saw it, and declared it: he prepared it and traced it out.

28 And he said to man, Behold, godliness is wisdom; and to abstain from evil is understanding.

Chapter 29

1 And Job continued and said in his parable,

2 Oh that I were as in months past, wherein God preserved me!

3 As when his lamp shone over my head; when by his light I walked through darkness.

4 As when I steadfastly pursued my ways, when God took care of my house.

5 When I was very fruitful, and my children were about me;

6 when my ways were moistened with butter, and the mountains flowed for me with milk.

7 When I went forth early in the city, and the seat was placed for me in the streets.

8 The young men saw me, and hid themselves: and all the old men stood up.

9 And the great men ceased speaking, and laid their finger on their mouth.

10 And they that heard me blessed me, and their tongue clave to their throat.

11 For the ear heard, and blessed me; and the eye saw me, and turned aside.

12 For I saved the poor out of the hand of the oppressor, and helped the fatherless who had no helper.

13 Let the blessing of the perishing one come upon me; yea, the mouth of the widow has blessed me.

14 Also I put on righteousness, and clothed myself with judgment like a mantle.

15 I was the eye of the blind, and the foot of the lame.

16 I was the father of the helpless; and I searched out the cause which I knew not.

17 And I broke the jaw-teeth of the unrighteous; I plucked the spoil out of the midst of their teeth.

18 And I said, My age shall continue as the stem of a palm-tree; I shall live a long while.

19 My root was spread out by the water, and the dew would lodge on my crop.

20 My glory was fresh in me, and my bow prospered in his hand.

21 Men heard me, and gave heed, and they were silent at my counsel.

22 At my word they spoke not again, and they were very glad whenever I spoke to them.

23 As the thirsty earth expecting the rain, so they waited for my speech.

24 Were I to laugh on them, they would not believe it; and the light of my face has not failed.

25 I chose out their way, and sat chief, and dwelt as a king in the midst of warriors, as one comforting mourners.

Chapter 30

1 But now the youngest have laughed me to scorn, now they reprove me in their turn, whose fathers I set at nought; whom I did not deem worthy to be with my shepherd dogs.

2 Yea, why had I the strength of their hands? for them the full term of life was lost.

3 One is childless in want and famine, such as they that fled but lately the distress and misery of drought.

4 Who compass the salt places on the sounding shore, who had salt herbs for their food, and were dishonourable and of no repute, in want of every good thing; who also ate roots of trees by reason of great hunger.

5 Thieves have risen up against me,

6 whose houses were the caves of the rocks, who lived under the wild shrubs.

7 They will cry out among the rustling bushes.

8 They are sons of fools and vile men, whose name and glory are quenched from off the earth.

9 But now I am their music, and they have me for a by-word.

10 And they stood aloof and abhorred me, and spared not to spit in my face.

11 For he has opened his quiver and afflicted me: they also have cast off the restraint of my presence.

12 They have risen up against me on the right hand of their offspring; they have stretched out their foot, and directed against me the ways of their destruction.

13 My paths are ruined; for they have stripped off my raiment: he has shot at me with his weapons.

14 And he has pleaded against me as he will: I am overwhelmed with pains.

15 My pains return upon me; my hope is gone like the wind, and my safety as a cloud.

16 Even now my life shall be poured forth upon me; and days of anguish seize me.

17 And by night my bones are confounded; and my sinews are relaxed.

18 With great force my disease has taken hold of my garment: it has compassed me as the collar of my coat.

19 And you have counted me as clay; my portion is in dust and ashes.

20 And I have cried to you, but you hear me not: but they stood still, and observed me.

21 They attacked me also without mercy: you have scourged me with a strong hand.

22 And you have put me to grief, and have cast me away from safety.

23 For I know that death will destroy me: for the earth is the house appointed for every mortal.

24 Oh then that I might lay hands upon myself, or at least ask another, and he should do this for me.

25 Yet I wept over every helpless man; I groaned when I saw a man in distress.

26 But I, when I waited for good things, behold, days of evils came the more upon me.

27 My belly boiled, and would not cease: the days of poverty prevented me.

28 I went mourning without restraint: and I have stood and cried out in the assembly.

29 I am become a brother of monsters, and a companion of ostriches.

30 And my skin has been greatly blackened, and my bones are burned with heat.

31 My harp also has been turned into mourning, and my song into my weeping.

Chapter 31

1 I made a covenant with mine eyes, and I will not think upon a virgin.

2 Now what portion has God given from above? and is there an inheritance given of the Mighty One from the highest?

3 Alas! destruction to the unrighteous, and rejection to them that do iniquity.

4 Will he not see my way, and number all my steps?

5 But if I had gone with scorners, and if too my foot has hasted to deceit:

6 (for I am weighed in a just balance, and the Lord knows my innocence:)

7 if my foot has turned aside out of the way, or if mine heart has followed mine eye, and if too I have touched gifts with my hands;

8 then let me sow, and let others eat; and let me be uprooted on the earth.

9 If my heart has gone forth after another man's wife, and if I laid wait at her doors;

10 then let my wife also please another, and let my children be brought low.

11 For the rage of anger is not to be controlled, in the case of defiling another man's wife.

12 For it is a fire burning on every side, and whomsoever it attacks, it utterly destroys.

13 And if too I despised the judgment of my servant or my handmaid, when they pleaded with me;

14 what then shall I do if the Lord should try me? and if also he should at all visit me, can I make an answer?

15 Were not they too formed as I also was formed in the womb? yea, we were formed in the same womb.

16 But the helpless missed not whatever need they had, and I did not cause the eye of the widow to fail.

17 And if too I ate my morsel alone, and did not impart of it to the orphan;

18 (for I nourished them as a father from my youth, and guided them from my mother's womb.)

19 And if too I overlooked the naked as he was perishing, and did not clothe him;

20 and if the poor did not bless me, and their shoulders were not warmed with the fleece of my lambs;

21 if I lifted my hand against an orphan, trusting that my strength was far superior to his:

22 let then my shoulder start from the blade-bone, and my arm be crushed off from the elbow.

23 For the fear of the Lord constrained me, and I cannot bear up by reason of his burden.

24 If I made gold my treasure, and if too I trusted the precious stone;

25 and if too I rejoiced when my wealth was abundant, and if too I laid my hand on innumerable treasures:

26 (do we not see the shining sun eclipsed, and the moon waning? for they have not power to continue:)

27 and if my heart was secretly deceived, and if I have laid my hand upon my mouth and kissed it:

28 let this also then be reckoned to me as the greatest iniquity: for I should have lied against the Lord Most High.

29 And if too I was glad at the fall of mine enemies, and mine heart said, Aha!

30 let then mine ear hear my curse, and let me be a by-word among my people in my affliction.

31 And if too my handmaids have often said, Oh that we might be satisfied with his flesh; (whereas I was very kind:

32 for the stranger did not lodge without, and my door was opened to every one that came:)

33 or if too having sinned unintentionally, I hid my sin;

34 (for I did not stand in awe of a great multitude, so as not to declare boldly before them:) and if too I permitted a poor man to go out of my door with an empty bosom:

35 (Oh that I had a hearer,) and if I had not feared the hand of the Lord; and as to the written charge which I had against any one,

36 I would place it as a chaplet on my shoulders, and read it.

37 And if I did not read it and return it, having taken nothing from the debtor:

38 If at any time the land groaned against me, and if its furrows mourned together;

39 and if I ate its strength alone without price, and if too I grieved the heart of the owner of the soil, by taking aught from him:

40 then let the nettle come up to me instead of wheat, and a bramble instead of barley. And Job ceased speaking.

Chapter 32

1 And his three friends also ceased any longer to answer Job: for Job was righteous before them.

2 Then Elius the son of Barachiel, the Buzite, of the kindred of Ram, of the country of Ausis, was angered: and he was very angry with Job, because he justified himself before the Lord.

3 And he was also very angry with his three friends, because they were not able to return answers to Job, yet set him down for an ungodly man.

4 But Elius had forborne to give an answer to Job, because they were older than he.

5 And Elius saw that there was no answer in the mouth of the three men; and he was angered in his wrath.

6 And Elius the Buzite the son of Barachiel answered and said, I am younger in age, and you are elder; wherefore I kept silence, fearing to declare to you my own knowledge.

7 And I said, It is not time that speaks, though in many years men know wisdom:

8 but there is a spirit in mortals; and the inspiration of the Almighty is that which teaches.

9 The long-lived are not wise as such; neither do the aged know judgment.

10 Wherefore I said, Hear me, and I will tell you what I know.

11 Hearken to my words; for I will speak in your hearing, until you shall have tried the matter with words:

12 and I shall understand as far as you; and, behold, there was no one of you that answered Job his words in argument,

13 lest you should say, We have found that we have added wisdom to the Lord.

14 And you have commissioned a man to speak such words.

15 They were afraid, they answered no longer; they gave up their speaking.

16 I waited, (for I had not spoken,) because they stood still, they answered not.

17 And Elius continued, and said, I will again speak,

18 for I am full of words, for the spirit of my belly destroys me.

19 And my belly is as a skin of sweet wine bound up and ready to burst; or as a brazier's labouring bellows.

20 I will speak, that I may open my lips and relieve myself.

21 For truly I will not be awed because of man, nor indeed will I be confounded before a mortal.

22 For I know not how to respect persons: and if otherwise, even the moths would eat me.

Chapter 33

1 Howbeit hear, Job, my words, and hearken to my speech.

2 For behold, I have opened my mouth, and my tongue has spoken.

3 My heart shall be found pure by my words; and the understanding of my lips shall meditate purity.

4 The Divine Spirit is that which formed me, and the breath of the Almighty that which teaches me.

5 If you can, give me an answer: wait therefore; stand against me, and I will stand against you.

6 You are formed out of the clay as also I: we have been formed out of the same substance.

7 My fear shall not terrify you, neither shall my hand be heavy upon you.

8 But you have said in mine ears, (I have heard the voice of your words;) because you say, I am pure, not having sinned;

9 I am blameless, for I have not transgressed.

10 Yet he has discovered a charge against me, and he has reckoned me as an adversary.

11 And he has put my foot in the stocks, and has watched all my ways.

12 For how say you, I am righteous, yet he has not hearkened to me? for he that is above mortals is eternal.

13 But you say, Why has he not heard every word of my cause?

14 For when the Lord speaks once, or a second time,

15 sending a dream, or in the meditation of the night; (as when a dreadful alarm happens to fall upon men, in slumberings on the bed:)

16 then opens he the understanding of men: he scares them with such fearful visions:

17 to turn a man from unrighteousness, and he delivers his body from a fall.

18 He spares also his soul from death, and suffers him not to fall in war.

19 And again, he chastens him with sickness on his bed, and the multitude of his bones is benumbed.

20 And he shall not be able to take any food, though his soul shall desire meat;

21 until his flesh shall be consumed, and he shall shew his bones bare.

22 His soul also draws nigh to death, and his life is in Hades.

23 Though there should be a thousand messengers of death, not one of them shall wound him: if he should purpose in his heart to turn to the Lord, and declare to man his fault, and shew his folly;

24 he will support him, that he should not perish, and will restore his body as fresh plaster upon a wall; and he will fill his bones with marrow.

25 And he will make his flesh tender as that of a babe, and he will restore him among men in his full strength.

26 And he shall pray to the Lord, and his prayer shall be accepted of him; he shall enter with a cheerful countenance, with a full expression of praise: for he will render to men their due.

27 Even then a man shall blame himself, saying, What kind of things have I done? and he has not punished me according to the full amount of my sins.

28 Deliver my soul, that it may not go to destruction, and my life shall see the light.

29 Behold, all these things the Mighty One works in a threefold manner with a man.

30 And he has delivered my soul from death, that my life may praise him in the light.

31 Hearken, Job, and hear me: be silent, and I will speak.

32 If you have words, answer me: speak, for I desire you to be justified.

33 If not, do you hear me: be silent, and I will teach you.

Chapter 34

1 And Elius continued, and said,

2 Hear me, you wise men; hearken, you that have knowledge.

3 For the ear tries words, and the mouth tastes meat.

4 Let us choose judgment to ourselves: let us know among ourselves what is right.

5 For Job has said, I am righteous: the Lord has removed my judgment.

6 And he has erred in my judgment: my wound is severe without unrighteousness of mine.

7 What man is as Job, drinking scorning like water?

8 saying, I have not sinned, nor committed ungodliness, nor had fellowship with workers of iniquity, to go with the ungodly.

9 For you should not say, There shall be no visitation of a man, whereas there is a visitation on him from the Lord.

10 Wherefore hear me, you that are wise in heart: far be it from me to sin before the Lord, and to pervert righteousness before the Almighty.

11 Yea, he renders to a man accordingly as each of them does, and in a man's path he will find him.

12 And think you that the Lord will do wrong, or will the Almighty who made the earth wrest judgment?

13 And who is he that made the whole world under heaven, and all things therein?

14 For if he would confine, and restrain his spirit with himself;

15 all flesh would die together, and every mortal would return to the earth, whence also he was formed.

16 Take heed lest he rebuke you: hear this, hearken to the voice of words.

17 Behold then the one that hates iniquities, and that destroys the wicked, who is for ever just.

18 He is ungodly that says to a king, You are a transgressor, that says to princes, O most ungodly one.

19 Such a one as would not reverence the face of an honourable man, neither knows how to give honour to the great, so as that their persons should be respected.

20 But it shall turn out vanity to them, to cry and beseech a man; for they dealt unlawfully, the poor being turned aside from their right.

21 For he surveys the works of men, and nothing of what they do has escaped him.

22 Neither shall there be a place for the workers of iniquity to hide themselves.

23 For he will not lay upon a man more than right.

24 For the Lord looks down upon all men, who comprehends unsearchable things, glorious also and excellent things without number.

25 Who discovers their works, and will bring night about upon them, and they shall be brought low.

26 And he quite destroys the ungodly, for they are seen before him.

27 Because they turned aside from the law of God, and did not regard his ordinances,

28 so as to bring before him the cry of the needy; for he will hear the cry of the poor.

29 And he will give quiet, and who will condemn? and he will hide his face, and who shall see him? whether it be done against a nation, or against a man also:

30 causing a hypocrite to be king, because of the waywardness of the people.

31 For there is one that says to the Mighty One, I have received blessings; I will not take a pledge:

32 I will see apart from myself: do you shew me if I have done unrighteousness; I will not do so any more.

33 Will he take vengeance for it on you, whereas you will put it far from you? for you shall choose, and not I; and what you know, speak you.

34 Because the wise in heart shall say this, and a wise man listens to my word.

35 But Job has not spoken with understanding, his words are not uttered with knowledge.

36 Howbeit do you learn, Job: no longer make answer as the foolish:

37 that we add not to our sins: for iniquity will be reckoned against us, if we speak many words before the Lord.

Chapter 35

1 And Elius resumed and said,

2 What is this that you think to be according to right? who are you that you have said, I am righteous before the Lord?

4 I will answer you, and your three friends.

5 Look up to the sky and see; and consider the clouds, how high they are above you.

6 If you have sinned, what will you do? and if too you have transgressed much, what can you perform?

7 And suppose you are righteous, what will you give him? or what shall he receive of your hand?

8 Your ungodliness may affect a man who is like to you; or your righteousness a son of man.

9 They that are oppressed of a multitude will be ready to cry out; they will call for help because of the arm of many.

10 But none said, Where is God that made me, who appoints the nightwatches;

11 who makes me to differ from the four-footed beasts of the earth, and from the birds of the sky?

12 There they shall cry, and none shall hearken, even because of the insolence of wicked men.

13 For the Lord desires not to look on error, for he is the Almighty One.

14 He beholds them that perform lawless deeds, and he will save me: and do you plead before him, if you can praise him, as it is possible even now.

15 For he is not now regarding his wrath, nor has he noticed severely any trespass.

16 Yet Job vainly opens his mouth, in ignorance he multiplies words.

Chapter 36

1 And Elius further continued, and said,

2 Wait for me yet a little while, that I may teach you: for there is yet speech in me.

3 Having fetched my knowledge from afar, and according to my works,

4 I will speak just things truly, and you shall not unjustly receive unjust words.

5 But know that the Lord will not cast off an innocent man: being mighty in strength of wisdom,

6 he will not by any means save alive the ungodly: and he will grant the judgment of the poor.

7 He will not turn away his eyes from the righteous, but they shall be with kings on the throne: and he will establish them in triumph, and they shall be exalted.

8 But they that are bound in fetters shall be holden in cords of poverty.

9 And he shall recount to them their works, and their transgressions, for such will act with violence.

10 But he will hearken to the righteous: and he has said that they shall turn from unrighteousness.

11 If they should hear and serve him, they shall spend their days in prosperity, and their years in honour.

12 But he preserves not the ungodly; because they are not willing to know the Lord, and because when reproved they were disobedient.

13 And the hypocrites in heart will array wrath against themselves; they will not cry, because he has bound them.

14 Therefore let their soul die in youth, and their life be wounded by messengers of death.

15 Because they afflicted the weak and helpless: and he will vindicate the judgment of the meek.

16 And he has also enticed you out of the mouth of the enemy:

17 there is a deep gulf and a rushing stream beneath it, and your table came down full of fatness. Judgment shall not fail from the righteous;

18 but there shall be wrath upon the ungodly, by reason of the ungodliness of the bribes which they received for iniquities.

19 Let not your mind willingly turn you aside from the petition of the feeble that are in distress.

20 And draw not forth all the mighty men by night, so that the people should go up instead of them.

21 But take heed lest you do that which is wrong: for of this you have made choice because of poverty.

22 Behold, the Mighty One shall prevail by his strength: for who is powerful as he is?

23 And who is he that examines his works? or who can say, He has wrought injustice?

24 Remember that his works are great beyond those which men have attempted.

25 Every man has seen in himself, how many mortals are wounded.

26 Behold, the Mighty One is great, and we shall not know him: the number of his years is even infinite.

27 And the drops of rain are numbered by him, and shall be poured out in rain to form a cloud.

28 The ancient heavens shall flow, and the clouds overshadow innumerable mortals:

28a he has fixed a time to cattle, and they know the order of rest.

28b Yet by all these things your understanding is not astonished, neither is your mind disturbed in your body.

29 And though one should understand the outspreadings of the clouds, or the measure of his tabernacle;

30 behold he will stretch his bow against him, and he covers the bottom of the sea.

31 For by them he will judge the nations: he will give food to him that has strength.

32 He has hidden the light in his hands, and given charge concerning it to the interposing cloud.

33 The Lord will declare concerning this to his friend: but there is a portion also for unrighteousness.

Chapter 37

1 At this also my heart is troubled, and moved out of its place.

2 Hear you a report by the anger of the Lord's wrath, and a discourse shall come out of his mouth.

3 His dominion is under the whole heaven, and his light is at the extremities of the earth.

4 After him shall be a cry with a loud voice; he shall thunder with the voice of his excellency, yet he shall not cause men to pass away, for one shall hear his voice.

5 The Mighty One shall thunder wonderfully with his voice: for he has done great things which we knew not;

6 commanding the snow, Be you upon the earth, and the stormy rain, and the storm of the showers of his might.

7 He seals up the hand of every man, that every man may know his own weakness.

8 And the wild beasts come in under the covert, and rest in their lair.

9 Troubles come on out of the secret chambers, and cold from the mountain-tops.

10 And from the breath of the Mighty One he will send frost; and he guides the water in whatever way he pleases.

11 And if a cloud obscures what is precious to him, his light will disperse the cloud.

12 And he will carry round the encircling clouds by his governance, to perform their works: whatsoever he shall command them,

13 this has been appointed by him on the earth, whether for correction, or for his land, or if he shall find him an object for mercy.

14 Hearken to this, O Job: stand still, and be admonished of the power of the Lord.

15 We know that God has disposed his works, having made light out of darkness.

16 And he knows the divisions of the clouds, and the signal overthrows of the ungodly.

17 But your robe is warm, and there is quiet upon the land.

18 Will you establish with him foundations for the ancient heavens? they are strong as a molten mirror.

19 Wherefore teach me, what shall we say to him? and let us cease from saying much.

20 Have I a book or a scribe by me, that I may stand and put man to silence?

21 But the light is not visible to all: it shines afar off in the heavens, as that which is from him in the clouds.

22 From the north come the clouds shining like gold: in these great are the glory and honour of the Almighty;

23 and we do not find another his equal in strength: as for him that judges justly, do you not think that he listens?

24 Wherefore men shall fear him; and the wise also in heart shall fear him.

Chapter 38

1 And after Elius had ceased from speaking, the Lord spoke to Job through the whirlwind and clouds, saying,

2 Who is this that hides counsel from me, and confines words in his heart, and thinks to conceal them from me?

3 Gird your loins like a man; and I will ask you, and do you answer me.

4 Where were you when I founded the earth? tell me now, if you have knowledge,

5 who set the measures of it, if you know? or who stretched a line upon it?

6 On what are its rings fastened? and who is he that laid the corner-stone upon it?

7 When the stars were made, all my angels praised me with a loud voice.

8 And I shut up the sea with gates, when it rushed out, coming forth out of its mother's womb.

9 And I made a cloud its clothing, and swathed it in mist.

10 And I set bounds to it, surrounding it with bars and gates.

11 And I said to it, Hitherto shall you come, but you shall not go beyond, but your waves shall be confined within you.

12 Or did I order the morning light in your time; and did the morning star then first see his appointed place;

13 to lay hold of the extremities of the earth, to cast out the ungodly out of it?

14 Or did you take clay of the ground, and form a living creature, and set it with the power of speech upon the earth?

15 And have you removed light from the ungodly, and crushed the arm of the proud?

16 Or have you gone to the source of the sea, and walked in the tracks of the deep?

17 And do the gates of death open to you for fear; and did the porters of hell quake when they saw you?

18 And have you been instructed in the breadth of the whole earth under heaven? tell me now, what is the extent of it?

19 And in what kind of a land does the light dwell? and of what kind is the place of darkness?

20 If you could bring me to their utmost boundaries, and if also you know their paths;

21 I know then that you were born at that time, and the number of your years is great.

22 But have you gone to the treasures of snow? and have you seen the treasures of hail?

23 And is there a store of them, for you against the time of your enemies, for the day of wars and battle?

24 And whence proceeds the frost? or whence is the south wind dispersed over the whole world under heaven?

25 And who prepared a course for the violent rain, and a way for the thunders;

26 to rain upon the land where there is no man, the wilderness, where there is not a man in it; so as to feed the untrodden and uninhabited land,

27 and cause it to send forth a crop of green herbs?

28 Who is the rain's father? and who has generated the drops of dew?

29 And out of whose womb comes the ice? and who has produced the frost in the sky,

30 which descends like flowing water? who has terrified the face of the ungodly?

31 And do you understand the band of Pleias, and have you opened the barrier of Orion?

32 Or will you reveal Mazuroth in his season, and the evening star with his rays? Will you guide them?

33 And know you the changes of heaven, or the events which take place together under heaven?

34 And will you call a cloud with your voice, and will it obey you with a violent shower of much rain?

35 And will you send lightnings, and they shall go? and shall they say to you, What is your pleasure?

36 And who has given to women skill in weaving, or knowledge of embroidery?

37 And who is he that numbers the clouds in wisdom, and has bowed the heaven down to the earth?

38 For it is spread out as dusty earth, and I have cemented it as one hewn stone to another.

39 And will you hunt a prey for the lions? and satisfy the desires of the serpents?

40 For they fear in their lairs, and lying in wait couch in the woods.

41 And who has prepared food for the raven? for its young ones wander and cry to the Lord, in search of food.

Chapter 39

1 Say if you know the time of the bringing forth of the wild goats of the rock, and if you have marked the calving of the hinds:

2 and if you have numbered the full months of their being with young, and if you have relieved their pangs:

3 and have reared their young without fear; and will you loosen their pangs?

4 Their young will break forth; they will be multiplied with offspring: their young will go forth, and will not return to them.

5 And who is he that sent forth the wild ass free? and who loosed his bands?

6 whereas I made his habitation the wilderness, and the salt land his coverts.

7 He laughs to scorn the multitude of the city, and hears not the chiding of the tax-gatherer.

8 He will survey the mountains as his pasture, and he seeks after every green thing.

9 And will the unicorn be willing to serve you, or to lie down at your manger?

10 And will you bind his yoke with thongs, or will he plough furrows for you in the plain?

11 And do you trust him, because his strength is great? and will you commit your works to him?

12 And will you believe that he will return to you your seed, and bring it in to your threshing-floor?

13 The peacock has a beautiful wing: if the stork and the ostrich conceive, it is worthy of notice,

14 for the ostrich will leave her eggs in the ground, and warm them on the dust,

15 and has forgotten that the foot will scatter them, and the wild beasts of the field trample them.

16 She has hardened herself against her young ones, as though she bereaved not herself: she labours in vain without fear.

17 For God has withholden wisdom from her, and not given her a portion in understanding.

18 In her season she will lift herself on high; she will scorn the horse and his rider.

19 Have you invested the horse with strength, and clothed his neck with terror?

20 And have you clad him in perfect armour, and made his breast glorious with courage?

21 He paws exulting in the plain, and goes forth in strength into the plain.

22 He laughs to scorn a king as he meets him, and will by no means turn back from the sword.

23 The bow and sword resound against him; and his rage will swallow up the ground:

24 and he will not believe until the trumpet sounds.

25 And when the trumpet sounds, he says, Aha! and afar off he smells the war with prancing and neighing.

26 And does the hawk remain steady by your wisdom, having spread out her wings unmoved, looking toward the region of the south?

27 And does the eagle rise at your command, and the vulture remain sitting over his nest,

28 on a crag of a rock, and in a secret place?

29 Thence he seeks food, his eyes observe from far.

30 And his young ones roll themselves in blood, and wherever the carcases may be, immediately they are found.

Chapter 40

1 And the Lord God answered Job, and said,

2 Will any one pervert judgment with the Mighty One? and he that reproves God, let him return it for answer.

3 And Job answered and said to the Lord,

4 Why do I yet plead? being rebuked even while reproving the Lord: hearing such things, whereas I am nothing: and what shall I answer to these arguments? I will lay my hand upon my mouth.

5 I have spoken once; but I will not do so a second time.

6 And the Lord yet again answered and spoke to Job out of the cloud, saying,

7 Nay, gird up now your loins like a man; and I will ask you, and do you answer me.

8 Do not set aside my judgment: and do you think that I have dealt with you in any other way, than that you might appear to be righteous?

9 Have you an arm like the Lord's? or do you thunder with a voice like his?

10 Assume now a lofty bearing and power; and clothe yourself with glory and honour.

11 And send forth messengers with wrath; and lay low every haughty one.

12 Bring down also the proud man; and consume at once the ungodly.

13 And hide them together in the earth; and fill their faces with shame.

14 Then will I confess that your right hand can save you.

15 But now look at the wild beasts with you; they eat grass like oxen.

16 Behold now, his strength is in his loins, and his force is in the navel of his belly.

17 He sets up his tail like a cypress; and his nerves are wrapped together.

18 His sides are sides of brass; and his backbone is as cast iron.

19 This is the chief of the creation of the Lord; made to be played with by his angels.

20 And when he has gone up to a steep mountain, he causes joy to the quadrupeds in the deep.

21 He lies under trees of every kind, by the papyrus, and reed, and bulrush.

22 And the great trees make a shadow over him with their branches, and so do the bushes of the field.

23 If there should be a flood, he will not perceive it; he trusts that Jordan will rush up into his mouth.

24 Yet one shall take him in his sight; one shall catch him with a cord, and pierce his nose.

25 But will you catch the serpent with a hook, and put a halter about his nose?

26 Or will you fasten a ring in his nostril, and bore his lip with a clasp?

27 Will he address you with a petition? softly, with the voice of a suppliant?

28 And will he make a covenant with you? and will you take him for a perpetual servant?

29 And will you play with him as with a bird? or bind him as a sparrow for a child?

30 And do the nations feed upon him, and the nations of the Phœnicians share him?

31 And all the ships come together would not be able to bear the mere skin of his tail; neither shall they carry his head in fishing-vessels.

32 But you shall lay your hand upon him once, remembering the war that is waged by his mouth; and let it not be done any more.

Chapter 41

1 Have you not seen him? and have you not wondered at the things said of him?

2 Do you not fear because preparation has been made by me? for who is there that resists me?

3 Or who will resist me, and abide, since the whole world under heaven is mine?

4 I will not be silent because of him: though because of his power one shall pity his antagonist.

5 Who will open the face of his garment? and who can enter within the fold of his breast-plate?

6 Who will open the doors of his face? terror is round about his teeth.

7 His inwards are as brazen plates, and the texture of his skin as a smyrite stone.

8 One part cleaves fast to another, and the air cannot come between them.

9 They will remain united each to the other: they are closely joined, and cannot be separated.

10 At his sneezing a light shines, and his eyes are as the appearance of the morning star.

11 Out of his mouth proceed as it were burning lamps, and as it were hearths of fire are cast abroad.

12 Out of his nostrils proceeds smoke of a furnace burning with fire of coals.

13 His breath is as live coals, and a flame goes out of his mouth.

14 And power is lodged in his neck, before him destruction runs.

15 The flesh also of his body is joined together: if one pours violence upon him, he shall not be moved.

16 His heart is firm as a stone, and it stands like an unyielding anvil.

17 And when he turns, he is a terror to the four-footed wild beasts which leap upon the earth.

18 If spears should come against him, men will effect nothing, either with the spear or the breast-plate.

19 For he considers iron as chaff, and brass as rotten wood.

20 The bow of brass shall not wound him, he deems a slinger as grass.

21 Mauls are counted as stubble; and he laughs to scorn the waving of the firebrand.

22 His lair is formed of sharp points; and all the gold of the sea under him is as an immense quantity of clay.

23 He makes the deep boil like a brazen caldron; and he regards the sea as a pot of ointment,

24 and the lowest part of the deep as a captive: he reckons the deep as his range.

25 There is nothing upon the earth like to him, formed to be sported with by my angels.

26 He beholds every high thing: and he is king of all that are in the waters.

Chapter 42

1 Then Job answered and said to the Lord,

2 I know that you can do all things, and nothing is impossible with you.

3 For who is he that hides counsel from you? or who keeps back his words, and thinks to hide them from you? and who will tell me what I knew not, great and wonderful things which I understood not?

4 But hear me, O Lord, that I also may speak: and I will ask you, and do you teach me.

5 I have heard the report of you by the ear before; but now mine eye has seen you.

6 Wherefore I have counted myself vile, and have fainted: and I esteem myself dust and ashes.

7 And it came to pass after the Lord had spoken all these words to Job, that the Lord said to Eliphaz the Thæmanite, You have sinned, and your two friends: for you have not said anything true before me, as my servant Job has.

8 Now then take seven bullocks, and seven rams, and go to my servant Job, and he shall offer a burnt-offering for you. And my servant Job shall pray for you, for I will only accept him: for but for his sake, I would have destroyed you, for you have not spoken the truth against my servant Job.

9 So Eliphaz the Thæmanite, and Baldad the Sauchite, and Sophar the Minæan, went and did as the Lord commanded them: and he pardoned their sin for the sake of Job.

10 And the Lord prospered Job: and when he prayed also for his friends, he forgave them their sin: and the Lord gave Job twice as much, even the double of what he had before.

11 And all his brethren and his sisters heard all that had happened to him, and they came to him, and so did all that had known him from the first: and they ate and drank with him, and comforted him, and wondered at all that the Lord had brought upon him: and each one gave him a lamb, and four drachms' weight of gold, even of unstamped gold.

12 And the Lord blessed the latter end of Job, more than the beginning: and his cattle were fourteen thousand sheep, six thousand camels, a thousand yoke of oxen, a thousand she-asses of the pastures.

13 And there were born to him seven sons and three daughters.

14 And he called the first, Day, and the second, Casia, and the third, Amalthæa's horn.

15 And there were not found in comparison with the daughters of Job, fairer women than they in all the world: and their father gave them an inheritance among their brethren.

16 And Job lived after his affliction a hundred and seventy years: and all the years he lived were two hundred and forty: and Job saw his sons and his sons' sons, the fourth generation.

17 And Job died, an old man and full of days:

17a and it is written that he will rise again with those whom the Lord raises up.

17b This man is described in the Syriac book as living in the land of Ausis, on the borders of Edom and Arabia: and his name before was Jobab;

17c and having taken an Arabian wife, he begot a son whose name was Ennon. And he himself was the son of his father Zare, one of the sons of Esau, and of his mother Bosorrha, so that he was the fifth from Abraam.

17d And these were the kings who reigned in Edom, which country he also ruled over: first, Balac, the son of Beor, and the name of his city was Dennaba: but after Balac, Jobab, who is called Job: and after him Asom, who was governor out of the country of Thæman: and after him Adad, the son of Barad, who destroyed Midian in the plain of Moab; and the name of his city was Gethaim.

17e And his friends who came to him were Eliphaz, of the children of Esau, king of the Thæmanites, Baldad sovereign of the Sauchæans, Sophar king of the Minæans.

Psalms

Psalm 1 · KJV 1

1 BLESSED is the man who has not walked in the counsel of the ungodly, and has not stood in the way of sinners, and has not sat in the seat of evil men.

2 But his pleasure is in the law of the Lord; and in his law will he meditate day and night.

3 And he shall be as a tree planted by the brooks of waters, which shall yield its fruit in its season, and its leaf shall not fall off; and whatsoever he shall do shall be prospered.

4 Not so the ungodly;—not so: but rather as the chaff which the wind scatters away from the face of the earth.

5 Therefore the ungodly shall not rise in judgment, nor sinners in the counsel of the just.

6 For the Lord knows the way of the righteous; but the way of the ungodly shall perish.

Psalm 2 · KJV 2

1 Wherefore did the heathen rage, and the nations imagine vain things?

2 The kings of the earth stood up, and the rulers gathered themselves together, against the Lord, and against his Christ;

3 saying, Let us break through their bonds, and cast away their yoke from us.

4 He that dwells in the heavens shall laugh them to scorn, and the Lord shall mock them.

5 Then shall he speak to them in his anger, and trouble them in his fury.

6 But I have been made king by him on Zion his holy mountain,

7 declaring the ordinance of the Lord: the Lord said to me, You are my Son, to-day have I begotten you.

8 Ask of me, and I will give you the heathen for your inheritance, and the ends of the earth for your possession.

9 You shall rule them with a rod of iron; you shall dash them in pieces as a potter's vessel.

10 Now therefore understand, you kings: be instructed, all you that judge the earth.

11 Serve the Lord with fear, and rejoice in him with trembling.

12 Accept correction, lest at any time the Lord be angry, and you should perish from the righteous way: whensoever his wrath shall be suddenly kindled, blessed are all they that trust in him.

Psalm 3 · KJV 3

1 A Psalm of David, when he fled from the presence of his son Abessalom.

2 O Lord, why are they that afflict me multiplied? many rise up against me.

3 Many say concerning my soul, There is no deliverance for him in his God. Pause.

4 But you, O Lord, art my helper: my glory, and the one that lifts up my head.

5 I cried to the Lord with my voice, and he heard me out of his holy mountain. Pause.

6 I lay down and slept; I awaked; for the Lord will help me.

7 I will not be afraid of ten thousands of people, who beset me round about.

8 Arise, Lord; deliver me, my God: for you have smitten all who were without cause mine enemies; you have broken the teeth of sinners.

9 Deliverance is the Lord's, and your blessing is upon your people.

Psalm 4 · KJV 4

1 For the end, a Song of David among the Psalms.

2 When I called upon him, the God of my righteousness heard me: you have made room for me in tribulation; pity me, and hearken to my prayer.

3 O you sons of men, how long will you be slow of heart? wherefore do you love vanity, and seek falsehood? Pause.

4 But know you that the Lord has done wondrous things for his holy one: the Lord will hear me when I cry to him.

5 Be you angry, and sin not; feel compunction upon your beds for what you say in your hearts. Pause.

6 Offer the sacrifice of righteousness, and trust in the Lord.

7 Many say, Who will shew us good things? the light of your countenance, O Lord, has been manifested towards us.

8 You have put gladness into my heart: they have been satisfied with the fruit of their corn and wine and oil.

9 I will both lie down in peace and sleep: for you, Lord, only have caused me to dwell securely.

Psalm 5 · KJV 5

1 For the end, a Psalm of David, concerning her that inherits.

2 Hearken to my words, O Lord, attend to my cry.

3 Attend to the voice of my supplication, my King, and my God: for to you, O Lord, will I pray.

4 In the morning you shall hear my voice: in the morning will I wait upon you, and will look up.

5 For you are not a God that desires iniquity; neither shall the worker of wickedness dwell with you.

6 Neither shall the transgressors continue in your sight: you hate, O Lord, all them that work iniquity.

7 You will destroy all that speak falsehood: the Lord abhors the bloody and deceitful man.

8 But I will enter into yours house in the multitude of your mercy: I will worship in your fear toward your holy temple.

9 Lead me, O Lord, in your righteousness because of mine enemies; make my way plain before your face.

10 For there is no truth in their mouth; their heart is vain; their throat is an open sepulchre; with their tongues they have used deceit.

11 Judge them, O God; let them fail of their counsels: cast them out according to the abundance of their ungodliness; for they have provoked you, O Lord.

12 But let all that trust on you be glad in you: they shall exult for ever, and you shall dwell among them; and all that love your name shall rejoice in you.

13 For you, Lord, shall bless the righteous: you have compassed us as with a shield of favour.

Psalm 6 · KJV 6

1 For the end, a Psalm of David among the Hymns for the eighth.

2 O Lord, rebuke me not in your wrath, neither chasten me in your anger.

3 Pity me, O Lord; for I am weak: heal me, O Lord; for my bones are vexed.

4 My soul also is grievously vexed: but you, O Lord, how long?

5 Return, O Lord, deliver my soul: save me for your mercy's sake.

6 For in death no man remembers you: and who will give you thanks in Hades?

7 I am wearied with my groaning; I shall wash my bed every night; I shall water my couch with my tears.

8 Mine eye is troubled because of my wrath; I am worn out because of all my enemies.

9 Depart from me, all you that work iniquity; for the Lord has heard the voice of my weeping.

10 The Lord has hearkened to my petition; the Lord has accepted my prayer.

11 Let all mine enemies be put to shame and sore troubled: let them be turned back and grievously put to shame speedily.

Psalm 7 · KJV 7

1 A Psalm of David, which he sang to the Lord because of the words of Chusi the Benjamite.

2 O Lord my God, in you have I trusted: save me from all them that persecute me, and deliver me.

3 Lest at any time the enemy seize my soul as a lion, while there is none to ransom, nor to save.

4 O Lord my God, if I have done this; (if there is unrighteousness in my hands;)

5 if I have requited with evil those who requited me with good; may I then perish empty by means of my enemies.

6 Let the enemy persecute my soul, and take it; and let him trample my life on the ground, and lay my glory in the dust. Pause.

7 Arise, O Lord, in your wrath; be exalted in the utmost boundaries of mine enemies: awake, O Lord my God, according to the decree which you did command.

8 And the congregation of the nations shall compass you: and for this cause do you return on high.

9 The Lord shall judge the nations: judge me, O Lord, according to my righteousness, and according to my innocence that is in me.

10 Oh let the wickedness of sinners come to an end; and then you shall direct the righteous, O God that search the hearts and reins.

11 My help is righteous, coming from God who saves the upright in heart.

12 God is a righteous judge, and strong, and patient, not inflicting vengeance every day.

13 If you will not repent, he will furbish his sword; he has bent his bow, and made it ready.

14 And on it he has fitted the instruments of death; he has completed his arrows for the raging ones.

15 Behold, he has travailed with unrighteousness, he has conceived trouble, and brought forth iniquity.

16 He has opened a pit, and dug it up, and he shall fall into the ditch which he has made.

17 His trouble shall return on his own head, and his unrighteousness shall come down on his own crown.

18 I will give thanks to the Lord according to his righteousness; I will sing to the name of the Lord most high.

Psalm 8 · KJV 8

1 For the end, concerning the wine-presses, a Psalm of David.

2 O Lord, our Lord, how wonderful is your name in all the earth! for your magnificence is exalted above the heavens.

3 Out of the mouth of babes and sucklings have you perfected praise, because of your enemies; that you might put down the enemy and avenger.

4 For I will regard the heavens, the work of your fingers; the moon and stars, which you have established.

5 What is man, that you are mindful of him? or the son of man, that you visit him?

6 You made him a little less than angels, you have crowned him with glory and honour;

7 and you have set him over the works of your hands: you have put all things under his feet:

8 sheep and all oxen, yea, and the cattle of the field;

9 the birds of the sky, and the fish of the sea, the creatures passing through the paths of the sea.

10 O Lord our Lord, how wonderful is your name in all the earth!

Psalm 9 · KJV 9–10

1 For the end, a Psalm of David, concerning the secrets of the Son.

2 I will give thanks to you, O Lord, with my whole heart; I will recount all your wonderful works.

3 I will be glad and exult in you: I will sing to your name, O you Most High.

4 When mine enemies are turned back, they shall be feeble and perish at your presence.

5 For you have maintained my cause and my right; you sat on the throne, that judge righteousness.

6 You have rebuked the nations, and the ungodly one has perished; you have blotted out their name for ever, even for ever and ever.

7 The swords of the enemy have failed utterly; and you have destroyed cities: their memorial has been destroyed with a noise,

8 but the Lord endures for ever: he has prepared his throne for judgment.

9 And he will judge the world in righteousness, he will judge the nations in uprightness.

10 The Lord also is become a refuge for the poor, a seasonable help, in affliction.

11 And let them that know your name hope in you: for you, O Lord, have not failed them that diligently seek you.

12 Sing praises to the Lord, who dwells in Zion: declare his dealings among the nations.

13 For he remembered them, in making inquisition for blood: he has not forgotten the supplication of the poor.

14 Have mercy upon me, O Lord; look upon my affliction which I suffer of mine enemies, you that lift me up from the gates of death:

15 that I may declare all your praises in the gates of the daughter of Zion: I will exult in your salvation.

16 The heathen are caught in the destruction which they planned: in the very snare which they hid is their foot taken.

17 The Lord is known as executing judgments: the sinner is taken in the works of his hands. A song of Pause.

18 Let sinners be driven away into Hades, even all the nations that forget God.

19 For the poor shall not be forgotten for ever: the patience of the needy ones shall not perish for ever.

20 Arise, O Lord, let not man prevail: let the heathen be judged before you.

21 Appoint, O Lord, a lawgiver over them: let the heathen know that they are men. Pause.

22 Why stand you afar off, O Lord? why do you overlook us in times of need, in affliction?

23 While the ungodly one acts proudly, the poor is hotly pursued: the wicked are taken in the crafty counsels which they imagine.

24 Because the sinner praises himself for the desires of his heart; and the unjust one blesses himself.

25 The sinner has provoked the Lord: according to the abundance of his pride he will not seek after him: God is not before him.

26 His ways are profane at all times; your judgments are removed from before him: he will gain the mastery over all his enemies.

27 For he has said in his heart, I shall not be moved, continuing without evil from generation to generation.

28 Whose mouth is full of cursing, and bitterness, and fraud: under his tongue are trouble and pain.

29 He lies in wait with rich men in secret places, in order to slay the innocent: his eyes are set against the poor.

30 He lies in wait in secret as a lion in his den: he lies in wait to ravish the poor, to ravish the poor when he draws him after him: he will bring him down in his snare.

31 He will bow down and fall when he has mastered the poor.

32 For he has said in his heart, God has forgotten: he has turned away his face so as never to look.

33 Arise, O Lord God; let your hand be lifted up: forget not the poor.

34 Wherefore has the wicked provoked God? for he has said in his heart, He will not require it.

35 You see it; for you do observe trouble and wrath, to deliver them into your hands: the poor has been left to you; you were a helper to the orphan.

36 Break you the arm of the sinner and wicked man: his sin shall be sought for, and shall not be found.

37 The Lord shall reign for ever, even for ever and ever: you Gentiles shall perish out of his land.

38 The Lord has heard the desire of the poor: your ear has inclined to the preparation of their heart;

39 to plead for the orphan and afflicted, that man may no more boast upon the earth.

Psalm 10 · KJV 11

1 For the end, a Psalm of David. In the Lord I have put my trust: how will you say to my soul, Flee to the mountains as a sparrow?

2 For behold the sinners have bent their bow, they have prepared their arrows for the quiver, to shoot privily at the upright in heart.

3 For they have pulled down what you did frame, but what has the righteous done?

4 The Lord is in his holy temple, as for the Lord, his throne is in heaven: his eyes look upon the poor, his eyelids try the sons of men.

5 The Lord tries the righteous and the ungodly: and he that loves unrighteousness hates his own soul.

6 He shall rain upon sinners snares, fire, and brimstone, and a stormy blast shall be the portion of their cup.

7 For the Lord is righteous, and loves righteousness; his face beholds uprightness.

Psalm 11 · KJV 12

1 For the end, a Psalm of David, upon the eighth.

2 Save me, O Lord; for the godly man has failed; for truth is diminished from among the children of men.

3 Every one has spoken vanity to his neighbour: their lips are deceitful, they have spoken with a double heart.

4 Let the Lord destroy all the deceitful lips, and the tongue that speaks great words:

5 who have said, We will magnify our tongue; our lips are our own: who is Lord of us?

6 Because of the misery of the poor, and because of the sighing of the needy, now will I arise, says the Lord, I will set them in safety; I will speak to them thereof openly.

7 The oracles of the Lord are pure oracles; as silver tried in the fire, proved in a furnace of earth, purified seven times.

8 You, O Lord, shall keep us, and shall preserve us, from this generation, and for ever.

9 The ungodly walk around: according to your greatness you have greatly exalted the sons of men.

Psalm 12 · KJV 13

1 For the end, a Psalm of David.

2 How long, O Lord, will you forget me? for ever? how long will you turn away your face from me?

3 How long shall I take counsel in my soul, having sorrows in my heart daily? how long shall my enemy be exalted over me?

4 Look on me, hearken to me, O Lord my God: lighten mine eyes, lest I sleep in death;

5 lest at any time mine enemy say, I have prevailed against him: my persecutors will exult if ever I should be moved.

6 But I have hoped in your mercy; my heart shall exult in your salvation. I will sing to the Lord who has dealt bountifully with me, and I will sing psalms to the name of the Lord most high.

Psalm 13 · KJV 14

1 For the end, a Psalm of David. The fool has said in his heart, There is no God. They have corrupted themselves, and become abominable in their devices; there is none that does goodness, there is not even so much as one.

2 The Lord looked down from heaven upon the sons of men, to see if there were any that understood, or sought after God.

3 They are all gone out of the way, they are together become good for nothing, there is none that does good, no not one. Their throat is an open sepulchre; with their tongues they have used deceit; the poison of asps is under their lips: whose mouth is full of cursing and bitterness; their feet are swift to shed blood: destruction and misery are in their ways; and the way of peace they have not known: there is no fear of God before their eyes.

4 Will not all the workers of iniquity know, who eat up my people as they would eat bread? they have not called upon the Lord.

5 There were they alarmed with fear, where there was no fear; for God is in the righteous generation.

6 You have shamed the counsel of the poor, because the Lord is his hope.

7 Who will bring the salvation of Israel out of Zion? when the Lord brings back the captivity of his people, let Jacob exult, and Israel be glad.

Psalm 14 · KJV 15

1 A Psalm of David. O Lord, who shall sojourn in your tabernacle? and who shall dwell in your holy mountain?

2 He that walks blameless, and works righteousness, who speaks truth in his heart.

3 Who has not spoken craftily with his tongue, neither has done evil to his neighbour, nor taken up a reproach against them that dwelt nearest to him.

4 In his sight an evil-worker is set at nought, but he honours them that fear the Lord. He swears to his neighbour, and disappoints him not.

5 He has not lent his money on usury, and has not received bribes against the innocent. He that does these things shall never be moved.

Psalm 15 · KJV 16

1 A writing of David. Keep me, O Lord; for I have hoped in you.

2 I said to the Lord, You are my Lord; for you have no need of my goodness.

3 On behalf of the saints that are in his land, he has magnified all his pleasure in them.

4 Their weaknesses have been multiplied; afterward they hasted. I will by no means assemble their bloody meetings, neither will I make mention of their names with my lips.

5 The Lord is the portion of mine inheritance and of my cup: you are he that restores my inheritance to me.

6 The lines have fallen to me in the best places, yea, I have a most excellent heritage.

7 I will bless the Lord who has instructed me; my reins too have chastened me even till night.

8 I foresaw the Lord always before my face; for he is on my right hand, that I should not be moved.

9 Therefore my heart rejoiced and my tongue exulted; moreover also my flesh shall rest in hope:

10 because you will not leave my soul in hell, neither will you suffer yours Holy One to see corruption.

11 You have made known to me the ways of life; you will fill me with joy with your countenance: at your right hand there are delights for ever.

Psalm 16 · KJV 17

1 A Prayer of David. Hearken, O Lord of my righteousness, attend to my petition; give ear to my prayer not uttered with deceitful lips.

2 Let my judgment come forth from your presence; let mine eyes behold righteousness.

3 You have proved mine heart; you have visited me by night; you have tried me as with fire, and unrighteousness has not been found in me: I am purposed that my mouth shall not speak amiss.

4 As for the works of men, by the words of your lips I have guarded myself from hard ways.

5 Direct my steps in your paths, that my steps slip not.

6 I have cried, for you heard me, O God: incline your ear to me, and hearken to my words.

7 Shew the marvels of your mercies, you that save them that hope in you.

8 Keep me as the apple of the eye from those that resist your right hand: you shall screen me by the covering of your wings,

9 from the face of the ungodly that have afflicted me: mine enemies have compassed about my soul.

10 They have enclosed themselves with their own fat: their mouth has spoken pride.

11 They have now cast me out and compassed me round about: they have set their eyes so as to bow them down to the ground.

12 They laid wait for me as a lion ready for prey, and like a lion's whelp dwelling in secret places.

13 Arise, O Lord, prevent them, and cast them down: deliver my soul from the ungodly: draw your sword,

14 because of the enemies of yours hand: O Lord, destroy them from the earth; scatter them in their life, though their belly has been filled with your hidden treasures: they have been satisfied with uncleanness, and have left the remnant of their possessions to their babes.

15 But I shall appear in righteousness before your face: I shall be satisfied when your glory appears.

Psalm 17 · KJV 18

1 For the end, a Psalm of David the servant of the Lord; the words which he spoke to the Lord, even the words of this Song, in the day in which the Lord delivered him out of the hand of all his enemies, and out of the hand of Saul: and he said:

2 I will love you, O Lord, my strength.

3 The Lord is my firm support, and my refuge, and my deliverer; my God is my helper, I will hope in him; he is my defender, and the horn of my salvation, and my helper.

4 I will call upon the Lord with praises, and I shall be saved from mine enemies.

5 The pangs of death compassed me, and the torrents of ungodliness troubled me exceedingly.

6 The pangs of hell came round about me: the snares of death prevented me.

7 And when I was afflicted I called upon the Lord, and cried to my God: he heard my voice out of his holy temple, and my cry shall enter before him, even into his ears.

8 Then the earth shook and quaked, and the foundations of the mountains were disturbed, and were shaken, because God was angry with them.

9 There went up a smoke in his wrath, and fire burst into a flame at his presence: coals were kindled at it.

10 And he bowed the heaven, and came down: and thick darkness was under his feet.

11 And he mounted on cherubs and flew: he flew on the wings of winds.

12 And he made darkness his secret place: round about him was his tabernacle, even dark water in the clouds of the air.

13 At the brightness before him the clouds passed, hail and coals of fire.

14 The Lord also thundered from heaven, and the Highest uttered his voice.

15 And he sent forth his weapons, and scattered them; and multiplied lightnings, and routed them.

16 And the springs of waters appeared, and the foundations of the world were exposed, at your rebuke, O Lord, at the blasting of the breath of your wrath.

17 He sent from on high and took me, he drew me to himself out of many waters.

18 He will deliver me from my mighty enemies, and from them that hate me; for they are stronger than I.

19 They prevented me in the day of mine affliction: but the Lord was my stay against them.

20 And he brought me out into a wide place: he will deliver me, because he has pleasure in me.

21 And the Lord will recompense me according to my righteousness; even according to the purity of my hands will he recompense me.

22 For I have kept the ways of the Lord and have not wickedly departed from my God.

23 For all his judgments were before me, and his ordinances departed not from me.

24 And I shall be blameless with him, and shall keep myself from mine iniquity.

25 And the Lord shall recompense me according to my righteousness, and according to the purity of my hands before his eyes.

26 With the holy you will be holy; and with the innocent man you will be innocent.

27 And with the excellent man you will be excellent; and with the perverse you will shew frowardness.

28 For you will save the lowly people, and will humble the eyes of the proud.

29 For you, O Lord, will light my lamp: my God, you will lighten my darkness.

30 For by you shall I be delivered from a troop; and by my God I will pass over a wall.

31 As for my God, his way is perfect: the oracles of the Lord are tried in the fire; he is a protector of all them that hope in him.

32 For who is God but the Lord? and who is a God except our God?

33 It is God that girds me with strength, and has made my way blameless:

34 who strengthens my feet as hart's feet, and sets me upon high places.

35 He instructs my hands for war; and you have made my arms as a brazen bow.

36 And you have made me secure in my salvation: and your right hand has helped me, and your correction has upheld me to the end; yea, your correction itself shall instruct me.

37 You have made room for my goings under me, and my footsteps did not fail.

38 I will pursue mine enemies, and overtake them; and I will not turn back until they are consumed.

39 I will dash them to pieces and they shall not be able to stand: they shall fall under my feet.

40 For you have girded me with strength for war: you have beaten down under me all that rose up against me.

41 And you have made mine enemies turn their backs before me; and you have destroyed them that hated me.

42 They cried, but there was no deliverer: even to the Lord, but he hearkened not to them.

43 I will grind them as the mud of the streets: and I will beat them small as dust before the wind.

44 Deliver me from the gainsayings of the people: you shall make me head of the Gentiles: a people whom I knew not served me,

45 at the hearing of the ear they obeyed me: the strange children lied to me.

46 The strange children waxed old, and fell away from their paths through lameness.

47 The Lord lives; and blessed be my God; and let the God of my salvation be exalted.

48 It is God that avenges me, and has subdued the nations under me;

49 my deliverer from angry enemies: you shall set me on high above them that rise up against me: you shall deliver me from the unrighteous man.

50 Therefore will I confess to you, O Lord, among the Gentiles, and sing to your name.

51 God magnifies the deliverances of his king; and deals mercifully with David his anointed, and his seed, for ever.

Psalm 18 · KJV 19

1 For the end, a Psalm of David.

2 The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament proclaims the work of his hands.

3 Day to day utters speech, and night to night proclaims knowledge.

4 There are no speeches or words, in which their voices are not heard.

5 Their voice is gone out into all the earth, and their words to the ends of the world.

6 In the sun he has set his tabernacle; and he comes forth as a bridegroom out of his chamber: he will exult as a giant to run his course.

7 His going forth is from the extremity of heaven, and his circuit to the other end of heaven: and no one shall be hidden from his heat.

8 The law of the Lord is perfect, converting souls: the testimony of the Lord is faithful, instructing babes.

9 The ordinances of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart: the commandment of the Lord is bright, enlightening the eyes.

10 The fear of the Lord is pure, enduring for ever and ever: the judgments of the Lord are true, and justified altogether.

11 To be desired more than gold, and much precious stone: sweeter also than honey and the honey-comb.

12 For your servant keeps to them: in the keeping of them there is great reward.

13 Who will understand his transgressions? purge you me from my secret sins.

14 And spare your servant the attack of strangers: if they do not gain the dominion over me, then shall I be blameless, and I shall be clear from great sin.

15 So shall the sayings of my mouth, and the meditation of my heart, be pleasing continually before you, O Lord my helper, and my redeemer.

Psalm 19 · KJV 20

1 For the end, a Psalm of David.

2 The Lord hear you in the day of trouble; the name of the God of Jacob defend you.

3 Send you help from the sanctuary, and aid you out of Zion.

4 Remember all your sacrifice, and enrich your whole-burnt-offering. Pause.

5 Grant you according to your heart, and fulfil all your desire.

6 We will exult in your salvation, and in the name of our God shall we be magnified: the Lord fulfil all your petitions.

7 Now I know that the Lord has saved his Christ: he shall hear him from his holy heaven: the salvation of his right hand is mighty.

8 Some glory in chariots, and some in horses: but we will glory in the name of the Lord our God.

9 They are overthrown and fallen: but we are risen, and have been set upright.

10 O Lord, save the king: and hear us in whatever day we call upon you.

Psalm 20 · KJV 21

1 For the end, a Psalm of David.

2 O Lord, the king shall rejoice in your strength; and in your salvation he shall greatly exult.

3 You have granted him the desire of his soul, and have not withheld from him the request of his lips. Pause.

4 For you have prevented him with blessings of goodness: you have set upon his head a crown of precious stone.

5 He asked life of you, and you gave him length of days for ever and ever.

6 His glory is great in your salvation: you will crown him with glory and majesty.

7 For you will give him a blessing for ever and ever: you will gladden him with joy with your countenance.

8 For the king trusts in the Lord, and through the mercy of the Highest he shall not be moved.

9 Let your hand be found by all your enemies: let your right hand find all that hate you.

10 You shall make them as a fiery oven at the time of your presence: the Lord shall trouble them in his anger, and fire shall devour them.

11 You shall destroy their fruit from the earth, and their seed from among the sons of men.

12 For they intended evils against you; they imagined a device which they shall by no means be able to perform.

13 For you shall make them turn their back in your latter end, you will prepare their face.

14 Be you exalted, O Lord, in your strength: we will sing and praise your mighty acts.

Psalm 21 · KJV 22

1 For the end, concerning the morning aid, a Psalm of David.

2 O God, my God, attend to me: why have you forsaken me? the account of my transgressions is far from my salvation.

3 O my God, I will cry to you by day, but you will not hear: and by night, and it shall not be accounted for folly to me.

4 But you, the praise of Israel, dwell in a sanctuary.

5 Our fathers hoped in you; they hoped, and you did deliver them.

6 They cried to you, and were saved: they hoped in you, and were not ashamed.

7 But I am a worm, and not a man; a reproach of men, and scorn of the people.

8 All that saw me mocked me: they spoke with their lips, they shook the head, saying,

9 He hoped in the Lord: let him deliver him, let him save him, because he takes pleasure in him.

10 For you are he that drew me out of the womb; my hope from my mother's breasts.

11 I was cast on you from the womb: you are my God from my mother's belly.

12 Stand not aloof from me; for affliction is near; for there is no helper.

13 Many bullocks have compassed me: fat bulls have beset me round.

14 They have opened their mouth against me, as a ravening and roaring lion.

15 I am poured out like water, and all my bones are loosened: my heart in the midst of my belly is become like melting wax.

16 My strength is dried up like a potsherd; and my tongue is glued to my throat; and you have brought me down to the dust of death.

17 For many dogs have compassed me: the assembly of the wicked doers has beset me round: they pierced my hands and my feet.

18 They counted all my bones; and they observed and looked upon me.

19 They parted my garments among themselves, and cast lots upon my raiment.

20 But you, O Lord, remove not my help afar off: be ready for mine aid.

21 Deliver my soul from the sword; my only-begotten one from the power of the dog.

22 Save me from the lion's mouth; and regard my lowliness from the horns of the unicorns.

23 I will declare your name to my brethren: in the midst of the church will I sing praise to you.

24 You that fear the Lord, praise him; all you seed of Jacob, glorify him: let all the seed of Israel fear him.

25 For he has not despised nor been angry at the supplication of the poor; nor turned away his face from me; but when I cried to him, he heard me.

26 My praise is of you in the great congregation: I will pay my vows before them that fear him.

27 The poor shall eat and be satisfied; and they shall praise the Lord that seek him: their heart shall live for ever.

28 All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord: and all the kindreds of the nations shall worship before him.

29 For the kingdom is the Lord's; and he is the governor of the nations.

30 All the fat ones of the earth have eaten and worshipped: all that go down to the earth shall fall down before him: my soul also lives to him.

31 And my seed shall serve him: the generation that is coming shall be reported to the Lord.

32 And they shall report his righteousness to the people that shall be born, whom the Lord has made.

Psalm 22 · KJV 23

1 A Psalm of David. The Lord tends me as a shepherd, and I shall want nothing.

2 In a place of green grass, there he has made me dwell: he has nourished me by the water of rest.

3 He has restored my soul: he has guided me into the paths of righteousness, for his name's sake.

4 Yea, even if I should walk in the midst of the shadow of death, I will not be afraid of evils: for you are with me; your rod and your staff, these have comforted me.

5 You have prepared a table before me in presence of them that afflict me: you have thoroughly anointed my head with oil; and your cup cheers me like the best wine.

6 Your mercy also shall follow me all the days of my life: and my dwelling shall be in the house of the Lord for a very long time.

Psalm 23 · KJV 24

1 A Psalm for David on the first day of the week. The earth is the Lord's and the fulness thereof; the world, and all that dwell in it.

2 He has founded it upon the seas, and prepared it upon the rivers.

3 Who shall go up to the mountain of the Lord, and who shall stand in his holy place?

4 He that is innocent in his hands and pure in his heart; who has not lifted up his soul to vanity, nor sworn deceitfully to his neighbour.

5 He shall receive a blessing from the Lord, and mercy from God his Saviour.

6 This is the generation of them that seek him, that seek the face of the God of Jacob. Pause.

7 Lift up your gates, you princes, and be you lifted up, you everlasting doors; and the king of glory shall come in.

8 Who is this king of glory? the Lord strong and mighty, the Lord mighty in battle.

9 Lift up your gates, you princes; and be you lift up, you everlasting doors; and the king of glory shall come in.

10 Who is this king of glory? The Lord of hosts, he is this king of glory.

Psalm 24 · KJV 25

1 A Psalm of David. To you, O Lord, have I lifted up my soul.

2 O my God, I have trusted in you: let me not be confounded, neither let mine enemies laugh me to scorn.

3 For none of them that wait on you shall in any wise be ashamed: let them be ashamed that transgress without cause.

4 Shew me your ways, O Lord; and teach me your paths.

5 Lead me in your truth, and teach me: for you are God my Saviour: and I have waited on you all the day.

6 Remember your compassions, O Lord, and your mercies, for they are from everlasting.

7 Remember not the sins of my youth, nor my sins of ignorance: remember me according to your mercy, for your goodness' sake, O Lord.

8 Good and upright is the Lord: therefore will he instruct sinners in the way.

9 The meek will he guide in judgment: the meek will he teach his ways.

10 All the ways of the Lord are mercy and truth to them that seek his covenant and his testimonies.

11 For your name's sake, O Lord, do you also be merciful to my sin; for it is great.

12 Who is the man that fears the Lord? he shall instruct him in the way which he has chosen.

13 His soul shall dwell in prosperity; and his seed shall inherit the earth.

14 The Lord is the strength of them that fear him; and his covenant is to manifest truth to them.

15 Mine eyes are continually to the Lord; for he shall draw my feet out of the snare.

16 Look upon me, and have mercy upon me; for I am an only child and poor.

17 The afflictions of my heart have been multiplied; deliver me from my distresses.

18 Look upon mine affliction and my trouble; and forgive all my sins.

19 Look upon mine enemies; for they have been multiplied; and they have hated me with unjust hatred.

20 Keep my soul, and deliver me: let me not be ashamed; for I have hoped in you.

21 The harmless and upright joined themselves to me: for I waited for you, O Lord.

22 Deliver Israel, O God, out of all his afflictions.

Psalm 25 · KJV 26

1 A Psalm of David. Judge me, O Lord; for I have walked in my innocence: and hoping in the Lord I shall not be moved.

2 Prove me, O Lord, and try me; purify as with fire my reins and my heart.

3 For your mercy is before mine eyes: and I am well pleased with your truth.

4 I have not sat with the council of vanity, and will in nowise enter in with transgressors.

5 I have hated the assembly of wicked doers; and will not sit with ungodly men.

6 I will wash my hands in innocency, and compass your altar, O Lord:

7 to hear the voice of praise, and to declare all your wonderful works.

8 O Lord, I have loved the beauty of your house, and the place of the tabernacle of your glory.

9 Destroy not my soul together with the ungodly, nor my life with bloody men:

10 in whose hands are iniquities, and their right hand is filled with bribes.

11 But I have walked in my innocence: redeem me, and have mercy upon me.

12 My foot stands in an even place: in the congregations will I bless you, O Lord.

Psalm 26 · KJV 27

1 A Psalm of David, before he was anointed. The Lord is my light and my Saviour; whom shall I fear? the Lord is the defender of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

2 When evil-doers drew nigh against me to eat up my flesh, my persecutors and mine enemies, they fainted and fell.

3 Though an army should set itself in array against me, my heart shall not be afraid: though war should rise up against me, in this am I confident.

4 One thing have I asked of the Lord, this will I earnestly seek: that I should dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, that I should behold the fair beauty of the Lord, and survey his temple.

5 For in the day of mine afflictions he hid me in his tabernacle: he sheltered me in the secret of his tabernacle; he set me up on a rock.

6 And now, behold, he has lifted up mine head over mine enemies: I went round and offered in his tabernacle the sacrifice of joy; I will sing, even sing psalms to the Lord.

7 Hear, O Lord, my voice which I have uttered aloud: pity me, and hearken to me.

8 My heart said to you, I have diligently sought your face: your face, O Lord, I will seek.

9 Turn not your face away from me, turn not you away from your servant in anger: be you my helper, forsake me not; and, O God my Saviour, overlook me not.

10 For my father and my mother have forsaken me, but the Lord has taken me to himself.

11 Teach me, O Lord, in your way, and guide me in a right path, because of mine enemies.

12 Deliver me not over to the desire of them that afflict me; for unjust witnesses have risen up against me, and injustice has lied within herself.

13 I believe that I shall see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living.

14 Wait on the Lord: be of good courage, and let your heart be strengthened: yea, wait on the Lord.

Psalm 27 · KJV 28

1 A Psalm of David. To you, O Lord, have I cried; my God, be not silent toward me: lest you be silent toward me, and so I should be likened to them that go down to the pit.

2 Hearken to the voice of my supplication, when I pray to you, when I lift up my hands toward your holy temple.

3 Draw not away my soul with sinners, and destroy me not with the workers of iniquity, who speak peace with their neighbours, but evils are in their hearts.

4 Give them according to their works, and according to the wickedness of their devices: give them according to the works of their hands; render their recompence unto them.

5 Because they have not attended to the works of the Lord, even to the works of his hands, you shall pull them down, and shall not build them up.

6 Blessed be the Lord, for he has hearkened to the voice of my petition.

7 The Lord is my helper and my defender; my heart has hoped in him, and I am helped: my flesh has revived, and willingly will I give praise to him.

8 The Lord is the strength of his people, and the saving defender of his anointed.

9 Save your people, and bless your inheritance: and take care of them, and lift them up for ever.

Psalm 28 · KJV 29

1 A Psalm of David on the occasion of the solemn assembly of the Tabernacle. Bring to the Lord, you sons of God, bring to the Lord young rams; bring to the Lord glory and honour.

2 Bring to the Lord glory, due to his name; worship the Lord in his holy court.

3 The voice of the Lord is upon the waters: the God of glory has thundered: the Lord is upon many waters.

4 The voice of the Lord is mighty; the voice of the Lord is full of majesty.

5 There is the voice of the Lord who breaks the cedars; the Lord will break the cedars of Lebanon.

6 And he will beat them small, even Lebanon itself, like a calf; and the beloved one is as a young unicorn.

7 There is a voice of the Lord who divides a flame of fire.

8 A voice of the Lord who shakes the wilderness; the Lord will shake the wilderness of Kadesh.

9 The voice of the Lord strengthens the hinds, and will uncover the thickets: and in his temple every one speaks of his glory.

10 The Lord will dwell on the waterflood: and the Lord will sit a king for ever.

11 The Lord will give strength to his people; the Lord will bless his people with peace.

Psalm 29 · KJV 30

1 For the end, a Psalm and Song at the dedication of the house of David.

2 I will exalt you, O Lord; for you have lifted me up, and not caused mine enemies to rejoice over me.

3 O Lord my God, I cried to you, and you did heal me.

4 O Lord, you have brought up my soul from Hades, you have delivered me from among them that go down to the pit.

5 Sing to the Lord, you his saints, and give thanks for the remembrance of his holiness.

6 For anger is in his wrath, but life in his favour: weeping shall tarry for the evening, but joy shall be in the morning.

7 And I said in my prosperity, I shall never be moved.

8 O Lord, in your good pleasure you did add strength to my beauty: but you did turn away your face, and I was troubled.

9 To you, O Lord, will I cry; and to my God will I make supplication.

10 What profit is there in my blood, when I go down to destruction? Shall the dust give praise to you? or shall it declare your truth?

11 The Lord heard, and had compassion upon me; the Lord is become my helper.

12 You have turned my mourning into joy for me: you have rent off my sackcloth, and girded me with gladness;

13 that my glory may sing praise to you, and I may not be pierced with sorrow. O Lord my God, I will give thanks to you for ever.

Psalm 30 · KJV 31

1 For the end, a Psalm of David, an utterance of extreme fear.

2 O Lord, I have hoped in you; let me never be ashamed: deliver me in your righteousness and rescue me.

3 Incline your ear to me; make haste to rescue me: be you to me for a protecting God, and for a house of refuge to save me.

4 For you are my strength and my refuge; and you shall guide me for your name's sake, and maintain me.

5 You shall bring me out of the snare which they have hidden for me; for you, O Lord, art my defender.

6 Into yours hands I will commit my spirit: you have redeemed me, O Lord God of truth.

7 You have hated them that idly persist in vanities: but I have hoped in the Lord.

8 I will exult and be glad in your mercy: for you have looked upon mine affliction; you have saved my soul from distresses.

9 And you have not shut me up into the hands of the enemy: you have set my feet in a wide place.

10 Pity me, O Lord, for I am afflicted: my eye is troubled with indignation, my soul and my belly.

11 For my life is spent with grief, and my years with groanings: my strength has been weakened through poverty, and my bones are troubled.

12 I became a reproach among all mine enemies, but exceedingly so to my neighbours, and a fear to mine acquaintance: they that saw me without fled from me.

13 I have been forgotten as a dead man out of mind: I am become as a broken vessel.

14 For I heard the slander of many that dwelt round about: when they were gathered together against me, they took counsel to take my life.

15 But I hoped in you, O Lord: I said, You are my God.

16 My lots are in your hands: deliver me from the hand of mine enemies,

17 and from them that persecute me. Make your face to shine upon your servant: save me in your mercy.

18 O Lord, let me not be ashamed, for I have called upon you: let the ungodly be ashamed, and brought down to Hades.

19 Let the deceitful lips become dumb, which speak iniquity against the righteous with pride and scorn.

20 How abundant is the multitude of your goodness, O Lord, which you have laid up for them that fear you! you have wrought it out for them that hope on you, in the presence of the sons of men.

21 You will hide them in the secret of your presence from the vexation of man: you will screen them in a tabernacle from the contradiction of tongues.

22 Blessed be the Lord: for he has magnified his mercy in a fortified city.

23 But I said in my extreme fear, I am cast out from the sight of your eyes: therefore you did hearken, O Lord, to the voice of my supplication when I cried to you.

24 Love the Lord, all you his saints: for the Lord seeks for truth, and renders a reward to them that deal very proudly.

25 Be of good courage, and let your heart be strengthened, all you that hope in the Lord.

Psalm 31 · KJV 32

1 A Psalm of instruction by David. Blessed are they whose transgressions are forgiven, and whose sins are covered.

2 Blessed is the man to whom the Lord will not impute sin, and in whose mouth there is no guile.

3 Because I kept silence, my bones waxed old, from my crying all the day.

4 For day and night your hand was heavy upon me: I became thoroughly miserable while a thorn was fastened in me. Pause.

5 I acknowledged my sin, and hid not mine iniquity: I said, I will confess mine iniquity to the Lord against myself; and you forgave the ungodliness of my heart. Pause.

6 Therefore shall every holy one pray to you in a fit time: only in the deluge of many waters they shall not come nigh to him.

7 You are my refuge from the affliction that encompasses me; my joy, to deliver me from them that have compassed me. Pause.

8 I will instruct you and guide you in this way wherein you shall go: I will fix mine eyes upon you.

9 Be you not as horse and mule, which have no understanding: but you must constrain their jaws with bit and curb, lest they should come nigh to you.

10 Many are the scourges of the sinner: but him that hopes in the Lord mercy shall compass about.

11 Be glad in the Lord, and exult, you righteous: and glory, all you that are upright in heart.

Psalm 32 · KJV 33

1 A Psalm of David. Rejoice in the Lord, you righteous; praise becomes the upright.

2 Praise the Lord on the harp; play to him on a psaltery of ten strings.

3 Sing to him a new song; play skilfully with a loud noise.

4 For the word of the Lord is right; and all his works are faithful.

5 He loves mercy and judgment; the earth is full of the mercy of the Lord.

6 By the word of the Lord the heavens were established; and all the host of them by the breath of his mouth.

7 Who gathers the waters of the sea as in a bottle; who lays up the deeps in treasuries.

8 Let all the earth fear the Lord; and let all that dwell in the world be moved because of him.

9 For he spoke, and they were made; he commanded, and they were created.

10 The Lord frustrates the counsels of the nations; he brings to nought also the reasonings of the peoples, and brings to nought the counsels of princes.

11 But the counsel of the Lord endures for ever, the thoughts of his heart from generation to generation.

12 Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord; the people whom he has chosen for his own inheritance.

13 The Lord looks out of heaven; he beholds all the sons of men.

14 He looks from his prepared habitation on all the dwellers on the earth;

15 who fashioned their hearts alone; who understands all their works.

16 A king is not saved by reason of a great host; and a giant shall not be delivered by the greatness of his strength.

17 A horse is vain for safety; neither shall he be delivered by the greatness of his power.

18 Behold, the eyes of the Lord are on them that fear him, those that hope in his mercy;

19 to deliver their souls from death, and to keep them alive in famine.

20 Our soul waits on the Lord; for he is our helper and defender.

21 For our heart shall rejoice in him, and we have hoped in his holy name.

22 Let your mercy, O Lord, be upon us, according as we have hoped in you.

Psalm 33 · KJV 34

1 A Psalm of David, when he changed his countenance before Abimelech; and he let him go, and he departed.

2 I will bless the Lord at all times: his praise shall be continually in my mouth.

3 My soul shall boast herself in the Lord: let the meek hear, and rejoice.

4 Magnify you the Lord with me, and let us exalt his name together.

5 I sought the Lord diligently, and he hearkened to me, and delivered me from all my sojournings.

6 Draw near to him, and be enlightened: and your faces shall not by any means be ashamed.

7 This poor man cried, and the Lord hearkened to him, and delivered him out of all his afflictions.

8 The angel of the Lord will encamp round about them that fear him, and will deliver them.

9 Taste and see that the Lord is good: blessed is the man who hopes in him.

10 Fear the Lord, all you his saints: for there is no want to them that fear him.

11 The rich have become poor and hungry: but they that seek the Lord diligently shall not want any good thing. Pause.

12 Come, you children, hear me: I will teach you the fear of the Lord.

13 What man is there that desires life, loving to see good days?

14 Keep your tongue from evil, and your lips from speaking guile.

15 Turn away from evil, and do good; seek peace, and pursue it.

16 The eyes of the Lord are over the righteous, and his ears are open to their prayer:

17 but the face of the Lord is against them that do evil, to destroy their memorial from the earth. The righteous cried, and the Lord hearkened to them,

18 and delivered them out of all their afflictions.

19 The Lord is near to them that are of a contrite heart; and will save the lowly in spirit.

20 Many are the afflictions of the righteous: but out of them all the Lord will deliver them.

21 He keeps all their bones: not one of them shall be broken.

22 The death of sinners is evil: and they that hate righteousness will go wrong.

23 The Lord will redeem the souls of his servants: and none of those that hope in him shall go wrong.

Psalm 34 · KJV 35

1 A Psalm of David. Judge you, O Lord, them that injure me, fight against them that fight against me.

2 Take hold of shield and buckler, and arise for my help.

3 Bring forth a sword, and stop the way against them that persecute me: say to my soul, I am your salvation.

4 Let them that seek my soul be ashamed and confounded: let them that devise evils against me be turned back and put to shame.

5 Let them be as dust before the wind, and an angel of the Lord afflicting them.

6 Let their way be dark and slippery, and an angel of the Lord persecuting them.

7 For without cause they have hid for me their destructive snare: without a cause they have reproached my soul.

8 Let a snare which they know not come upon them: and the gin which they hid take them; and let them fall into the very same snare.

9 But my soul shall exult in the Lord: it shall delight in his salvation.

10 All my bones shall say, O Lord, who is like to you? delivering the poor out of the hand of them that are stronger than he, yea, the poor and needy one from them that spoil him.

11 Unjust witnesses arose, and asked me of things I knew not.

12 They rewarded me evil for good, and bereavement to my soul.

13 But I, when they troubled me, put on sackcloth, and humbled my soul with fasting: and my prayer shall return to my own bosom.

14 I behaved agreeably towards them as if it had been our neighbour or brother: I humbled myself as one mourning and sad of countenance.

15 Yet they rejoiced against me, and plagues were plentifully brought against me, and I knew it not: they were scattered, but repented not.

16 They tempted me, they sneered at me most contemptuously, they gnashed their teeth upon me.

17 O Lord, when will you look upon me? Deliver my soul from their mischief, mine only-begotten one from the lions.

18 I will give thanks to you even in a great congregation: in an abundant people I will praise you.

19 Let not them that are mine enemies without a cause rejoice against me; who hate me for nothing, and wink with their eyes.

20 For to me they spoke peaceably, but imagined deceits in their anger.

21 And they opened wide their mouth upon me; they said, Aha, aha, our eyes have seen it.

22 You have seen it, O Lord: keep not silence: O Lord, withdraw not yourself from me.

23 Awake, O Lord, and attend to my judgment, even to my cause, my God and my Lord.

24 Judge me, O Lord, according to your righteousness, O Lord my God; and let them not rejoice against me.

25 Let them not say in their hearts, Aha, aha, it is pleasing to our soul: neither let them say, We have devoured him.

26 Let them be confounded and ashamed together that rejoice at my afflictions: let them be clothed with shame and confusion that speak great swelling words against me.

27 Let them that rejoice in my righteousness exult and be glad: and let them say continually, The Lord be magnified, who desire the peace of his servant.

28 And my tongue shall meditate on your righteousness, and on your praise all the day.

Psalm 35 · KJV 36

1 For the end, by David the servant of the Lord.

2 The transgressor, that he may sin, says within himself, that there is no fear of God before his eyes.

3 For he has dealt craftily before him, to discover his iniquity and hate it.

4 The words of his mouth are transgression and deceit: he is not inclined to understand how to do good.

5 He devises iniquity on his bed; he gives himself to every evil way; and does not abhor evil.

6 O Lord, your mercy is in the heaven; and your truth reaches to the clouds.

7 Your righteousness is as the mountains of God, your judgments are as a great deep: O Lord, you will preserve men and beasts.

8 How have you multiplied your mercy, O God! so the children of men shall trust in the shelter of your wings.

9 They shall be fully satisfied with the fatness of yours house; and you shall cause them to drink of the full stream of your delights.

10 For with you is the fountain of life: in your light we shall see light.

11 Extend your mercy to them that know you; and your righteousness to the upright in heart.

12 Let not the foot of pride come against me, and let not the hand of sinners move me.

13 There have all the workers of iniquity fallen: they are cast out, and shall not be able to stand.

Psalm 36 · KJV 37

1 A Psalm of David. Fret not yourself because of evil-doers, neither be envious of them that do iniquity.

2 For they shall soon be withered as the grass, and shall soon fall away as the green herbs.

3 Hope in the Lord, and do good; and dwell on the land, and you shall be fed with the wealth of it.

4 Delight yourself in the Lord; and he shall grant you the requests of yours heart.

5 Disclose your way to the Lord, and hope in him; and he shall bring it to pass.

6 And he shall bring forth your righteousness as the light, and your judgment as the noon-day.

7 Submit yourself to the Lord, and supplicate him: fret not yourself because of him that prospers in his way, at the man that does unlawful deeds.

8 Cease from anger, and forsake wrath: fret not yourself so as to do evil.

9 For evil-doers shall be destroyed: but they that wait on the Lord, they shall inherit the land.

10 And yet a little while, and the sinner shall not be, and you shall seek for his place, and shall not find it.

11 But the meek shall inherit the earth; and shall delight themselves in the abundance of peace.

12 The sinner will watch for the righteous, and gnash his teeth upon him.

13 But the Lord shall laugh at him: for he foresees that his day will come.

14 Sinners have drawn their swords, they have bent their bow, to cast down the poor and needy one, and to slay the upright in heart.

15 Let their sword enter into their own heart, and their bows be broken.

16 A little is better to the righteous than abundant wealth of sinners.

17 For the arms of sinners shall be broken; but the Lord supports the righteous.

18 The Lord knows the ways of the perfect; and their inheritance shall be for ever.

19 They shall not be ashamed in an evil time; and in days of famine they shall be satisfied.

20 For the sinners shall perish; and the enemies of the Lord at the moment of their being honoured and exalted have utterly vanished like smoke.

21 The sinner borrows, and will not pay again: but the righteous has compassion, and gives.

22 For they that bless him shall inherit the earth; and they that curse him shall be utterly destroyed.

23 The steps of a man are rightly ordered by the Lord: and he will take pleasure in his way.

24 When he falls, he shall not be ruined: for the Lord supports his hand.

25 I was once young, indeed I am now old; yet I have not seen the righteous forsaken, nor his seed seeking bread.

26 He is merciful, and lends continually; and his seed shall be blessed.

27 Turn aside from evil, and do good; and dwell for ever.

28 For the Lord loves judgment, and will not forsake his saints; they shall be preserved for ever: the blameless shall be avenged, but the seed of the ungodly shall be utterly destroyed.

29 But the righteous shall inherit the earth, and dwell upon it for ever.

30 The mouth of the righteous will meditate wisdom, and his tongue will speak of judgment.

31 The law of his God is in his heart; and his steps shall not slide.

32 The sinner watches the righteous, and seeks to slay him.

33 But the Lord will not leave him in his hands, nor by any means condemn him when he is judged.

34 Wait on the Lord, and keep his way, and he shall exalt you to inherit the land: when the wicked are destroyed, you shall see it.

35 I saw the ungodly very highly exalting himself, and lifting himself up like the cedars of Lebanon.

36 Yet I passed by, and lo! he was not: and I sought him, but his place was not found.

37 Maintain innocence, and behold uprightness: for there is a remnant to the peaceable man.

38 But the transgressors shall be utterly destroyed together: the remnants of the ungodly shall be utterly destroyed.

39 But the salvation of the righteous is of the Lord; and he is their defender in the time of affliction.

40 And the Lord shall help them, and deliver them: and he shall rescue them from sinners, and save them, because they have hoped in him.

Psalm 37 · KJV 38

1 A Psalm of David for remembrance concerning the Sabbath-day.

2 O Lord, rebuke me not in your wrath, neither chasten me in your anger.

3 For your weapons are fixed in me, and you have pressed your hand heavily upon me.

4 For there is no health in my flesh because of your anger; there is no peace to my bones because of my sins.

5 For my transgressions have gone over mine head: they have pressed heavily upon me like a weighty burden.

6 My bruises have become noisome and corrupt, because of my foolishness.

7 I have been wretched and bowed down continually: I went with a mourning countenance all the day.

8 For my soul is filled with mockings; and there is no health in my flesh.

9 I have been afflicted and brought down exceedingly: I have roared for the groaning of my heart.

10 But all my desire is before you; and my groaning is not hidden from you.

11 My heart is troubled, my strength has failed me; and the light of mine eyes is not with me.

12 My friends and my neighbours drew near before me, and stood still; and my nearest of kin stood afar off.

13 While they pressed hard upon me that sought my soul: and they that sought my hurt spoke vanities, and devised deceits all the day.

14 But I, as a deaf man, heard not; and was as a dumb man not opening his mouth.

15 And I was as a man that hears not, and who has no reproofs in his mouth.

16 For I hoped in you, O Lord: you will hear, O Lord my God.

17 For I said, Lest mine enemies rejoice against me: for when my feet were moved, they spoke boastingly against me.

18 For I am ready for plagues, and my grief is continually before me.

19 For I will declare mine iniquity, and be distressed for my sin.

20 But mine enemies live, and are mightier than I: and they that hate me unjustly are multiplied.

21 They that reward evil for good slandered me; because I followed righteousness.

22 Forsake me not, O Lord my God: depart not from me.

23 Draw nigh to my help, O Lord of my salvation.

Psalm 38 · KJV 39

1 For the end, a Song of David, to Idithun.

2 I said, I will take heed to my ways, that I sin not with my tongue: I set a guard on my mouth, while the sinner stood in my presence.

3 I was dumb, and humbled myself, and kept silence from good words; and my grief was renewed.

4 My heart grew hot within me, and a fire would kindle in my meditation: I spoke with my tongue,

5 O Lord, make me to know mine end, and the number of my days, what it is; that I may know what I lack.

6 Behold, you have made my days old; and my existence is as nothing before you: nay, every man living is altogether vanity. Pause.

7 Surely man walks in a shadow; nay, he is disquieted in vain: he lays up treasures, and knows not for whom he shall gather them.

8 And now what is my expectation? is it not the Lord? and my ground of hope is with you. Pause.

9 Deliver me from all my transgressions: you have made me a reproach to the foolish.

10 I was dumb, and opened not my mouth; for you are he that made me.

11 Remove your scourges from me: I have fainted by reason of the strength of yours hand.

12 You chastenest man with rebukes for iniquity, and you make his life to consume away like a spider's web: nay, every man is disquieted in vain. Pause.

13 O Lord, hearken to my prayer and my supplication: attend to my tears: be not silent, for I am a sojourner in the land, and a stranger, as all my fathers were.

14 Spare me, that I may be refreshed, before I depart, and be no more.

Psalm 39 · KJV 40

1 For the end, a Psalm of David.

2 I waited patiently for the Lord; and he attended to me, and hearkened to my supplication.

3 And he brought me up out of a pit of misery, and from miry clay: and he set my feet on a rock, and ordered my goings aright.

4 And he put a new song into my mouth, even a hymn to our God: many shall see it, and fear, and shall hope in the Lord.

5 Blessed is the man whose hope is the name of the Lord, and who has not regarded vanities and false frenzies.

6 O Lord my God, you have multiplied your wonderful works, and in your thoughts there is none who shall be likened to you: I declared and spoke of them: they exceeded number.

7 Sacrifice and offering you would not; but a body have you prepared me: whole-burnt-offering and sacrifice for sin you did not require.

8 Then I said, Behold, I come: in the volume of the book it is written concerning me,

9 I desired to do your will, O my God, and your law in the midst of mine heart.

10 I have preached righteousness in the great congregation; lo! I will not refrain my lips; O Lord, you know my righteousness.

11 I have not hid your truth within my heart, and I have declared your salvation; I have not hid your mercy and your truth from the great congregation.

12 But you, Lord, remove not your compassion far from me; your mercy and your truth have helped me continually.

13 For innumerable evils have encompassed me; my transgressions have taken hold of me, and I could not see; they are multiplied more than the hairs of my head; and my heart has failed me.

14 Be pleased, O Lord, to deliver me; O Lord, draw nigh to help me.

15 Let those that seek my soul, to destroy it, be ashamed and confounded together; let those that wish me evil be turned backward and put to shame.

16 Let those that say to me, Aha, aha, quickly receive shame for their reward.

17 Let all those that seek you, O Lord, exult and rejoice in you; and let them that love your salvation say continually, The Lord be magnified.

18 But I am poor and needy; the Lord will take care of me; you are my helper, and my defender, O my God, delay not.

Psalm 40 · KJV 41

1 For the end, a Psalm of David.

2 Blessed is the man who thinks on the poor and needy: the Lord shall deliver him in an evil day.

3 May the Lord preserve him and keep him alive, and bless him on the earth, and not deliver him into the hands of his enemy.

4 May the Lord help him upon the bed of his pain; you have made all his bed in his sickness.

5 I said, O Lord, have mercy upon me; heal my soul; for I have sinned against you.

6 Mine enemies have spoken evil against me, saying, When shall he die, and his name perish?

7 And if he came to see me, his heart spoke vainly; he gathered iniquity to himself; he went forth and spoke in like manner.

8 All my enemies whispered against me; against me they devised my hurt.

9 They denounced a wicked word against me, saying, Now that he lies, shall he not rise up again?

10 For even the man of my peace, in whom I trusted, who ate my bread, lifted up his heel against me.

11 But you, O Lord, have compassion upon me, and raise me up, and I shall requite them.

12 By this I know that you have delighted in me, because mine enemy shall not rejoice over me.

13 But you did help me because of mine innocence, and have established me before you for ever.

14 Blessed be the Lord God of Israel from everlasting, and to everlasting. So be it, so be it.

Psalm 41 · KJV 42

1 For the end, a Psalm for instruction, for the sons of Korah.

2 As the hart earnestly desires the fountains of water, so my soul earnestly longs for you, O God.

3 My soul has thirsted for the living God: when shall I come and appear before God?

4 My tears have been bread to me day and night, while they daily said to me, Where is your God?

5 I remembered these things, and poured out my soul in me, for I will go to the place of your wondrous tabernacle, even to the house of God, with a voice of exultation and thanksgiving and of the sound of those who keep festival.

6 Wherefore are you very sad, O my soul? and wherefore do you trouble me? hope in God; for I will give thanks to him; he is the salvation of my countenance.

7 O my God, my soul has been troubled within me: therefore will I remember you from the land of Jordan, and of the Ermonites, from the little hill.

8 Deep calls to deep at the voice of your cataracts: all your billows and your waves have gone over me.

9 By day the Lord will command his mercy, and manifest it by night: with me is prayer to the God of my life.

10 I will say to God, You are my helper; why have you forgotten me? wherefore do I go sad of countenance, while the enemy oppresses me?

11 While my bones were breaking, they that afflicted me reproached me; while they said to me daily, Where is your God?

12 Wherefore are you very sad, O my soul? and wherefore do you trouble me? hope in God; for I will give thanks to him; he is the health of my countenance, and my God.

Psalm 42 · KJV 43

1 A Psalm of David. Judge me, O God, and plead my cause, against an ungodly nation: deliver me from the unjust and crafty man.

2 For you, O God, art my strength: wherefore have you cast me off? and why do I go sad of countenance, while the enemy oppresses me?

3 Send forth your light and your truth: they have led me, and brought me to your holy mountain, and to your tabernacles.

4 And I will go in to the altar of God, to God who gladdens my youth: I will give thanks to you on the harp, O God, my God.

5 Wherefore are you very sad, O my soul? and wherefore do you trouble me? Hope in God; for I will give thanks to him, who is the health of my countenance, and my God.

Psalm 43 · KJV 44

1 For the end, a Psalm for instruction, for the sons of Korah.

2 O God, we have heard with our ears, our fathers have told us, the work which you wrought in their days, in the days of old.

3 Yours hand utterly destroyed the heathen, and you did plant them: you did afflict the nations, and cast them out.

4 For they inherited not the land by their own sword, and their own arm did not deliver them; but your right hand, and your arm, and the light of your countenance, because you were well pleased in them.

5 You are indeed my King and my God, who command deliverances for Jacob.

6 In you will we push down our enemies, and in your name will we bring to nought them that rise up against us.

7 For I will not trust in my bow, and my sword shall not save me.

8 For you have saved us from them that afflicted us, and have put to shame them that hated us.

9 In God will we make our boast all the day, and to your name will we give thanks for ever. Pause.

10 But now you have cast off, and put us to shame; and you will not go forth with our hosts.

11 You have turned us back before our enemies; and they that hated us spoiled for themselves.

12 You made us as sheep for meat; and you scatteredst us among the nations.

13 You have sold your people without price, and there was no profit by their exchange.

14 You have made us a reproach to our neighbours, a scorn and derision to them that are round about us.

15 You have made us a proverb among the Gentiles, a shaking of the head among the nations.

16 All the day my shame is before me, and the confusion of my face has covered me,

17 because of the voice of the slanderer and reviler; because of the enemy and avenger.

18 All these things are come upon us: but we have not forgotten you, neither have we dealt unrighteously in your covenant.

19 And our heart has not gone back; but you have turned aside our paths from your way.

20 For you have laid us low in a place of affliction, and the shadow of death has covered us.

21 If we have forgotten the name of our God, and if we have spread out our hands to a strange god; shall not God search these things out?

22 for he knows the secrets of the heart.

23 For, for your sake we are killed all the day long; we are counted as sheep for slaughter.

24 Awake, wherefore sleep you, O Lord? arise, and do not cast us off for ever.

25 Wherefore turn you your face away, and forget our poverty and our affliction?

26 For our soul has been brought down to the dust; our belly has cleaved to the earth.

27 Arise, O Lord, help us, and redeem us for your name's sake.

Psalm 44 · KJV 45

1 For the end, for alternate strains by the sons of Korah; for instruction, a Song concerning the beloved.

2 My heart has uttered a good matter: I declare my works to the king: my tongue is the pen of a quick writer.

3 You are more beautiful than the sons of men: grace has been shed forth on your lips: therefore God has blessed you for ever.

4 Gird your sword upon your thigh, O Mighty One, in your comeliness, and in your beauty;

5 and bend your bow, and prosper, and reign, because of truth and meekness and righteousness; and your right hand shall guide you wonderfully.

6 Your weapons are sharpened, Mighty One, (the nations shall fall under you) they are in the heart of the king's enemies.

7 Your throne, O God, is for ever and ever: the sceptre of your kingdom is a sceptre of righteousness.

8 You have loved righteousness, and hated iniquity: therefore God, your God, has anointed you with the oil of gladness beyond your fellows.

9 Myrrh, and stacte, and cassia are exhaled from your garments, and out of the ivory palaces,

10 with which kings' daughters have gladdened you for yours honour: the queen stood by on your right hand, clothed in vesture wrought with gold, and arrayed in divers colours.

11 Hear, O daughter, and see, and incline your ear; forget also your people, and your father's house.

12 Because the king has desired your beauty; for he is your Lord.

13 And the daughter of Tyre shall adore him with gifts; the rich of the people of the land shall supplicate your favour.

14 All her glory is that of the daughter of the king of Heshbon, robed as she is in golden fringed garments,

15 in embroidered clothing: virgins shall be brought to the king after her: her fellows shall be brought to you.

16 They shall be brought with gladness and exultation: they shall be led into the king's temple.

17 Instead of your fathers children are born to you: you shall make them princes over all the earth.

18 They shall make mention of your name from generation to generation: therefore shall the nations give thanks to you for ever, even for ever and ever.

Psalm 45 · KJV 46

1 For the end, for the sons of Korah; a Psalm concerning secret things.

2 God is our refuge and strength, a help in the afflictions that have come heavily upon us.

3 Therefore will we not fear when the earth is troubled, and the mountains are removed into the depths of the seas.

4 Their waters have roared and been troubled, the mountains have been troubled by his might. Pause.

5 The flowings of the river gladden the city of God: the Most High has sanctified his tabernacle.

6 God is in the midst of her; she shall not be moved: God shall help her with his countenance.

7 The nations were troubled, the kingdoms tottered: he uttered his voice, the earth shook.

8 The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our helper. Pause.

9 Come, and behold the works of the Lord, what wonders he has achieved on the earth.

10 Putting an end to wars as for the ends of the earth; he will crush the bow, and break in pieces the weapon, and burn the bucklers with fire.

11 Be still, and know that I am God: I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth.

12 The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our helper.

Psalm 46 · KJV 47

1 For the end, a Psalm for the sons of Korah.

2 Clap your hands, all you nations; shout to God with a voice of exultation.

3 For the Lord most high is terrible; he is a great king over all the earth.

4 He has subdued the peoples under us, and the nations under our feet.

5 He has chosen out his inheritance for us, the beauty of Jacob which he loved. Pause.

6 God is gone up with a shout, the Lord with a sound of a trumpet.

7 Sing praises to our God, sing praises: sing praises to our King, sing praises.

8 For God is king of all the earth: sing praises with understanding.

9 God reigns over the nations: God sits upon the throne of his holiness.

10 The rulers of the people are assembled with the God of Abraam: for God's mighty ones of the earth have been greatly exalted.

Psalm 47 · KJV 48

1 A Psalm of praise for the sons of Korah on the second day of the week.

2 Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised in the city of our God, in his holy mountain.

3 The city of the great King is well planted on the mountains of Zion, with the joy of the whole earth, on the sides of the north.

4 God is known in her palaces, when he undertakes to help her.

5 For, behold, the kings of the earth were assembled, they came together.

6 They saw, and so they wondered: they were troubled, they were moved.

7 Trembling took hold on them: there were the pangs as of a woman in travail.

8 You will break the ships of Tarshish with a vehement wind.

9 As we have heard, so have we also seen, in the city of the Lord of hosts, in the city of our God: God has founded it for ever. Pause.

10 We have thought of your mercy, O God, in the midst of your people.

11 According to your name, O God, so is also your praise to the ends of the earth: your right hand is full of righteousness.

12 Let mount Zion rejoice, let the daughters of Judæa exult, because of your judgments, O Lord.

13 Go round about Zion, and encompass her: tell you her towers.

14 Mark you well her strength, and observe her palaces; that you may tell the next generation.

15 For this is our God for ever and ever: he will be our guide for evermore.

Psalm 48 · KJV 49

1 For the end, a Psalm for the sons of Korah.

2 Hear these words, all you nations, hearken, all you that dwell upon the earth:

3 both the sons of mean men, and sons of great men; the rich and poor man together.

4 My mouth shall speak of wisdom; and the meditation of my heart shall bring forth understanding.

5 I will incline mine ear to a parable: I will open my riddle on the harp.

6 Wherefore should I fear in the evil day? the iniquity of my heel shall compass me.

7 They that trust in their strength, and boast themselves in the multitude of their wealth—

8 A brother does not redeem, shall a man redeem? he shall not give to God a ransom for himself,

9 or the price of the redemption of his soul, though he labour for ever,

10 and live to the end, so that he should not see corruption.

11 When he shall see wise men dying, the fool and the senseless one shall perish together; and they shall leave their wealth to strangers.

12 And their sepulchres are their houses for ever, even their tabernacles to all generations: they have called their lands after their own names.

13 And man being in honour, understands not: he is compared to the senseless cattle, and is like to them.

14 This their way is an offence to them: yet afterwards men will commend their sayings. Pause.

15 They have laid them as sheep in Hades; death shall feed on them; and the upright shall have dominion over them in the morning, and their help shall fail in Hades from their glory.

16 But God shall deliver my soul from the power of Hades, when he shall receive me. Pause.

17 Fear not when a man is enriched, and when the glory of his house is increased.

18 For he shall take nothing when he dies; neither shall his glory descend with him.

19 For his soul shall be blessed in his life: he shall give thanks to you when you do well to him.

20 Yet he shall go in to the generation of his fathers; he shall never see light.

21 Man that is in honour, understands not: he is compared to the senseless cattle, and is like them.

Psalm 49 · KJV 50

1 A Psalm for Asaph. The God of gods, the Lord, has spoken, and called the earth from the rising of the sun to the going down thereof.

2 Out of Zion comes the excellence of his beauty.

3 God, our God, shall come manifestly, and shall not keep silence: a fire shall be kindled before him, and round about him there shall be a very great tempest.

4 He shall summon the heaven above, and the earth, that he may judge his people.

5 Assemble you his saints to him, those that have engaged in a covenant with him upon sacrifices.

6 And the heavens shall declare his righteousness: for God is judge. Pause.

7 Hear, my people, and I will speak to you, O Israel: and I will testify to you: I am God, your God.

8 I will not reprove you on account of your sacrifices; for your whole-burnt-offerings are before me continually.

9 I will take no bullocks out of yours house, nor he-goats out of your flocks.

10 For all the wild beasts of the thicket are mine, the cattle on the mountains, and oxen.

11 I know all the birds of the sky; and the beauty of the field is mine.

12 If I should be hungry, I will not tell you: for the world is mine, and the fulness of it.

13 Will I eat the flesh of bulls, or drink the blood of goats?

14 Offer to God the sacrifice of praise; and pay your vows to the Most High.

15 And call upon me in the day of affliction; and I will deliver you, and you shall glorify me. Pause.

16 But to the sinner God has said, Why do you declare my ordinances, and take up my covenant in your mouth?

17 Whereas you have hated instruction, and have cast my words behind you.

18 If you saw a thief, you ran along with him, and have cast in your lot with adulterers.

19 Your mouth has multiplied wickedness, and your tongue has framed deceit.

20 You did sit and speak against your brother, and did scandalise your mother's son.

21 These things you did, and I kept silence: you thought wickedly that I should be like you; but I will reprove you, and set your offences before you.

22 Now consider these things, you that forget God, lest he rend you, and there be no deliverer.

23 The sacrifice of praise will glorify me: and that is the way wherein I will shew to him the salvation of God.

Psalm 50 · KJV 51

1 For the end, a Psalm of David,

2 when Nathan the prophet came to him, when he had gone in to Beersheba.

3 Have mercy upon me, O God, according to your great mercy; and according to the multitude of your compassions blot out my transgression.

4 Wash me thoroughly from mine iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin.

5 For I am conscious of mine iniquity; and my sin is continually before me.

6 Against you only have I sinned, and done evil before you: that you might be justified in your sayings, and might overcome when you are judged.

7 For, behold, I was conceived in iniquities, and in sins did my mother conceive me.

8 For, behold, you love truth: you have manifested to me the secret and hidden things of your wisdom.

9 You shall sprinkle me with hyssop, and I shall be purified: you shall wash me, and I shall be made whiter than snow.

10 You shall cause me to hear gladness and joy: the afflicted bones shall rejoice.

11 Turn away your face from my sins, and blot out all mine iniquities.

12 Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit in my inward parts.

13 Cast me not away from your presence; and remove not your Holy Spirit from me.

14 Restore to me the joy of your salvation: establish me with your directing Spirit.

15 Then will I teach transgressors your ways; and ungodly men shall turn to you.

16 Deliver me from blood-guiltiness, O God, the God of my salvation: and my tongue shall joyfully declare your righteousness.

17 O Lord, you shall open my lips; and my mouth shall declare your praise.

18 For if you desiredst sacrifice, I would have given it: you will not take pleasure in whole-burnt-offerings.

19 Sacrifice to God is a broken spirit: a broken and humbled heart God will not despise.

20 Do good, O Lord, to Zion in your good pleasure; and let the walls of Jerusalem be built.

21 Then shall you be pleased with a sacrifice of righteousness, offering, and whole-burnt-sacrifices: then shall they offer calves upon your altar.

Psalm 51 · KJV 52

1 For the end, a Psalm of instruction by David,

2 when Doec the Idumean came and told Saul, and said to him, David is gone to the house of Abimelech.

3 Why do you, O mighty man, boast of iniquity in your mischief? All the day

4 your tongue has devised unrighteousness; like a sharpened razor you have wrought deceit.

5 You have loved wickedness more than goodness; unrighteousness better than to speak righteousness. Pause.

6 You have loved all words of destruction, and a deceitful tongue.

7 Therefore may God destroy you for ever, may he pluck you up and utterly remove you from your dwelling, and your root from the land of the living. Pause.

8 And the righteous shall see, and fear, and shall laugh at him, and say,

9 Behold the man who made not God his help; but trusted in the abundance of his wealth, and strengthened himself in his vanity.

10 But I am as a fruitful olive in the house of God: I have trusted in the mercy of God for ever, even for evermore.

11 I will give thanks to you for ever, for you have done it: and I will wait on your name; for it is good before your saints.

Psalm 52 · KJV 53

1 For the end, a Psalm of David upon Maeleth, of instruction.

2 The fool has said in his heart, There is no God. They have corrupted themselves, and become abominable in iniquities: there is none that does good.

3 God looked down from heaven upon the sons of men, to see if there were any that understood, or sought after God.

4 They have all gone out of the way, they are together become unprofitable; there is none that does good, there is not even one.

5 Will none of the workers of iniquity know, who devour my people as they would eat bread? they have not called upon God. There were they greatly afraid, where there was no fear:

6 for God has scattered the bones of the men-pleasers; they were ashamed, for God despised them.

7 Who will bring the salvation of Israel out of Zion? When the Lord turns the captivity of his people, Jacob shall exult, and Israel shall be glad.

Psalm 53 · KJV 54

1 For the end, among the Hymns of instruction by David,

2 when the Ziphites came and said to Saul, Lo, is not David hid with us?

3 Save me, O God, by your name, and judge me by your might.

4 O God, hear my prayer; hearken to the words of my mouth.

5 For strangers have risen up against me, and mighty men have sought my life: they have not set God before them. Pause.

6 For lo! God assists me; and the Lord is the helper of my soul.

7 He shall return evil to mine enemies; utterly destroy them in your truth.

8 I will willingly sacrifice to you: I will give thanks to your name, O Lord; for it is good.

9 For you have delivered me out of all affliction, and mine eye has seen my desire upon mine enemies.

Psalm 54 · KJV 55

1 For the end, among Hymns of instruction by David.

2 Hearken, O God, to my prayer; and disregard not my supplication.

3 Attend to me, and hearken to me: I was grieved in my meditation, and troubled;

4 because of the voice of the enemy, and because of the oppression of the sinner: for they brought iniquity against me, and were wrathfully angry with me.

5 My heart was troubled within me; and the fear of death fell upon me.

6 Fear and trembling came upon me, and darkness covered me.

7 And I said, O that I had wings as those of a dove! then would I flee away, and be at rest.

8 Lo! I have fled afar off, and lodged in the wilderness. Pause.

9 I waited for him that should deliver me from distress of spirit and tempest.

10 Destroy, O Lord, and divide their tongues: for I have seen iniquity and gainsaying in the city.

11 Day and night he shall go round about it upon its walls: iniquity and sorrow and unrighteousness are in the midst of it;

12 and usury and craft have not failed from its streets.

13 For if an enemy had reproached me, I would have endured it; and if one who hated me had spoken vauntingly against me, I would have hid myself from him.

14 But you, O man likeminded, my guide, and my acquaintance,

15 who in companionship with me sweetened our food: we walked in the house of God in concord.

16 Let death come upon them, and let them go down alive into Hades, for iniquity is in their dwellings, in the midst of them.

17 I cried to God, and the Lord hearkened to me.

18 Evening, and morning, and at noon I will declare and make known my wants: and he shall hear my voice.

19 He shall deliver my soul in peace from them that draw nigh to me: for they were with me in many cases.

20 God shall hear, and bring them low, even he that has existed from eternity. Pause. For they suffer no reverse, and therefore they have not feared God.

21 He has reached forth his hand for retribution; they have profaned his covenant.

22 They were scattered at the anger of his countenance, and his heart drew nigh them. His words were smoother than oil, yet are they darts.

23 Cast your care upon the Lord, and he shall sustain you; he shall never suffer the righteous to be moved.

24 But you, O God, shall bring them down to the pit of destruction; bloody and crafty men shall not live out half their days; but I will hope in you, O Lord.

Psalm 55 · KJV 56

1 For the end, concerning the people that were removed from the sanctuary, by David for a memorial, when the Philistines caught him in Gath.

2 Have mercy upon me, O God; for man has trodden me down; all the day long he warring has afflicted me.

3 Mine enemies have trodden me down all the day from the dawning of the day; for there are many warring against me.

4 They shall be afraid, but I will trust in you.

5 In God I will praise my words; all the day have I hoped in God; I will not fear what flesh shall do to me.

6 All the day long they have abominated my words; all their devices are against me for evil.

7 They will dwell near and hide themselves; they will watch my steps, accordingly as I have waited patiently in my soul.

8 You will on no account save them; you will bring down the people in wrath.

9 O God, I have declared my life to you; you have set my tears before you, even according to your promise.

10 Mine enemies shall be turned back, in the day wherein I shall call upon you; behold, I know that you are my God.

11 In God will I praise his word; in the Lord will I praise his saying.

12 I have hoped in God; I will not be afraid of what man shall do to me.

13 The vows of your praise, O God, which I will pay, are upon me.

14 For you have delivered my soul from death, and my feet from sliding, that I should be well-pleasing before God in the land of the living.

Psalm 56 · KJV 57

1 For the end. Destroy not: by David, for a memorial, when he fled from the presence of Saul to the cave.

2 Have mercy, upon me, O God, have mercy upon me: for my soul has trusted in you: and in the shadow of your wings will I hope, until the iniquity have passed away.

3 I will cry to God most high; the God who has benefited me. Pause.

4 He sent from heaven and saved me; he gave to reproach them that trampled on me: God has sent forth his mercy and his truth;

5 and he has delivered my soul from the midst of lions' whelps: I lay down to sleep, though troubled. As for the sons of men, their teeth are arms and missile weapons, and their tongue a sharp sword.

6 Be you exalted, O God, above the heavens; and your glory above all the earth.

7 They have prepared snares for my feet, and have bowed down my soul: they have dug a pit before my face, and fallen into it themselves. Pause.

8 My heart, O God, is ready, my heart is ready: I will sing, yea will sing psalms.

9 Awake, my glory; awake, psaltery and harp: I will awake early.

10 O Lord, I will give thanks to you among the nations: I will sing to you among the Gentiles.

11 For your mercy has been magnified even to the heavens, and your truth to the clouds.

12 Be you exalted, O God, above the heavens; and your glory above all the earth.

Psalm 57 · KJV 58

1 For the end. Destroy not: by David, for a memorial.

2 If you do indeed speak righteousness, then do you judge rightly, you sons of men.

3 For you work iniquities in your hearts in the earth: your hands plot unrighteousness.

4 Sinners have gone astray from the womb: they go astray from the belly: they speak lies.

5 Their venom is like that of a serpent; as that of a deaf asp, and that stops her ears;

6 which will not hear the voice of charmers, nor heed the charm prepared skilfully by the wise.

7 God has crushed their teeth in their mouth: God has broken the cheekteeth of the lions.

8 They shall utterly pass away like water running through: he shall bend his bow till they shall fail.

9 They shall be destroyed as melted wax: the fire has fallen and they have not seen the sun.

10 Before your thorns feel the white thorn, he shall swallow you up as living, as in his wrath.

11 The righteous shall rejoice when he sees the vengeance of the ungodly: he shall wash his hands in the blood of the sinner.

12 And a man shall say, Verily then there is a reward for the righteous: verily there is a God that judges them in the earth.

Psalm 58 · KJV 59

1 For the end. Destroy not: by David for a memorial, when Saul sent, and watched his house to kill him.

2 Deliver me from mine enemies, O God; and ransom me from those that rise up against me.

3 Deliver me from the workers of iniquity, and save me from bloody men.

4 For, behold, they have hunted after my soul; violent men have set upon me: neither is it my iniquity, nor my sin, O Lord.

5 Without iniquity I ran and directed my course aright: awake to help me, and behold.

6 And you, Lord God of hosts, the God of Israel, draw nigh to visit all the heathen; pity not any that work iniquity. Pause.

7 They shall return at evening, and hunger like a dog, and go round about the city.

8 Behold, they shall utter a voice with their mouth, and a sword is in their lips; for who, say they, has heard?

9 But you, Lord, will laugh them to scorn; you will utterly set at nought all the heathen.

10 I will keep my strength, looking to you; for you, O God, art my helper.

11 As for my God, his mercy shall go before me: my God will shew me vengeance on mine enemies.

12 Slay them not, lest they forget your law; scatter them by your power; and bring them down, O Lord, my defender.

13 For the sin of their mouth, and the word of their lips, let them be even taken in their pride.

14 And for their cursing and falsehood shall utter destruction be denounced: they shall fall by the wrath of utter destruction, and shall not be; so shall they know that the God of Jacob is Lord of the ends of the earth. Pause.

15 They shall return at evening, and be hungry as a dog, and go round about the city.

16 They shall be scattered hither and thither for meat; and if they be not satisfied, they shall even murmur.

17 But I will sing to your strength, and in the morning will I exult in your mercy; for you have been my supporter, and my refuge in the day of mine affliction.

18 You are my helper; to you, my God, will I sing; you are my supporter, O my God, and my mercy.

Psalm 59 · KJV 60

1 For the end, for them that shall yet be changed; for an inscription by David for instruction,

2 when he had burned Mesopotamia of Syria, and Syria Sobal, and Joab had returned and smitten in the valley of salt twelve thousand.

3 O God, you have rejected and destroyed us; you have been angry, yet have pitied us.

4 You have shaken the earth, and troubled it; heal its breaches, for it has been shaken.

5 You have shewn your people hard things: you have made us drink the wine of astonishment.

6 You have given a token to them that fear you, that they might flee from the bow. Pause.

7 That your beloved ones may be delivered; save with your right hand, and hear me.

8 God has spoken in his holiness; I will rejoice, and divide Sicima, and measure out the valley of tents.

9 Gilead is mine, and Manasseh is mine; and Ephraim is the strength of my head;

10 Judas is my king; Moab is the caldron of my hope; over Edom will I stretch out my shoe; the Philistines have been subjected to me.

11 Who will lead me into the fortified city? who will guide me as far as Edom?

12 Will not you, O God, who have cast us off? and will not you, O God, go forth with our forces?

13 Give us help from trouble: for vain is the deliverance of man.

14 In God will we do valiantly; and he shall bring to nought them that harass us.

Psalm 60 · KJV 61

1 For the end, among the Hymns of David.

2 O God, hearken to my petition; attend to my prayer.

3 From the ends of the earth have I cried to you, when my heart was in trouble: you liftedst me up on a rock, you did guide me:

4 because you were my hope, a tower of strength from the face of the enemy.

5 I will dwell in your tabernacle for ever; I will shelter myself under the shadow of your wings. Pause.

6 For you, O God, have heard my prayers; you have given an inheritance to them that fear your name.

7 You shall add days to the days of the king; you shall lengthen his years to all generations.

8 He shall endure for ever before God: which of them will seek out his mercy and truth?

9 So will I sing to your name for ever and ever, that I may daily perform my vows.

Psalm 61 · KJV 62

1 For the end, a Psalm of David for Idithun.

2 Shall not my soul be subjected to God? for of him is my salvation.

3 For he is my God and my Saviour; my helper, I shall not be moved very much.

4 How long will you assault a man? you are all slaughtering as with a bowed wall and a broken hedge.

5 They only took counsel to set at nought mine honour: I ran in thirst: with their mouth they blessed, but with their heart they cursed. Pause.

6 Nevertheless do you, my soul, be subjected to God; for of him is my patient hope.

7 For he is my God and my Saviour; my helper, I shall not be moved.

8 In God is my salvation and my glory: he is the God of my help, and my hope is in God.

9 Hope in him, all you congregation of the people; pour out your hearts before him, for God is our helper. Pause.

10 But the sons of men are vain; the sons of men are false, so as to be deceitful in the balances; they are all alike formed out of vanity.

11 Trust not in unrighteousness, and lust not after robberies: if wealth should flow in, set not your heart upon it.

12 God has spoken once, and I have heard these two things, that power is of God;

13 and mercy is yours, O Lord; for you will recompense every one according to his works.

Psalm 62 · KJV 63

1 A Psalm of David, when he was in the wilderness of Edom.

2 O God, my God, I cry to you early; my soul has thirsted for you: how often has my flesh longed after you, in a barren and trackless and dry land!

3 Thus have I appeared before you in the sanctuary, that I might see your power and your glory.

4 For your mercy is better than life: my lips shall praise you.

5 Thus will I bless you during my life: I will lift up my hands in your name.

6 Let my soul be filled as with marrow and fatness; and my joyful lips shall praise your name.

7 Forasmuch as I have remembered you on my bed: in the early seasons I have meditated on you.

8 For you have been my helper, and in the shelter of your wings will I rejoice.

9 My soul has kept very close behind you: your right hand has upheld me.

10 But they vainly sought after my soul; they shall go into the lowest parts of the earth.

11 They shall be delivered up to the power of the sword; they shall be portions for foxes.

12 But the king shall rejoice in God; every one that swears by him shall be praised; for the mouth of them that speak unjust things has been stopped.

Psalm 63 · KJV 64

1 For the end, a Psalm of David.

2 Hear my prayer, O God, when I make my petition to you; deliver my soul from fear of the enemy.

3 You have sheltered me from the conspiracy of them that do wickedly; from the multitude of them that work iniquity;

4 who have sharpened their tongues as a sword; they have bent their bow maliciously;

5 to shoot in secret at the blameless; they will shoot him suddenly, and will not fear.

6 They have set up for themselves an evil matter, they have given counsel to hide snares; they have said, Who shall see them?

7 They have searched out iniquity; they have wearied themselves with searching diligently, a man shall approach and the heart is deep,

8 and God shall be exalted, their wounds were caused by the weapon of the foolish children,

9 and their tongues have set him at nought, all that saw them were troubled;

10 and every man was alarmed, and they related the works of God, and understood his deeds.

11 The righteous shall rejoice in the Lord, and hope on him, and all the upright in heart shall be praised.

Psalm 64 · KJV 65

1 For the end, a Psalm and Song of David.

2 Praise becomes you, O God, in Zion; and to you shall the vow be performed.

3 Hear my prayer; to you all flesh shall come.

4 The words of transgressors have overpowered us; but do you pardon our sins.

5 Blessed is he whom you have chosen and adopted; he shall dwell in your courts; we shall be filled with the good things of your house; your temple is holy.

6 You are wonderful in righteousness. Hearken to us, O God our Saviour; the hope of all the ends of the earth, and of them that are on the sea afar off:

7 who do establish the mountains in your strength, being girded about with power;

8 who trouble the depth of the sea, the sounds of its waves.

9 The nations shall be troubled, and they that inhabit the ends of the earth shall be afraid of your signs; you will cause the outgoings of morning and evening to rejoice.

10 You have visited the earth, and saturated it; you have abundantly enriched it. The river of God is filled with water; you have prepared their food, for thus is the preparation of it.

11 Saturate her furrows, multiply her fruits; the crop springing up shall rejoice in its drops.

12 You will bless the crown of the year because of your goodness; and your plains shall be filled with fatness.

13 The mountains of the wilderness shall be enriched; and the hills shall gird themselves with joy.

14 The rams of the flock are clothed with wool, and the valleys shall abound in corn; they shall cry aloud, yea they shall sing hymns.

Psalm 65 · KJV 66

1 For the end, a Song of a Psalm of resurrection. Shout unto God, all the earth.

2 O sing praises to his name; give glory to his praise.

3 Say unto God, How awful are your works! through the greatness of your power your enemies shall lie to you.

4 Let all the earth worship you, and sing to you; let them sing to your name. Pause.

5 Come and behold the works of God; he is terrible in his counsels beyond the children of men.

6 Who turns the sea into dry land; they shall go through the river on foot; there shall we rejoice in him,

7 who by his power is Lord over the age, his eyes look upon the nations; let not them that provoke him be exalted in themselves. Pause.

8 Bless our God, you Gentiles, and make the voice of his praise to be heard;

9 who quickens my soul in life, and does not suffer my feet to be moved.

10 For you, O God, have proved us; you have tried us with fire as silver is tried.

11 You brought us into the snare; you laid afflictions on our back.

12 You did mount men upon our heads; we went through fire and water; but you brought us out into a place of refreshment.

13 I will go into yours house with whole-burnt-offerings; I will pay you my vows,

14 which my lips framed, and my mouth uttered in my affliction.

15 I will offer to you whole-burnt-sacrifices full of marrow, with incense and rams; I will sacrifice to you oxen with goats. Pause.

16 Come, hear, and I will tell, all you that fear God, how great things he has done for my soul.

17 I cried to him with my mouth, and exalted him with my tongue.

18 If I have regarded iniquity in my heart, let not the Lord hearken to me.

19 Therefore God has hearkened to me; he has attended to the voice of my prayer.

20 Blessed be God, who has not turned away my prayer, nor his mercy from me.

Psalm 66 · KJV 67

1 For the end, a Psalm of David among the Hymns.

2 God be merciful to us, and bless us; and cause his face to shine upon us. Pause.

3 That men may know your way on the earth, your salvation among all nations.

4 Let the nations, O God, give thanks to you; let all the nations give thanks to you.

5 Let the nations rejoice and exult, for you shall judge the peoples in equity, and shall guide the nations on the earth. Pause.

6 Let the peoples, O God, give thanks to you; let all the peoples give thanks to you.

7 The earth has yielded her fruit; let God, our God, bless us.

8 Let God bless us; and let all the ends of the earth fear him.

Psalm 67 · KJV 68

1 For the end, a Psalm of a Song by David.

2 Let God arise, and let his enemies be scattered; and let them that hate him flee from before him.

3 As smoke vanishes, let them vanish: as wax melts before the fire, so let the sinners perish from before God.

4 But let the righteous rejoice; let them exult before God: let them be delighted with joy.

5 Sing to God, sing praises to his name: make a way for him that rides upon the west (the Lord is his name) and exult before him. They shall be troubled before the face of him,

6 who is the father of the orphans, and judge of the widows: such is God in his holy place.

7 God settles the solitary in a house; leading forth prisoners mightily, also them that act provokingly, even them that dwell in tombs.

8 O God, when you went forth before your people, when you went through the wilderness; Pause:

9 the earth quaked, yea, the heavens dropped water at the presence of the God of Sinai, at the presence of the God of Israel.

10 O God, you will grant to your inheritance a gracious rain; for it was weary, but you did refresh it.

11 Your creatures dwell in it: you have in your goodness prepared for the poor.

12 The Lord God will give a word to them that preach it in a great company.

13 The king of the forces of the beloved, of the beloved, will even grant them for the beauty of the house to divide the spoils.

14 Even if you should lie among the lots, you shall have the wings of a dove covered with silver, and her breast with yellow gold.

15 When the heavenly One scatters kings upon it, they shall be made snow-white in Selmon.

16 The mountain of God is a rich mountain; a swelling mountain, a rich mountain.

17 Wherefore do you conceive evil, you swelling mountains? this is the mountain which God has delighted to dwell in; yea, the Lord will dwell in it for ever.

18 The chariots of God are ten thousand fold, thousands of rejoicing ones: the Lord is among them, in Sinai, in the holy place.

19 You are gone up on high, you have led captivity captive, you have received gifts for man, yea, for they were rebellious, that you might dwell among them.

20 Blessed be the Lord God, blessed be the Lord daily; and the God of our salvation shall prosper us. Pause.

21 Our God is the God of salvation; and to the Lord belong the issues from death.

22 But God shall crush the heads of his enemies; the hairy crown of them that go on in their trespasses.

23 The Lord said, I will bring again from Basan, I will bring my people again through the depths of the sea.

24 That your foot may be dipped in blood, and the tongue of your dogs be stained with that of your enemies.

25 Your goings, O God, have been seen; the goings of my God, the king, in the sanctuary.

26 The princes went first, next before the players on instruments, in the midst of damsels playing on timbrels.

27 Praise God in the congregations, the Lord from the fountains of Israel.

28 There is Benjamin the younger one in ecstasy, the princes of Judah their rulers, the princes of Zebulun, the princes of Naphtali.

29 O God, command you your strength: strengthen, O God, this which you have wrought in us.

30 Because of your temple at Jerusalem shall kings bring presents to you.

31 Rebuke the wild beasts of the reed: let the crowd of bulls with the heifers of the nations be rebuked, so that they who have been proved with silver may not be shut out: scatter you the nations that wish for wars.

32 Ambassadors shall arrive out of Egypt; Ethiopia shall hasten to stretch out her hand readily to God.

33 Sing to God, you kingdoms of the earth; sing psalms to the Lord. Pause.

34 Sing to God that rides on the heaven of heaven, eastward: lo, he will utter a mighty sound with his voice.

35 Give you glory to God: his excellency is over Israel, and his power is in the clouds.

36 God is wonderful in his holy places, the God of Israel: he will give power and strength to his people: blessed be God.

Psalm 68 · KJV 69

1 For the end, a Psalm of David, for alternate strains.

2 Save me, O God; for the waters have come in to my soul.

3 I am stuck fast in deep mire, and there is no standing: I am come in to the depths of the sea, and a storm has overwhelmed me.

4 I am weary of crying, my throat has become hoarse; mine eyes have failed by my waiting on my God.

5 They that hate me without a cause are more than the hairs of my head: my enemies that persecute me unrighteously are strengthened: then I restored that which I took not away.

6 O God, you know my foolishness; and my transgressions are not hidden from you.

7 Let not them that wait on you, O Lord of hosts, be ashamed on my account: let not them that seek you, be ashamed on my account, O God of Israel.

8 For I have suffered reproach for your sake; shame has covered my face.

9 I became strange to my brethren, and a stranger to my mother's children.

10 For the zeal of yours house has eaten me up; and the reproaches of them that reproached you are fallen upon me.

11 And I bowed down my soul with fasting, and that was made my reproach.

12 And I put on sackcloth for my covering; and I became a proverb to them.

13 They that sit in the gate talked against me, and they that drank wine sang against me.

14 But I will cry to you, O Lord, in my prayer; O God, it is a propitious time: in the multitude of your mercy hear me, in the truth of your salvation.

15 Save me from the mire, that I stick not in it: let me be delivered from them that hate me, and from the deep waters.

16 Let not the waterflood drown me, nor let the deep swallow me up; neither let the well shut its mouth upon me.

17 Hear me, O Lord; for your mercy is good: according to the multitude of your compassions look upon me.

18 And turn not away your face from your servant; for I am afflicted: hear me speedily.

19 Draw nigh to my soul and redeem it: deliver me because of mine enemies.

20 For you know my reproach, and my shame, and my confusion; all that afflict me are before you.

21 My soul has waited for reproach and misery; and I waited for one to grieve with me, but there was none; and for one to comfort me, but I found none.

22 They gave me also gall for my food, and made me drink vinegar for my thirst.

23 Let their table before them be for a snare, and for a recompence, and for a stumbling-block.

24 Let their eyes be darkened that they should not see; and bow down their back continually.

25 Pour out your wrath upon them, and let the fury of your anger take hold on them.

26 Let their habitation be made desolate; and let there be no inhabitant in their tents:

27 because they persecuted him whom you have smitten; and they have added to the grief of my wounds.

28 Add iniquity to their iniquity; and let them not come into your righteousness.

29 Let them be blotted out of the book of the living, and let them not be written with the righteous.

30 I am poor and sorrowful; but the salvation of your countenance has helped me.

31 I will praise the name of my God with a song, I will magnify him with praise;

32 and this shall please God more than a young calf having horns and hoofs.

33 Let the poor see and rejoice; seek the Lord diligently, and you shall live.

34 For the Lord hears the poor, and does not set at nought his fettered ones.

35 Let the heavens and the earth praise him, the sea, and all things moving in them.

36 For God will save Zion, and the cities of Judea shall be built; and men shall dwell there, and inherit it.

37 And the seed of his servants shall possess it, and they that love his name shall dwell therein.

Psalm 69 · KJV 70

1 For the end, by David for a remembrance, that the Lord may save me.

2 Draw nigh, O God, to my help.

3 Let them be ashamed and confounded that seek my soul: let them be turned backward and put to shame, that wish me evil.

4 Let them that say to me, Aha, aha, be turned back and put to shame immediately.

5 Let all that seek you exult and be glad in you: and let those that love your salvation say continually, Let God be magnified.

6 But I am poor and needy; O God, help me: you are my helper and deliverer, O Lord, delay not.

Psalm 70 · KJV 71

1 By David, a Psalm sung by the sons of Jonadab, and the first that were taken captive. O Lord, I have hoped in you: let me never be put to shame.

2 In your righteousness deliver me and rescue me: incline your ear to me, and save me.

3 Be to me a protecting God, and a strong hold to save me: for you are my fortress and my refuge.

4 Deliver me, O my God, from the hand of the sinner, from the hand of the transgressor and unjust man.

5 For you are my support, O Lord; O Lord, you are my hope from my youth.

6 On you have I been stayed from the womb: from the belly of my mother you are my protector: of you is my praise continually.

7 I am become as it were a wonder to many; but you are my strong helper.

8 Let my mouth be filled with praise, that I may hymn your glory, and your majesty all the day.

9 Cast me not off at the time of old age; forsake me not when my strength fails.

10 For mine enemies have spoken against me; and they that lay wait for my soul have taken counsel together,

11 saying, God has forsaken him: persecute you and take him; for there is none to deliver him.

12 O God, go not far from me, O my God, draw nigh to my help.

13 Let those that plot against my soul be ashamed and utterly fail: let those that seek my hurt be clothed with shame and dishonour.

14 But I will hope continually, and will praise you more and more.

15 My mouth shall declare your righteousness openly, and your salvation all the day; for I am not acquainted with the affairs of men.

16 I will go on in the might of the Lord: O Lord, I will make mention of your righteousness only.

17 O God, you have taught me from my youth, and until now will I declare your wonders;

18 even until I am old and advanced in years. O God, forsake me not; until I shall have declared your arm to all the generation that is to come:

19 even your power and your righteousness, O God, up to the highest heavens, even the mighty works which you have done: O God, who is like to you?

20 What afflictions many and sore have you shewed me! yet you did turn and quicken me, and brought me again from the depths of the earth.

21 You did multiply your righteousness, and did turn and comfort me, and brought me again out of the depths of the earth.

22 I will also therefore give thanks to you, O God, because of your truth, on an instrument of psalmody: I will sing psalms to you on the harp, O Holy One of Israel.

23 My lips shall rejoice when I sing to you; and my soul, which you have redeemed.

24 Moreover also my tongue shall dwell all the day upon your righteousness; when they shall be ashamed and confounded that seek my hurt.

Psalm 71 · KJV 72

1 For Solomon. O God, give your judgment to the king, and your righteousness to the king's son;

2 that he may judge your people with righteousness, and your poor with judgment.

3 Let the mountains and the hills raise peace to your people:

4 he shall judge the poor of the people in righteousness, and save the children of the needy; and shall bring low the false accuser.

5 And he shall continue as long as the sun, and before the moon for ever.

6 He shall come down as rain upon a fleece; and as drops falling upon the earth.

7 In his days shall righteousness spring up; and abundance of peace till the moon be removed.

8 And he shall have dominion from sea to sea, and from the river to the ends of the earth.

9 The Ethiopians shall fall down before him; and his enemies shall lick the dust.

10 The kings of Tarshish, and the isles, shall bring presents: the kings of the Arabians and Saba shall offer gifts.

11 And all kings shall worship him; all the Gentiles shall serve him.

12 For he has delivered the poor from the oppressor; and the needy who had no helper.

13 He shall spare the poor and needy, and shall deliver the souls of the needy.

14 He shall redeem their souls from usury and injustice: and their name shall be precious before him.

15 And he shall live, and there shall be given him of the gold of Arabia: and men shall pray for him continually; and all the day shall they praise him.

16 There shall be an establishment on the earth on the tops of the mountains: the fruit thereof shall be exalted above Lebanon, and they of the city shall flourish as grass of the earth.

17 Let his name be blessed for ever: his name shall endure longer than the sun: and all the tribes of the earth shall be blessed in him: all nations shall call him blessed.

18 Blessed is the Lord God of Israel, who alone does wonders.

19 And blessed is his glorious name for ever, even for ever and ever: and all the earth shall be filled with his glory. So be it, so be it.

20 The hymns of David the son of Jessæ are ended.

Psalm 72 · KJV 73

1 A Psalm for Asaph. How good is God to Israel, to the upright in heart!

2 But my feet were almost overthrown; my goings very nearly slipped.

3 For I was jealous of the transgressors, beholding the tranquillity of sinners.

4 For there is no sign of reluctance in their death: and they have firmness under their affliction.

5 They are not in the troubles of other men; and they shall not be scourged with other men.

6 Therefore pride has possessed them; they have clothed themselves with their injustice and ungodliness.

7 Their injustice shall go forth as out of fatness: they have fulfilled their intention.

8 They have taken counsel and spoken in wickedness: they have uttered unrighteousness loftily.

9 They have set their mouth against heaven, and their tongue has gone through upon the earth.

10 Therefore shall my people return hither: and full days shall be found with them.

11 And they said, How does God know? and is there knowledge in the Most High?

12 Behold, these are the sinners, and they that prosper always: they have possessed wealth.

13 And I said, Verily in vain have I justified my heart, and washed my hands in innocency.

14 For I was plagued all the day, and my reproof was every morning.

15 If I said, I will speak thus; behold, I should have broken covenant with the generation of your children.

16 And I undertook to understand this, but it is too hard for me,

17 until I go into the sanctuary of God; and so understand the latter end.

18 Surely you have appointed judgments to them because of their crafty dealings: you have cast them down when they were lifted up.

19 How have they become desolate! suddenly they have failed: they have perished because of their iniquity.

20 As the dream of one awakening, O Lord, in your city you will despise their image.

21 For my heart has rejoiced, and my reins have been gladdened.

22 But I was vile and knew not: I became brutish before you.

23 Yet I am continually with you: you have holden my right hand.

24 You have guided me by your counsel, and you have taken me to yourself with glory.

25 For what have I in heaven but you? and what have I desired upon the earth beside you?

26 My heart and my flesh have failed: but God is the strength of my heart, and God is my portion for ever.

27 For, behold, they that remove themselves far from you shall perish: you have destroyed every one that goes a whoring from you.

28 But it is good for me to cleave close to God, to put my trust in the Lord; that I may proclaim all your praises in the gates of the daughter of Zion.

Psalm 73 · KJV 74

1 A Psalm of instruction for Asaph. Wherefore have you rejected us, O God, for ever? wherefore is your wrath kindled against the sheep of your pasture?

2 Remember your congregation which you have purchased from the beginning; you did ransom the rod of your inheritance; this mount Zion wherein you have dwelt.

3 Lift up yours hands against their pride continually; because of all that the enemy has done wickedly in your holy places.

4 And they that hate you have boasted in the midst of your feast; they have set up their standards for signs,

5 ignorantly as it were in the entrance above;

6 they cut down its doors at once with axes as in a wood of trees; they have broken it down with hatchet and stone cutter.

7 They have burnt your sanctuary with fire to the ground; they have profaned the habitation of your name.

8 They have said in their heart, even all their kindred together, Come, let us abolish the feasts of the Lord from the earth.

9 We have not seen our signs; there is no longer a prophet; and God will not know us any more.

10 How long, O God, shall the enemy reproach? shall the enemy provoke your name for ever?

11 Wherefore turn you away yours hand, and your right hand from the midst of your bosom for ever?

12 But God is our King of old; he has wrought salvation in the midst of the earth.

13 You did establish the sea, in your might, you did break to pieces the heads of the dragons in the water.

14 You did break to pieces the heads of the dragon; you did give him for meat to the Ethiopian nations.

15 You did cleave fountains and torrents; you driedst up mighty rivers.

16 The day is yours, and the night is yours; you have prepared the sun and the moon.

17 You have made all the borders of the earth; you have made summer and spring.

18 Remember this your creation: an enemy has reproached the Lord, and a foolish people has provoked your name.

19 Deliver not to the wild beasts a soul that gives praise to you: forget not for ever the souls of your poor.

20 Look upon your covenant: for the dark places of the earth are filled with the habitations of iniquity.

21 Let not the afflicted and shamed one be rejected: the poor and needy shall praise your name.

22 Arise, O God, plead your cause: remember your reproaches that come from the foolish one all the day.

23 Forget not the voice of your suppliants: let the pride of them that hate you continually ascend before you.

Psalm 74 · KJV 75

1 For the end, Destroy not, a Psalm of a Song for Asaph.

2 We will give thanks to you, O God, we will give thanks, and call upon your name: I will declare all your wonderful works.

3 When I shall take a set time, I will judge righteously.

4 The earth is dissolved, and all that dwell in it: I have strengthened its pillars. Pause.

5 I said unto the transgressors, Do not transgress; and to the sinners, Lift not up the horn.

6 Lift not up your horn on high; speak not unrighteousness against God.

7 For good comes neither from the east, nor from the west, nor from the desert mountains.

8 For God is the judge; he puts down one, and raises up another.

9 For there is a cup in the hand of the Lord, full of unmingled wine; and he has turned it from side to side, but its dregs have not been wholly poured out; all the sinners of the earth shall drink them.

10 But I will exult for ever: I will sing praises to the God of Jacob.

11 And I will break all the horns of sinners; but the horns of the righteous one shall be exalted.

Psalm 75 · KJV 76

1 For the end, among the Hymns, a Psalm for Asaph; a Song for the Assyrian.

2 God is known in Judea; his name is great in Israel.

3 And his place has been in peace, and his dwelling-place in Zion.

4 There he broke the power of the bows, the shield, and the sword, and the battle. Pause.

5 You do wonderfully shine forth from the everlasting mountains.

6 All the simple ones in heart were troubled; all the men of wealth have slept their sleep, and have found nothing in their hands.

7 At your rebuke, O God of Jacob, the riders on horses slumbered.

8 You are terrible; and who shall withstand you, because of your anger?

9 You did cause judgment to be heard from heaven; the earth feared, and was still,

10 when God arose to judgment, to save all the meek in heart. Pause.

11 For the inward thought of man shall give thanks to you: and the memorial of his inward thought shall keep a feast to you.

12 Vow, and pay your vows to the Lord our God; all that are round about him shall bring gifts, even to him that is terrible,

13 and that takes away the spirits of princes; to him that is terrible among the kings of the earth.

Psalm 76 · KJV 77

1 For the end, for Idithun, a Psalm of Asaph.

2 I cried to the Lord with my voice, yea, my voice was addressed to God; and he gave heed to me.

3 In the day of mine affliction I earnestly sought the Lord; even with my hands by night before him, and I was not deceived; my soul refused to be comforted.

4 I remembered God, and rejoiced; I poured out my complaint, and my soul fainted. Pause.

5 All mine enemies set a watch against me: I was troubled, and spoke not.

6 I considered the days of old, and remembered ancient years.

7 And I meditated; I communed with my heart by night, and diligently searched my spirit, saying,

8 Will the Lord cast off for ever? and will he be well pleased no more?

9 Will he cut off his mercy for ever, even for ever and ever?

10 Will God forget to pity? or will he shut up his compassions in his wrath? Pause.

11 And I said, Now I have begun; this is the change of the right hand of the Most High.

12 I remembered the works of the Lord; for I will remember your wonders from the beginning.

13 And I will meditate on all your works, and will consider your doings.

14 O God, your way is in the sanctuary; who is a great God as our God?

15 You are the God that do wonders; you have made known your power among the nations.

16 You have with your arm redeemed your people, the sons of Jacob and Joseph. Pause.

17 The waters saw you, O God, the waters saw you, and feared; and the depths were troubled.

18 There was an abundant sound of waters: the clouds uttered a voice; for your arrows went abroad.

19 The voice of your thunder was abroad, and around your lightnings appeared to the world; the earth trembled and quaked.

20 Your way is in the sea, and your paths in many waters, and your footsteps cannot be known.

21 You did guide your people as sheep by the hand of Moses and Aaron.

Psalm 77 · KJV 78

1 A Psalm of instruction for Asaph. Give heed, O my people, to my law: incline your ear to the words of my mouth.

2 I will open my mouth in parables: I will utter dark sayings which have been from the beginning.

3 All which we have heard and known, and our fathers have declared to us.

4 They were not hid from their children to a second generation; the fathers declaring the praises of the Lord, and his mighty acts, and his wonders which he wrought.

5 And he raised up a testimony in Jacob, and appointed a law in Israel, which he commanded our fathers, to make it known to their children:

6 that another generation might know, even the sons which should be born; and they should arise and declare them to their children.

7 That they might set their hope on God, and not forget the works of God, but diligently seek his commandments.

8 That they should not be as their fathers, a perverse and provoking generation; a generation which set not its heart aright, and its spirit was not steadfast with God.

9 The children of Ephraim, bending and shooting with the bow, turned back in the day of battle.

10 They kept not the covenant of God, and would not walk in his law.

11 And they forgot his benefits, and his miracles which he had shewed them;

12 the miracles which he wrought before their fathers, in the land of Egypt, in the plain of Tanes.

13 He clave the sea, and led them through: he made the waters to stand as in a bottle.

14 And he guided them with a cloud by day, and all the night with a light of fire.

15 He clave a rock in the wilderness, and made them drink as in a great deep.

16 And he brought water out of the rock, and caused waters to flow down as rivers.

17 And they sinned yet more against him; they provoked the Most High in the wilderness.

18 And they tempted God in their hearts, in asking meat for the desire of their souls.

19 They spoke also against God, and said, Will God be able to prepare a table in the wilderness?

20 Forasmuch as he smote the rock, and the waters flowed, and the torrents ran abundantly; will he be able also to give bread, or prepare a table for his people?

21 Therefore the Lord heard, and was provoked: and fire was kindled in Jacob, and wrath went up against Israel.

22 Because they believed not in God, and trusted not in his salvation.

23 Yet he commanded the clouds from above, and opened the doors of heaven,

24 and rained upon them manna to eat, and gave them the bread of heaven.

25 Man ate angels' bread; he sent them provision to the full.

26 He removed the south wind from heaven; and by his might he brought in the south-west wind.

27 And he rained upon them flesh like dust, and feathered birds like the sand of the seas.

28 And they fell into the midst of their camp, round about their tents.

29 So they ate, and were completely filled; and he gave them their desire.

30 They were not disappointed of their desire: but when their food was yet in their mouth,

31 then the indignation of God rose up against them, and slew the fattest of them, and overthrew the choice men of Israel.

32 In the midst of all this they sinned yet more, and believed not his miracles.

33 And their days were consumed in vanity, and their years with anxiety.

34 When he slew them, they sought him: and they returned and called betimes upon God.

35 And they remembered that God was their helper, and the most high God was their redeemer.

36 Yet they loved him only with their mouth, and lied to him with their tongue.

37 For their heart was not right with him, neither were they steadfast in his covenant.

38 But he is compassionate, and will forgive their sins, and will not destroy them: yea, he will frequently turn away his wrath, and will not kindle all his anger.

39 And he remembered that they are flesh; a wind that passes away, and returns not.

40 How often did they provoke him in the wilderness, and anger him in a dry land!

41 Yea, they turned back, and tempted God, and provoked the Holy One of Israel.

42 They remembered not his hand, the day in which he delivered them from the hand of the oppressor.

43 How he had wrought his signs in Egypt, and his wonders in the field of Tanes:

44 and had changed their rivers into blood; and their streams, that they should not drink.

45 He sent against them the dog-fly, and it devoured them; and the frog, and it spoiled them.

46 And he gave their fruit to the canker worm, and their labours to the locust.

47 He killed their vines with hail, and their sycamores with frost.

48 And he gave up their cattle to hail, and their substance to the fire.

49 He sent out against them the fury of his anger, wrath, and indignation, and affliction, a message by evil angels.

50 He made a way for his wrath; he spared not their souls from death, but consigned their cattle to death;

51 and smote every first-born in the land of Egypt; the first-fruits of their labours in the tents of Ham.

52 And he removed his people like sheep; he led them as a flock in the wilderness.

53 And he guided them with hope, and they feared not: but the sea covered their enemies.

54 And he brought them in to the mountain of his sanctuary, this mountain which his right hand had purchased.

55 And he cast out the nations from before them, and made them to inherit by a line of inheritance, and made the tribes of Israel to dwell in their tents.

56 Yet they tempted and provoked the most high God, and kept not his testimonies.

57 And they turned back, and broke covenant, even as also their fathers: they became like a crooked bow.

58 And they provoked him with their high places, and moved him to jealousy with their graven images.

59 God heard and lightly regarded them, and greatly despised Israel.

60 And he rejected the tabernacle of Selom, his tent where he dwelt among men.

61 And he gave their strength into captivity, and their beauty into the enemy's hand.

62 And he gave his people to the sword; and disdained his inheritance.

63 Fire devoured their young men; and their virgins mourned not.

64 Their priests fell by the sword; and their widows shall not be wept for.

65 So the Lord awaked as one out of sleep, and as a mighty man who has been heated with wine.

66 And he smote his enemies in the hinder parts: he brought on them a perpetual reproach.

67 And he rejected the tabernacle of Joseph, and chose not the tribe of Ephraim;

68 but chose the tribe of Judah, the mount Zion which he loved.

69 And he built his sanctuary as the place of unicorns; he founded it for ever on the earth.

70 He chose David also his servant, and took him up from the flocks of sheep.

71 He took him from following the ewes great with young, to be the shepherd of Jacob his servant, and Israel his inheritance.

72 So he tended them in the innocency of his heart; and guided them by the skilfulness of his hands.

Psalm 78 · KJV 79

1 A Psalm for Asaph. O God, the heathen are come into your inheritance; they have polluted your holy temple; they have made Jerusalem a storehouse of fruits.

2 They have given the dead bodies of your servants to be food for the birds of the sky, the flesh of your holy ones for the wild beasts of the earth.

3 They have shed their blood as water, round about Jerusalem; and there was none to bury them.

4 We are become a reproach to our neighbours, a scorn and derision to them that are round about us.

5 How long, O Lord? will you be angry for ever? shall your jealousy burn like fire?

6 Pour out your wrath upon the heathen that have not known you, and upon the kingdoms which have not called upon your name.

7 For they have devoured Jacob, and laid his place waste.

8 Remember not our old transgressions; let your tender mercies speedily prevent us; for we are greatly impoverished.

9 Help us, O God our Saviour; for the glory of your name, O Lord, deliver us; and be merciful to our sins, for your name's sake.

10 Lest haply they should say among the heathen, Where is their God? and let the avenging of your servants' blood that has been shed be known among the heathen before our eyes.

11 Let the groaning of the prisoners come in before you; according to the greatness of your arm preserve the sons of the slain ones.

12 Repay to our neighbours sevenfold into their bosom their reproach, with which they have reproached you, O Lord.

13 For we are your people and the sheep of your pasture; we will give you thanks for ever; we will declare your praise throughout all generations.

Psalm 79 · KJV 80

1 For the end, for alternate strains, a testimony for Asaph, a Psalm concerning the Assyrian.

2 Attend, O Shepherd of Israel, who guide Joseph like a flock; you who sit upon the cherubs, manifest yourself;

3 before Ephraim and Benjamin and Manasseh, stir up your power, and come to deliver us.

4 Turn us, O God, and cause your face to shine; and we shall be delivered.

5 O Lord God of hosts, how long are you angry with the prayer of your servant?

6 You will feed us with bread of tears; and will cause us to drink tears by measure.

7 You have made us a strife to our neighbours; and our enemies have mocked at us.

8 Turn us, O Lord God of hosts, and cause your face to shine; and we shall be saved. Pause.

9 You have transplanted a vine out of Egypt: you have cast out the heathen, and planted it.

10 You made a way before it, and did cause its roots to strike, and the land was filled with it.

11 Its shadow covered the mountains, and its shoots equalled the goodly cedars.

12 It sent forth its branches to the sea, and its shoots to the river.

13 Wherefore have you broken down its hedge, while all that pass by the way pluck it?

14 The boar out of the wood has laid it waste, and the wild beast has devoured it.

15 O God of hosts, turn, we pray you: look on us from heaven, and behold and visit this vine;

16 and restore that which your right hand has planted: and look on the son of man whom you did strengthen for yourself.

17 It is burnt with fire and dug up: they shall perish at the rebuke of your presence.

18 Let your hand be upon the man of your right hand, and upon the son of man whom you did strengthen for yourself.

19 So will we not depart from you: you shall quicken us, and we will call upon your name.

20 Turn us, O Lord God of hosts, and make your face to shine; and we shall be saved.

Psalm 80 · KJV 81

1 For the end, a Psalm for Asaph, concerning the wine-presses.

2 Rejoice you in God our helper; shout aloud to the God of Jacob.

3 Take a psalm, and produce the timbrel, the pleasant psaltery with the harp.

4 Blow the trumpet at the new moon, in the glorious day of your feast.

5 For this is an ordinance for Israel, and a statute of the God of Jacob.

6 He made it to be a testimony in Joseph, when he came forth out of the land of Egypt: he heard a language which he understood not.

7 He removed his back from burdens: his hands slaved in making the baskets.

8 You did call upon me in trouble, and I delivered you; I heard you in the secret place of the storm: I proved you at the water of Strife. Pause.

9 Hear, my people, and I will speak to you, O Israel; and I will testify to you: if you will hearken to me;

10 there shall be no new god in you; neither shall you worship a strange god.

11 For I am the Lord your God, that brought you out of the land of Egypt: open your mouth wide, and I will fill it.

12 But my people hearkened not to my voice; and Israel gave no heed to me.

13 So I let them go after the ways of their own hearts: they will go on in their own ways.

14 If my people had hearkened to me, if Israel had walked in my ways,

15 I should have put down their enemies very quickly, and should have laid my hand upon those that afflicted them.

16 The Lord's enemies should have lied to him: but their time shall be for ever.

17 And he fed them with the fat of wheat; and satisfied them with honey out of the rock.

Psalm 81 · KJV 82

1 A Psalm for Asaph. God stands in the assembly of gods; and in the midst of them will judge gods.

2 How long will you judge unrighteously, and accept the persons of sinners? Pause.

3 Judge the orphan and poor: do justice to the low and needy.

4 Rescue the needy, and deliver the poor out of the hand of the sinner.

5 They know not, nor understand; they walk on in darkness: all the foundations of the earth shall be shaken.

6 I have said, You are gods; and all of you children of the Most High.

7 But you die as men, and fall as one of the princes.

8 Arise, O God, judge the earth: for you shall inherit all nations.

Psalm 82 · KJV 83

1 A Song of a Psalm for Asaph.

2 O God, who shall be compared to you? be not silent, neither be still, O God.

3 For behold, your enemies have made a noise; and they that hate you have lifted up the head.

4 Against your people they have craftily imagined a device, and have taken counsel against your saints.

5 They have said, Come, and let us utterly destroy them out of the nation; and let the name of Israel be remembered no more at all.

6 For they have taken counsel together with one consent: they have made a confederacy against you;

7 even the tents of the Idumeans, and the Ismaelites; Moab, and the Agarenes;

8 Gebal, and Ammon, and Amalec; the Philistines also, with them that dwell at Tyre.

9 Yea, Assur too is come with them: they have become a help to the children of Lot. Pause.

10 Do you to them as to Midian, and to Sisera; as to Jabin at the brook of Kison.

11 They were utterly destroyed at Endor: they became as dung for the earth.

12 Make their princes as Oreb and Zeb, and Zebee and Salmana; even all their princes:

13 who said, Let us take to ourselves the altar of God as an inheritance.

14 O my God, make them as a wheel; as stubble before the face of the wind.

15 As fire which shall burn up a wood, as the flame may consume the mountains;

16 so shall you persecute them with your tempest, and trouble them in your anger.

17 Fill their faces with dishonour; so shall they seek your name, O Lord.

18 Let them be ashamed and troubled for evermore; yea, let them be confounded and destroyed.

19 And let them know that your name is Lord; that you alone art Most High over all the earth.

Psalm 83 · KJV 84

1 For the end, a Psalm for the sons of Korah, concerning the wine-presses.

2 How amiable are your tabernacles, O Lord of hosts!

3 My soul longs, and faints for the courts of the Lord: my heart and my flesh have exulted in the living God.

4 Yea, the sparrow has found himself a home, and the turtle-dove a nest for herself, where she may lay her young, even your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King, and my God.

5 Blessed are they that dwell in your house: they will praise you evermore. Pause.

6 Blessed is the man whose help is of you, O Lord; in his heart he has purposed to go up

7 the valley of weeping, to the place which he has appointed, for there the law-giver will grant blessings.

8 They shall go from strength to strength: the God of gods shall be seen in Zion.

9 O Lord God of hosts, hear my prayer: hearken, O God of Jacob. Pause.

10 Behold, O God our defender, and look upon the face of your anointed.

11 For one day in your courts is better than thousands. I would rather be an abject in the house of God, than dwell in the tents of sinners.

12 For the Lord loves mercy and truth: God will give grace and glory: the Lord will not withhold good things from them that walk in innocence.

13 O Lord of hosts, blessed is the man that trusts in you.

Psalm 84 · KJV 85

1 For the end, a Psalm for the sons of Korah.

2 O Lord, you have taken pleasure in your land: you have turned back the captivity of Jacob.

3 You have forgiven your people their transgressions; you have covered all their sins. Pause.

4 You have caused all your wrath to cease: you have turned from your fierce anger.

5 Turn us, O God of our salvation, and turn your anger away from us.

6 Would you be angry with us for ever? or will you continue your wrath from generation to generation?

7 O God, you will turn and quicken us; and your people shall rejoice in you.

8 Shew us your mercy, O Lord, and grant us your salvation.

9 I will hear what the Lord God will say concerning me: for he shall speak peace to his people, and to his saints, and to those that turn their heart toward him.

10 Moreover his salvation is near them that fear him; that glory may dwell in our land.

11 Mercy and truth are met together: righteousness and peace have kissed each other.

12 Truth has sprung out of the earth; and righteousness has looked down from heaven.

13 For the Lord will give goodness; and our land shall yield her fruit.

14 Righteousness shall go before him; and shall set his steps in the way.

Psalm 85 · KJV 86

1 A Prayer of David. O Lord, incline your ear, and hearken to me; for I am poor and needy.

2 Preserve my soul, for I am holy; save your servant, O God, who hopes in you.

3 Pity me, O Lord: for to you will I cry all the day.

4 Rejoice the soul of your servant: for to you, O Lord, have I lifted up my soul.

5 For you, O Lord, art kind, and gentle; and plenteous in mercy to all that call upon you.

6 Give ear to my prayer, O Lord; and attend to the voice of my supplication.

7 In the day of my trouble I cried to you: for you did hear me.

8 There is none like to you, O Lord, among the gods; and there are no works like to your works.

9 All nations whom you have made shall come, and shall worship before you, O Lord; and shall glorify your name.

10 For you are great, and do wonders: you are the only and the great God.

11 Guide me, O Lord, in your way, and I will walk in your truth: let my heart rejoice, that I may fear your name.

12 I will give you thanks, O Lord my God, with all my heart; and I will glorify your name for ever.

13 For your mercy is great toward me; and you have delivered my soul from the lowest hell.

14 O God, transgressors have risen up against me, and an assembly of violent men have sought my life; and have not set you before them.

15 But you, O Lord God, art compassionate and merciful, long-suffering, and abundant in mercy and true.

16 Look you upon me, and have mercy upon me: give your strength to your servant, and save the son of yours handmaid.

17 Establish with me a token for good; and let them that hate me see it and be ashamed; because you, O Lord, have helped me, and comforted me.

Psalm 86 · KJV 87

1 A Psalm of a Song for the sons of Korah. His foundations are in the holy mountains.

2 The Lord loves the gates of Zion, more than all the tabernacles of Jacob.

3 Glorious things have been spoken of you, O city of God. Pause.

4 I will make mention of Raab and Babylon to them that know me: behold also the Philistines, and Tyre, and the people of the Ethiopians: these were born there.

5 A man shall say, Zion is my mother; and such a man was born in her; and the Highest himself has founded her.

6 The Lord shall recount it in the writing of the people, and of these princes that were born in her. Pause.

7 The dwelling of all within you is as the dwelling of those that rejoice.

Psalm 87 · KJV 88

1 A song of a Psalm for the sons of Korah for the end, upon Maeleth for responsive strains, of instruction for Æman the Israelite.

2 O Lord God of my salvation, I have cried by day and in the night before you.

3 Let my prayer come in before you; incline your ear to my supplication, O Lord.

4 For my soul is filled with troubles, and my life has drawn nigh to Hades.

5 I have been reckoned with them that go down to the pit; I became as a man without help;

6 free among the dead, as the slain ones cast out, who sleep in the tomb; whom you remember no more; and they are rejected from your hand.

7 They laid me in the lowest pit, in dark places, and in the shadow of death.

8 Your wrath has pressed heavily upon me, and you have brought upon me all your billows. Pause.

9 You have removed my acquaintance far from me; they have made me an abomination to themselves; I have been delivered up, and have not gone forth.

10 Mine eyes are dimmed from poverty; but I cried to you, O Lord, all the day; I spread forth my hands to you.

11 Will you work wonders for the dead? or shall physicians raise them up, that they shall praise you?

12 Shall any one declare your mercy in the tomb? and your truth in destruction?

13 Shall your wonders be known in darkness? and your righteousness in a forgotten land?

14 But I cried to you, O Lord; and in the morning shall my prayer prevent you.

15 Wherefore, O Lord, do you reject my prayer, and turn your face away from me?

16 I am poor and in troubles from my youth; and having been exalted, I was brought low and into despair.

17 Your wrath has passed over me; and your terrors have greatly disquieted me.

18 They compassed me like water; all the day they beset me together.

19 You have put far from me every friend, and mine acquaintances because of my wretchedness.

Psalm 88 · KJV 89

1 A Psalm of instruction for Ætham the Israelite.

2 I will sing of your mercies, O Lord, for ever: I will declare your truth with my mouth to all generations.

3 For you have said, Mercy shall be built up for ever: your truth shall be established in the heavens.

4 I made a covenant with my chosen ones, I sware unto David my servant.

5 I will establish your seed for ever, and build up your throne to all generations. Pause.

6 The heavens shall declare your wonders, O Lord; and your truth in the assembly of the saints.

7 For who in the heavens shall be compared to the Lord? and who shall be likened to the Lord among the sons of God?

8 God is glorified in the council of the saints; great and terrible toward all that are round about him.

9 O Lord God of hosts, who is like to you? you are mighty, O Lord, and your truth is round about you.

10 You rule the power of the sea; and you calm the tumult of its waves.

11 You have brought down the proud as one that is slain; and with the arm of your power you have scattered your enemies.

12 The heavens are yours, and the earth is yours: you have founded the world, and the fulness of it.

13 You have created the north and the west: Thabor and Hermon shall rejoice in your name.

14 Your is the mighty arm: let your hand be strengthened, let your right hand be exalted.

15 Justice and judgment are the establishment of your throne: mercy and truth shall go before your face.

16 Blessed is the people that knows the joyful sound: they shall walk, O Lord, in the light of your countenance.

17 And in your name shall they rejoice all the day: and in your righteousness shall they be exalted.

18 For you are the boast of their strength; and in your good pleasure shall our horn be exalted,

19 for our help is of the Lord; and of the Holy One of Israel, our king.

20 Then you spoke in vision to your children, and saidst, I have laid help on a mighty one; I have exalted one chosen out of my people.

21 I have found David my servant; I have anointed him by my holy mercy.

22 For my hand shall support him; and mine arm shall strengthen him.

23 The enemy shall have no advantage against him; and the son of transgression shall not hurt him again.

24 And I will hew down his foes before him, and put to flight those that hate him.

25 But my truth and my mercy shall be with him; and in my name shall his horn be exalted.

26 And I will set his hand in the sea, and his right hand in the rivers.

27 He shall call upon me, saying, You are my Father, my God, and the helper of my salvation.

28 And I will make him my first-born, higher than the kings of the earth.

29 I will keep my mercy for him for ever, and my covenant shall be firm with him.

30 And I will establish his seed for ever and ever, and his throne as the days of heaven.

31 If his children should forsake my law, and walk not in my judgments;

32 if they should profane my ordinances, and not keep my commandments;

33 I will visit their transgressions with a rod, and their sins with scourges.

34 But my mercy I will not utterly remove from him, nor wrong my truth.

35 Neither will I by any means profane my covenant; and I will not make void the things that proceed out of my lips.

36 Once have I sworn by my holiness, that I will not lie to David.

37 His seed shall endure for ever, and his throne as the sun before me;

38 and as the moon that is established for ever, and as the faithful witness in heaven. Pause.

39 But you have cast off and set at nought, you have rejected your anointed.

40 You have overthrown the covenant of your servant; you have profaned his sanctuary, casting it to the ground.

41 You have broken down all his hedges; you have made his strong holds a terror.

42 All that go by the way have spoiled him: he is become a reproach to his neighbours.

43 You have exalted the right hand of his enemies; you have made all his enemies to rejoice.

44 You have turned back the help of his sword, and have not helped him in the battle.

45 You have deprived him of glory: you have broken down his throne to the ground.

46 You have shortened the days of his throne: you have poured shame upon him. Pause.

47 How long, O Lord, will you turn away, for ever? shall your anger flame out as fire?

48 Remember what my being is: for have you created all the sons of men in vain?

49 What man is there who shall live, and not see death? shall any one deliver his soul from the hand of Hades? Pause.

50 Where are your ancient mercies, O Lord, which you swore to David in your truth?

51 Remember, O Lord, the reproach of your servants, which I have borne in my bosom, even the reproach of many nations;

52 wherewith your enemies have reviled, O Lord: wherewith they have reviled the recompence of your anointed.

53 Blessed be the Lord for ever. So be it, so be it.

Psalm 89 · KJV 90

1 A Prayer of Moses the man of God. Lord, you have been our refuge in all generations.

2 Before the mountains existed, and before the earth and the world were formed, even from age to age, You are.

3 Turn not man back to his low place, whereas you saidst, Return, you sons of men?

4 For a thousand years in your sight are as the yesterday which is past, and as a watch in the night.

5 Years shall be vanity to them: let the morning pass away as grass.

6 In the morning let it flower, and pass away: in the evening let it droop, let it be withered and dried up.

7 For we have perished in your anger, and in your wrath we have been troubled.

8 You have set our transgressions before you: our age is in the light of your countenance.

9 For all our days are gone, and we have passed away in your wrath: our years have spun out their tale as a spider.

10 As for the days of our years, in them are seventy years; and if men should be in strength, eighty years: and the greater part of them would be labour and trouble; for weakness overtakes us, and we shall be chastened.

11 Who knows the power of your wrath?

12 and who knows how to number his days because of the fear of your wrath? So manifest your right hand, and those that are instructed in wisdom in the heart.

13 Return, O Lord, how long? and be intreated concerning your servants.

14 We have been satisfied in the morning with your mercy; and we did exult and rejoice:

15 let us rejoice in all our days, in return for the days wherein you did afflict us, the years wherein we saw evil.

16 And look upon your servants, and upon your works; and guide their children.

17 And let the brightness of the Lord our God be upon us: and do you direct for us the works of our hands.

Psalm 90 · KJV 91

1 Praise of a Song, by David. He that dwells in the help of the Highest, shall sojourn under the shelter of the God of heaven.

2 He shall say to the Lord, You are my helper and my refuge: my God; I will hope in him.

3 For he shall deliver you from the snare of the hunters, from every troublesome matter.

4 He shall overshadow you with his shoulders, and you shall trust under his wings: his truth shall cover you with a shield.

5 You shall not be afraid of terror by night; nor of the arrow flying by day;

6 nor of the evil thing that walks in darkness; nor of calamity, and the evil spirit at noon-day.

7 A thousand shall fall at your side, and ten thousand at your right hand; but it shall not come nigh you.

8 Only with your eyes shall you observe and see the reward of sinners.

9 For you, O Lord, art my hope: you, my soul, have made the Most High your refuge.

10 No evils shall come upon you, and no scourge shall draw nigh to your dwelling.

11 For he shall give his angels charge concerning you, to keep you in all your ways.

12 They shall bear you up on their hands, lest at any time you dash your foot against a stone.

13 You shall tread on the asp and basilisk: and you shall trample on the lion and dragon.

14 For he has hoped in me, and I will deliver him: I will protect him, because he has known my name.

15 He shall call upon me, and I will hearken to him: I am with him in affliction; and I will deliver him, and glorify him.

16 I will satisfy him with length of days, and shew him my salvation.

Psalm 91 · KJV 92

1 A Psalm of a Song for the Sabbath-day.

2 It is a good thing to give thanks to the Lord, and to sing praises to your name, O you Most High;

3 to proclaim your mercy in the morning, and your truth by night,

4 on a psaltery of ten strings, with a song on the harp.

5 For you, O Lord, have made me glad with your work: and in the operations of your hands will I exult.

6 How have your works been magnified, O Lord! your thoughts are very deep.

7 A foolish man will not know, and a senseless man will not understand this.

8 When the sinners spring up as the grass, and all the workers of iniquity have watched; it is that they may be utterly destroyed for ever.

9 But you, O Lord, art most high for ever.

10 For, behold, your enemies shall perish; and all the workers of iniquity shall be scattered.

11 But my horn shall be exalted as the horn of a unicorn; and mine old age with rich mercy.

12 And mine eye has seen mine enemies, and mine ear shall hear the wicked that rise up against me.

13 The righteous shall flourish as a palm-tree: he shall be increased as the cedar in Lebanon.

14 They that are planted in the house of the Lord shall flourish in the courts of our God.

15 Then shall they be increased in a fine old age; and they shall be prosperous; that they may declare

16 that the Lord my God is righteous, and there is no iniquity in him.

Psalm 92 · KJV 93

1 For the day before the Sabbath, when the land was first inhabited, the praise of a Song by David. The Lord reigns; he has clothed himself with honour: the Lord has clothed and girded himself with strength; for he has established the world, which shall not be moved.

2 Your throne is prepared of old: you are from everlasting.

3 The rivers have lifted up, O Lord, the rivers have lifted up their voices,

4 at the voices of many waters: the billows of the sea are wonderful: the Lord is wonderful in high places.

5 Your testimonies are made very sure: holiness becomes yours house, O Lord, for ever.

Psalm 93 · KJV 94

1 A Psalm of David for the fourth day of the week. The Lord is a God of vengeance; the God of vengeance has declared himself.

2 Be you exalted, you that judge the earth: render a reward to the proud.

3 How long shall sinners, O Lord, how long shall sinners boast?

4 They will utter and speak unrighteousness; all the workers of iniquity will speak so.

5 They have afflicted your people, O Lord, and hurt yours heritage.

6 They have slain the widow and fatherless, and murdered the stranger.

7 And they said, The Lord shall not see, neither shall the God of Jacob understand.

8 Understand now, you simple among the people; and you fools, at length be wise.

9 He that planted the ear, does he not hear? or he that formed the eye, does not he perceive?

10 He that chastises the heathen, shall not he punish, even he that teaches man knowledge?

11 The Lord knows the thoughts of men, that they are vain.

12 Blessed is the man whomsoever you shall chasten, O Lord, and shall teach him out of your law;

13 to give him rest from evil days, until a pit be digged for the sinful one.

14 For the Lord will not cast off his people, neither will he forsake his inheritance;

15 until righteousness return to judgment, and all the upright in heart shall follow it. Pause.

16 Who will rise up for me against the transgressors? or who will stand up with me against the workers of iniquity?

17 If the Lord had not helped me, my soul had almost sojourned in Hades.

18 If I said, My foot has been moved;

19 your mercy, O Lord, helped me. O Lord, according to the multitude of my griefs within my heart, your consolations have soothed my soul.

20 Shall the throne of iniquity have fellowship with you, which frames mischief by an ordinance?

21 They will hunt for the soul of the righteous, and condemn innocent blood.

22 But the Lord was my refuge; and my God the helper of my hope.

23 And he will recompense to them their iniquity and their wickedness: the Lord our God shall utterly destroy them.

Psalm 94 · KJV 95

1 The praise of a Song by David. Come, let us exult in the Lord; let us make a joyful noise to God our Saviour.

2 Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving, and make a joyful noise to him with psalms.

3 For the Lord is a great God, and a great king over all gods: for the Lord will not cast off his people.

4 For the ends of the earth are in his hands; and the heights of the mountains are his.

5 For the sea is his, and he made it: and his hands formed the dry land.

6 Come, let us worship and fall down before him; and weep before the Lord that made us.

7 For he is our God; and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand.

8 To-day, if you will hear his voice, harden not your hearts, as in the provocation, according to the day of irritation in the wilderness:

9 where your fathers tempted me, proved me, and saw my works.

10 Forty years was I grieved with this generation, and said, They do always err in their heart, and they have not known my ways.

11 So I sware in my wrath, They shall not enter into my rest.

Psalm 95 · KJV 96

1 When the house was built after the Captivity, a Song by David. Sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord, all the earth.

2 Sing to the Lord, bless his name: proclaim his salvation from day to day.

3 Publish his glory among the Gentiles, his wonderful works among all people.

4 For the Lord is great, and greatly to be praised: he is terrible above all gods.

5 For all the gods of the heathen are devils: but the Lord made the heavens.

6 Thanksgiving and beauty are before him: holiness and majesty are in his sanctuary.

7 Bring to the Lord, you families of the Gentiles, bring to the Lord glory and honour.

8 Bring to the Lord the glory becoming his name: take offerings, and go into his courts.

9 Worship the Lord in his holy court: let all the earth tremble before him.

10 Say among the heathen, The Lord reigns: for he has established the world so that it shall not be moved: he shall judge the people in righteousness.

11 Let the heavens rejoice, and the earth exult; let the sea be moved, and the fulness of it.

12 The plains shall rejoice, and all things in them: then shall all the trees of the wood exult before the presence of the Lord:

13 for he comes, for he comes to judge the earth; he shall judge the world in righteousness, and the people with his truth.

Psalm 96 · KJV 97

1 For David, when his land is established. The Lord reigns, let the earth exult, let many islands rejoice.

2 Cloud and darkness are round about him; righteousness and judgment are the establishment of his throne.

3 Fire shall go before him, and burn up his enemies round about.

4 His lightnings appeared to the world; the earth saw, and trembled.

5 The mountains melted like wax at the presence of the Lord, at the presence of the Lord of the whole earth.

6 The heavens have declared his righteousness, and all the people have seen his glory.

7 Let all that worship graven images be ashamed, who boast of their idols; worship him, all you his angels.

8 Zion heard and rejoiced; and the daughters of Judea exulted, because of your judgments, O Lord.

9 For you are Lord most high over all the earth; you are greatly exalted above all gods.

10 You that love the Lord, hate evil; the Lord preserves the souls of his saints; he shall deliver them from the hand of sinners.

11 Light is sprung up for the righteous, and gladness for the upright in heart.

12 Rejoice in the Lord, you righteous; and give thanks for a remembrance of his holiness.

Psalm 97 · KJV 98

1 A Psalm of David. Sing to the Lord a new song; for the Lord has wrought wonderful works, his right hand, and his holy arm, have wrought salvation for him.

2 The Lord has made known his salvation, he has revealed his righteousness in the sight of the nations.

3 He has remembered his mercy to Jacob, and his truth to the house of Israel; all the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.

4 Shout to God, all the earth; sing, and exult, and sing psalms.

5 Sing to the Lord with a harp, with a harp, and the voice of a psalm.

6 With trumpets of metal, and the sound of a trumpet of horn make a joyful noise to the Lord before the king.

7 Let the sea be moved, and the fulness of it; the world, and they that dwell in it.

8 The rivers shall clap their hands together; the mountains shall exult.

9 For he is come to judge the earth; he shall judge the world in righteousness, and the nations in uprightness.

Psalm 98 · KJV 99

1 A Psalm of David. The Lord reigns;—let the people rage; it is he that sits upon the cherubs, let the earth be moved.

2 The Lord is great in Zion, and is high over all the people.

3 Let them give thanks to your great name; for it is terrible and holy.

4 And the king's honour loves judgment; you have prepared equity, you have wrought judgment and justice in Jacob.

5 Exalt you the Lord our God, and worship at his footstool; for he is holy.

6 Moses and Aaron among his priests, and Samuel among them that call upon his name; they called upon the Lord, and he heard them.

7 He spoke to them in a pillar of cloud; they kept his testimonies, and the ordinances which he gave them.

8 O Lord our God, you heard them; O God, you became propitious to them, though you did take vengeance on all their devices.

9 Exalt you the Lord our God, and worship at his holy mountain; for the Lord our God is holy.

Psalm 99 · KJV 100

1 A Psalm for Thanksgiving. Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth.

2 Serve the Lord with gladness; come before his presence with exultation.

3 Know that the Lord he is God; he made us, and not we ourselves; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

4 Enter into his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with hymns; give thanks to him, praise his name.

5 For the Lord is good, his mercy is for ever; and his truth endures to generation and generation.

Psalm 100 · KJV 101

1 A Psalm of David. I will sing to you, O Lord, of mercy and judgment; I will sing a psalm,

2 and I will be wise in a blameless way. When will you come to me? I walked in the innocence of my heart, in the midst of my house.

3 I have not set before mine eyes any unlawful thing; I have hated transgressors.

4 A perverse heart has not cleaved to me; I have not known an evil man, forasmuch as he turns away from me.

5 Him that privily speaks against his neighbour, him have I driven from me: he that is proud in look and insatiable in heart,—with him I have not eaten.

6 Mine eyes shall be upon the faithful of the land, that they may dwell with me: he that walked in a perfect way, the same ministered to me.

7 The proud doer dwelt not in the midst of my house; the unjust speaker prospered not in my sight.

8 Early did I slay all the sinners of the land, that I might destroy out of the city of the Lord all that work iniquity.

Psalm 101 · KJV 102

1 A Prayer for the Poor; when he is deeply afflicted, and pours out his supplication before the Lord.

2 Hear my prayer, O Lord, and let my cry come to you.

3 Turn not away your face from me: in the day when I am afflicted, incline your ear to me: in the day when I shall call upon you, speedily hear me.

4 For my days have vanished like smoke, and my bones have been parched like a stick.

5 I am blighted like grass, and my heart is dried up; for I have forgotten to eat my bread.

6 By reason of the voice of my groaning, my bone has cleaved to my flesh.

7 I have become like a pelican of the wilderness;

8 I have become like an owl in a ruined house. I have watched, and am become as a sparrow dwelling alone on a roof.

9 All the day long mine enemies have reproached me; and they that praised me have sworn against me.

10 For I have eaten ashes as it were bread, and mingled my drink with weeping;

11 because of your anger and your wrath: for you have lifted me up, and dashed me down.

12 My days have declined like a shadow; and I am withered like grass.

13 But you, Lord, endure for ever, and your memorial to generation and generation.

14 You shall arise, and have mercy upon Zion: for it is time to have mercy upon her, for the set time is come.

15 For your servants have taken pleasure in her stones, and they shall pity her dust.

16 So the nations shall fear your name, O Lord, and all kings your glory.

17 For the Lord shall build up Zion, and shall appear in his glory.

18 He has had regard to the prayer of the lowly, and has not despised their petition.

19 Let this be written for another generation; and the people that shall be created shall praise the Lord.

20 For he has looked out from the height of his sanctuary; the Lord looked upon the earth from heaven;

21 to hear the groaning of the fettered ones, to loosen the sons of the slain;

22 to proclaim the name of the Lord in Zion, and his praise in Jerusalem;

23 when the people are gathered together, and the kings, to serve the Lord.

24 He answered him in the way of his strength: tell me the fewness of my days.

25 Take me not away in the midst of my days: your years are through all generations.

26 In the beginning you, O Lord, did lay the foundation of the earth; and the heavens are the works of yours hands.

27 They shall perish, but you remain: and they all shall wax old as a garment; and as a vesture shall you fold them, and they shall be changed.

28 But you are the same, and your years shall not fail.

29 The children of your servants shall dwell securely, and their seed shall prosper for ever.

Psalm 102 · KJV 103

1 A Psalm of David. Bless the Lord, O my soul; and all that is within me, bless his holy name.

2 Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his praises:

3 who forgives all your transgressions, who heals all your diseases;

4 who redeems your life from corruption; who crowns you with mercy and compassion;

5 who satisfies your desire with good things: so that your youth shall be renewed like that of the eagle.

6 The Lord executes mercy and judgment for all that are injured.

7 He made known his ways to Moses, his will to the children of Israel.

8 The Lord is compassionate and pitiful, long-suffering, and full of mercy.

9 He will not be always angry; neither will he be wrathful for ever.

10 He has not dealt with us according to our sins, nor recompensed us according to our iniquities.

11 For as the heaven is high above the earth, the Lord has so increased his mercy toward them that fear him.

12 As far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our transgressions from us.

13 As a father pities his children, the Lord pities them that fear him.

14 For he knows our frame: remember that we are dust.

15 As for man, his days are as grass; as a flower of the field, so shall he flourish.

16 For the wind passes over it, and it shall not be; and it shall know its place no more.

17 But the mercy of the Lord is from generation to generation upon them that fear him, and his righteousness to children's children;

18 to them that keep his covenant, and remember his commandments to do them.

19 The Lord has prepared his throne in the heaven; and his kingdom rules over all.

20 Bless the Lord, all you his angels, mighty in strength, who perform his bidding, ready to hearken to the voice of his words.

21 Bless the Lord, all you his hosts; you ministers of his that do his will.

22 Bless the Lord, all his works, in every place of his dominion: bless the Lord, O my soul.

Psalm 103 · KJV 104

1 A Psalm of David. Bless the Lord, O my soul. O Lord my God, you are very great; you have clothed yourself with praise and honour:

2 who do robe yourself with light as with a garment; spreading out the heaven as a curtain.

3 Who covers his chambers with waters; who makes the clouds his chariot; who walks on the wings of the wind.

4 Who makes his angels spirits, and his ministers a flaming fire.

5 Who establishes the earth on her sure foundation: it shall not be moved for ever.

6 The deep, as it were a garment, is his covering: the waters shall stand on the hills.

7 At your rebuke they shall flee; at the voice of your thunder they shall be alarmed.

8 They go up to the mountains, and down to the plains, to the place which you have founded for them.

9 You have set a bound which they shall not pass, neither shall they turn again to cover the earth.

10 He sends forth his fountains among the valleys: the waters shall run between the mountains.

11 They shall give drink to all the wild beasts of the field: the wild asses shall take of them to quench their thirst.

12 By them shall the birds of the sky lodge: they shall utter a voice out of the midst of the rocks.

13 He waters the mountains from his chambers: the earth shall be satisfied with the fruit of your works.

14 He makes grass to grow for the cattle, and green herb for the service of men, to bring bread out of the earth;

15 and wine makes glad the heart of man, to make his face cheerful with oil: and bread strengthens man's heart.

16 The trees of the plain shall be full of sap; even the cedars of Lebanon which he has planted.

17 There the sparrows will build their nests; and the house of the heron takes the lead among them.

18 The high mountains are a refuge for the stags, and the rock for the rabbits.

19 He appointed the moon for seasons: the sun knows his going down.

20 You did make darkness, and it was night; in it all the wild beasts of the forest will be abroad:

21 even young lions roaring for prey, and to seek meat for themselves from God.

22 The sun arises, and they shall be gathered together, and shall lie down in their dens.

23 Man shall go forth to his work, and to his labour till evening.

24 How great are your works, O Lord! in wisdom have you wrought them all: the earth is filled with your creation.

25 So is this great and wide sea: there are things creeping innumerable, small animals and great.

26 There go the ships; and this dragon whom you have made to play in it.

27 All wait upon you, to give them their food in due season.

28 When you have given it them, they will gather it; and when you have opened yours hand, they shall all be filled with good.

29 But when you have turned away your face, they shall be troubled: you will take away their breath, and they shall fail, and return to their dust.

30 You shall send forth your Spirit, and they shall be created; and you shall renew the face of the earth.

31 Let the glory of the Lord be for ever: the Lord shall rejoice in his works;

32 who looks upon the earth, and makes it tremble; who touches the mountains, and they smoke.

33 I will sing to the Lord while I live; I will sing praise to my God while I exist.

34 Let my meditation be sweet to him: and I will rejoice in the Lord.

35 Let the sinners fail from off the earth, and transgressors, so that they shall be no more. Bless the Lord, O my soul.

Psalm 104 · KJV 105

1 Alleluia. Give thanks to the Lord, and call upon his name; declare his works among the heathen.

2 Sing to him, yea, sing praises to him: tell forth all his wonderful works.

3 Glory in his holy name: let the heart of them that seek the Lord rejoice.

4 Seek you the Lord, and be strengthened; seek his face continually.

5 Remember his wonderful works that he has done; his wonders, and the judgments of his mouth;

6 you seed of Abraam, his servants, you children of Jacob, his chosen ones.

7 He is the Lord our God; his judgments are in all the earth.

8 He has remembered his covenant for ever, the word which he commanded for a thousand generations:

9 which he established as a covenant to Abraam, and he remembered his oath to Isaac.

10 And he established it to Jacob for an ordinance, and to Israel for an everlasting covenant;

11 saying, To you will I give the land of Canaan, the line of your inheritance:

12 when they were few in number, very few, and sojourners in it.

13 And they went from nation to nation, and from one kingdom to another people.

14 He suffered no man to wrong them; and he rebuked kings for their sakes:

15 saying, Touch not my anointed ones; and do my prophets no harm.

16 Moreover he called for a famine upon the land; he broke the whole support of bread.

17 He sent a man before them; Joseph was sold for a slave.

18 They hurt his feet with fetters; his soul passed into iron,

19 until the time that his cause came on; the word of the Lord tried him as fire.

20 The king sent and loosed him; even the prince of the people, and let him go free.

21 He made him lord over his house, and ruler of all his substance;

22 to chastise his rulers at his pleasure, and to teach his elders wisdom.

23 Israel also came into Egypt, and Jacob sojourned in the land of Ham.

24 And he increased his people greatly, and made them stronger than their enemies.

25 And he turned their heart to hate his people, to deal craftily with his servants.

26 He sent forth Moses his servant, and Aaron whom he had chosen.

27 He established among them his signs, and his wonders in the land of Ham.

28 He sent forth darkness, and made it dark; yet they rebelled against his words.

29 He turned their waters into blood, and slew their fish.

30 Their land produced frogs abundantly, in the chambers of their kings.

31 He spoke, and the dog-fly came, and lice in all their coasts.

32 He turned their rain into hail, and sent flaming fire in their land.

33 And he smote their vines and their fig-trees; and broke every tree of their coast.

34 He spoke, and the locust came, and caterpillars innumerable,

35 and devoured all the grass in their land, and devoured the fruit of their ground.

36 He smote also every first-born of their land, the first-fruits of all their labour.

37 And he brought them out with silver and gold; and there was not a feeble one among their tribes.

38 Egypt rejoiced at their departing; for the fear of them fell upon them.

39 He spread out a cloud for a covering to them, and fire to give them light by night.

40 They asked, and the quail came, and he satisfied them with the bread of heaven.

41 He clave the rock, and the waters flowed; rivers ran in dry places.

42 For he remembered his holy word, which he promised to Abraam his servant.

43 And he brought out his people with exultation, and his chosen with joy;

44 and gave them the lands of the heathen; and they inherited the labours of the people;

45 that they might keep his ordinances, and diligently seek his law.

Psalm 105 · KJV 106

1 Alleluia. Give thanks to the Lord; for he is good: for his mercy endures for ever.

2 Who shall tell the mighty acts of the Lord? who shall cause all his praises to be heard?

3 Blessed are they that keep judgment, and do righteousness at all times.

4 Remember us, O Lord, with the favour you have to your people: visit us with your salvation;

5 that we may behold the good of your elect, that we may rejoice in the gladness of your nation, that we may glory with your inheritance.

6 We have sinned with our fathers, we have transgressed, we have done unrighteously.

7 Our fathers in Egypt understood not your wonders, and remembered not the multitude of your mercy; but provoked him as they went up by the Red Sea.

8 Yet he saved them for his name's sake, that he might cause his mighty power to be known.

9 And he rebuked the Red Sea, and it was dried up: so he led them through the deep as through the wilderness.

10 And he saved them out of the hand of them that hated them, and redeemed them out of the hand of the enemy.

11 The water covered those that oppressed them: there was not one of them left.

12 Then they believed his words, and celebrated his praise.

13 They made haste, they forgot his works; they waited not for his counsel.

14 And they lusted exceedingly in the wilderness, and tempted God in the dry land.

15 And he gave them their request, and sent fulness into their souls.

16 They provoked Moses also in the camp, and Aaron the holy one of the Lord.

17 The earth opened and swallowed up Dathan, and closed upon the congregation of Abiron.

18 And a fire was kindled in their congregation, and a flame burnt up the sinners.

19 And they made a calf in Horeb, and worshipped the graven image,

20 and they changed their glory into the similitude of a calf that feeds on grass.

21 They forgot God that saved them, who had wrought great deeds in Egypt;

22 wondrous works in the land of Ham, and terrible things at the Red Sea.

23 So he said that he would have destroyed them, had not Moses his chosen stood before him in the breach, to turn him away from the fierceness of his anger, so that he should not destroy them.

24 Moreover they set at nought the desirable land, and believed not his word.

25 And they murmured in their tents: they hearkened not to the voice of the Lord.

26 So he lifted up his hand against them, to cast them down in the wilderness;

27 and to cast down their seed among the nations, and to scatter them in the countries.

28 They were joined also to Beelphegor, and ate the sacrifices of the dead. And they provoked him with their devices;

29 and destruction was multiplied among them.

30 Then Phinees stood up, and made atonement: and the plague ceased.

31 And it was counted to him for righteousness, to all generations for ever.

32 They provoked him also at the water of Strife, and Moses was hurt for their sakes;

33 for they provoked his spirit, and he spoke unadvisedly with his lips.

34 They destroyed not the nations which the Lord told them to destroy;

35 but were mingled with the heathen, and learned their works.

36 And they served their graven images; and it became an offence to them.

37 And they sacrificed their sons and their daughters to devils,

38 and shed innocent blood, the blood of their sons and daughters, whom they sacrificed to the idols of Canaan; and the land was defiled with blood,

39 and was polluted with their works; and they went a whoring with their own devices.

40 So the Lord was very angry with his people, and he abhorred his inheritance.

41 And he delivered them into the hands of their enemies; and they that hated them ruled over them.

42 And their enemies oppressed them, and they were brought down under their hands.

43 Many a time he delivered them; but they provoked him by their counsel, and they were brought low by their iniquities.

44 Yet the Lord looked upon their affliction, when he heard their petition.

45 And he remembered his covenant, and repented according to the multitude of his mercy.

46 And he caused them to be pitied in the sight of all who carried them captive.

47 Save us, O Lord our God, and gather us from among the heathen, that we may give thanks to your holy name, that we may glory in your praise.

48 Blessed be the Lord God of Israel from everlasting and to everlasting; and all the people shall say, Amen, Amen.

Psalm 106 · KJV 107

1 Alleluia. Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; for his mercy endures for ever.

2 Let them say so who have been redeemed by the Lord, whom he has redeemed from the hand of the enemy;

3 and gathered them out of the countries, from the east, and west, and north, and south.

4 They wandered in the wilderness in a dry land; they found no way to a city of habitation.

5 Hungry and thirsty, their soul fainted in them.

6 Then they cried to the Lord in their affliction, and he delivered them out of their distresses.

7 And he guided them into a straight path, that they might go to a city of habitation.

8 Let them acknowledge to the Lord his mercies, and his wonderful works to the children of men.

9 For he satisfies the empty soul, and fills the hungry soul with good things,

10 even them that sit in darkness and the shadow of death, fettered in poverty and iron;

11 because they rebelled against the words of God, and provoked the counsel of the Most High.

12 So their heart was brought low with troubles; they were weak, and there was no helper.

13 Then they cried to the Lord in their affliction, and he saved them out of their distresses.

14 And he brought them out of darkness and the shadow of death, and broke their bonds asunder.

15 Let them acknowledge to the Lord his mercies, and his wonders to the children of men.

16 For he broke to pieces the brazen gates, and crushed the iron bars.

17 He helped them out of the way of their iniquity; for they were brought low because of their iniquities.

18 Their soul abhorred all meat; and they drew near to the gates of death.

19 Then they cried to the Lord in their affliction, and he saved them out of their distresses.

20 He sent his word, and healed them, and delivered them out of their destructions.

21 Let them acknowledge to the Lord his mercies, and his wonderful works to the children of men.

22 And let them offer to him the sacrifice of praise, and proclaim his works with exultation.

23 They that go down to the sea in ships, doing business in many waters;

24 these men have seen the works of the Lord, and his wonders in the deep.

25 He speaks, and the stormy wind arises, and its waves are lifted up.

26 They go up to the heavens, and go down to the depths; their soul melts because of troubles.

27 They are troubled, they stagger as a drunkard, and all their wisdom is swallowed up.

28 Then they cry to the Lord in their affliction, and he brings them out of their distresses.

29 And he commands the storm, and it is calmed into a gentle breeze, and its waves are still.

30 And they are glad, because they are quiet; and he guides them to their desired haven.

31 Let them acknowledge to the Lord his mercies, and his wonderful works to the children of men.

32 Let them exalt him in the congregation of the people, and praise him in the seat of the elders.

33 He turns rivers into a desert, and streams of water into a dry land;

34 a fruitful land into saltness, for the wickedness of them that dwell in it.

35 He turns a wilderness into pools of water, and a dry land into streams of water.

36 And there he causes the hungry to dwell, and they establish for themselves cities of habitation.

37 And they sow fields, and plant vineyards, and they yield fruit of increase.

38 And he blesses them, and they multiply exceedingly, and he diminishes not the number of their cattle.

39 Again they become few, and are brought low, by the pressure of evils and pain.

40 Contempt is poured upon their princes, and he causes them to wander in a desert and trackless land.

41 But he helps the poor out of poverty, and makes him families as a flock.

42 The upright shall see and rejoice; and all iniquity shall stop her mouth.

43 Who is wise, and will observe these things, and understand the mercies of the Lord?

Psalm 107 · KJV 108

1 Song of a Psalm by David.

2 O God, my heart is ready, my heart is ready; I will sing and sing psalms with my glory.

3 Awake, psaltery and harp; I will awake early.

4 I will give thanks to you, O Lord, among the people; I will sing praise to you among the Gentiles.

5 For your mercy is great above the heavens, and your truth reaches to the clouds.

6 Be you exalted, O God, above the heavens; and your glory above all the earth.

7 That your beloved ones may be delivered, save with your right hand, and hear me. God has spoken in his sanctuary;

8 I will be exalted, and will divide Sicima, and will measure out the valley of tents.

9 Gilead is mine; and Manasseh is mine; and Ephraim is the help of mine head; Judas is my king;

10 Moab is the caldron of my hope; over Edom will I cast my sandal; the Philistines are made subject to me.

11 Who will bring me into the fortified city? or who will guide me to Edom?

12 Will not you, O God, who have rejected us? and will not you, O God, go forth with our hosts?

13 Give us help from tribulation: for vain is the help of man.

14 Through God we shall do valiantly; and he will bring to nought our enemies.

Psalm 108 · KJV 109

1 For the end, a Psalm of David. O God, pass not over my praise in silence;

2 for the mouth of the sinner and the mouth of the crafty man have been opened against me: they have spoken against me with a crafty tongue.

3 And they have compassed me with words of hatred; and fought against me without a cause.

4 Instead of loving me, they falsely accused me: but I continued to pray.

5 And they rewarded me evil for good, and hatred for my love.

6 Set you a sinner against him; and let the devil stand at his right hand.

7 When he is judged, let him go forth condemned: and let his prayer become sin.

8 Let his days be few: and let another take his office of overseer.

9 Let his children be orphans, and his wife a widow.

10 Let his children wander without a dwelling-place, and beg: let them be cast out of their habitations.

11 Let his creditor exact all that belongs to him: and let strangers spoil his labours.

12 Let him have no helper; neither let there be any one to have compassion on his fatherless children.

13 Let his children be given up to utter destruction: in one generation let his name be blotted out.

14 Let the iniquity of his fathers be remembered before the Lord; and let not the sin of his mother be blotted out.

15 Let them be before the Lord continually; and let their memorial be blotted out from the earth.

16 Because he remembered not to shew mercy, but persecuted the needy and poor man, and that to slay him that was pricked in the heart.

17 He loved cursing also, and it shall come upon him; and he took not pleasure in blessing, so it shall be removed far from him.

18 Yea, he put on cursing as a garment, and it is come as water into his bowels, and as oil into his bones.

19 Let it be to him as a garment which he puts on, and as a girdle with which he girds himself continually.

20 This is the dealing of the Lord with those who falsely accuse me, and of them that speak evil against my soul.

21 But you, O Lord, Lord, deal mercifully with me, for your name's sake: for your mercy is good.

22 Deliver me, for I am poor and needy; and my heart is troubled within me.

23 I am removed as a shadow in its going down: I am tossed up and down like locusts.

24 My knees are weakened through fasting, and my flesh is changed by reason of the want of oil.

25 I became also a reproach to them: when they saw me they shook their heads.

26 Help me, O Lord my God; and save me according to your mercy.

27 And let them know that this is your hand; and that you, Lord, have wrought it.

28 Let them curse, but you shall bless: let them that rise up against me be ashamed, but let your servant rejoice.

29 Let those that falsely accuse me be clothed with shame, and let them cover themselves with their shame as with a mantle.

30 I will give thanks to the Lord abundantly with my mouth; and in the midst of many I will praise him.

31 For he stood on the right hand of the poor, to save me from them that persecute my soul.

Psalm 109 · KJV 110

1 A Psalm of David. The Lord said to my Lord, Sit you on my right hand, until I make your enemies your footstool.

2 The Lord shall send out a rod of power for you out of Zion: rule you in the midst of your enemies.

3 With you is dominion in the day of your power, in the splendours of your saints: I have begotten you from the womb before the morning.

4 The Lord sware, and will not repent, You are a priest for ever, after the order of Melchisedec.

5 The Lord at your right hand has dashed in pieces kings in the day of his wrath.

6 He shall judge among the nations, he shall fill up the number of corpses, he shall crush the heads of many on the earth.

7 He shall drink of the brook in the way; therefore shall he lift up the head.

Psalm 110 · KJV 111

1 Alleluia. I will give you thanks, O Lord, with my whole heart, in the council of the upright, and in the congregation.

2 The works of the Lord are great, sought out according to all his will.

3 His work is worthy of thanksgiving and honour: and his righteousness endures for ever and ever.

4 He has caused his wonderful works to be remembered: the Lord is merciful and compassionate.

5 He has given food to them that fear him: he will remember his covenant for ever.

6 He has declared to his people the power of his works, to give them the inheritance of the heathen.

7 The works of his hands are truth and judgment: all his commandments are sure:

8 established for ever and ever, done in truth and uprightness.

9 He sent redemption to his people: he commanded his covenant for ever: holy and fearful is his name.

10 The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom, and all that act accordingly have a good understanding; his praise endures for ever and ever.

Psalm 111 · KJV 112

1 Alleluia. Blessed is the man that fears the Lord: he will delight greatly in his commandments.

2 His seed shall be mighty in the earth: the generation of the upright shall be blessed.

3 Glory and riches shall be in his house; and his righteousness endures for evermore.

4 To the upright light has sprung up in darkness: he is pitiful, and merciful, and righteous.

5 The good man is he that pities and lends: he will direct his affairs with judgment.

6 For he shall not be moved for ever; the righteous shall be in everlasting remembrance.

7 He shall not be afraid of any evil report: his heart is ready to trust in the Lord.

8 His heart is established, he shall not fear, till he shall see his desire upon his enemies.

9 He has dispersed abroad; he has given to the poor; his righteousness endures for evermore: his horn shall be exalted with honour.

10 The sinner shall see and be angry, he shall gnash his teeth, and consume away: the desire of the sinner shall perish.

Psalm 112 · KJV 113

1 Alleluia. Praise the Lord, you servants of his, praise the name of the Lord.

2 Let the name of the Lord be blessed, from this present time and for ever.

3 From the rising of the sun to his setting, the name of the Lord is to be praised.

4 The Lord is high above all the nations; his glory is above the heavens.

5 Who is as the Lord our God? who dwells in the high places,

6 and yet looks upon the low things in heaven, and on the earth:

7 who lifts up the poor from the earth, and raises up the needy from the dunghill;

8 to set him with princes, even with the princes of his people:

9 who settles the barren woman in a house, as a mother rejoicing over children.

Psalm 113 · KJV 114–115

1 Alleluia. At the going forth of Israel from Egypt, of the house of Jacob from a barbarous people,

2 Judea became his sanctuary, and Israel his dominion.

3 The sea saw and fled: Jordan was turned back.

4 The mountains skipped like rams, and the hills like lambs.

5 What ailed you, O sea, that you fled? and you Jordan, that you were turned back?

6 You mountains, that you skipped like rams, and you hills, like lambs?

7 The earth trembled at the presence of the Lord, at the presence of the God of Jacob;

8 who turned the rock into pools of water, and the flint into fountains of water.

9 Not to us, O Lord, not to us, but to your name give glory, because of your mercy and your truth;

10 lest at any time the nations should say, Where is their God?

11 But our God has done in heaven and on earth, whatsoever he has pleased.

12 The idols of the nations are silver and gold, the works of men's hands.

13 They have a mouth, but they cannot speak; they have eyes, but they cannot see:

14 they have ears, but they cannot hear; they have noses, but they cannot smell;

15 they have hands, but they cannot handle; they have feet, but they cannot walk: they cannot speak through their throat.

16 Let those that make them become like to them, and all who trust in them.

17 The house of Israel trusts in the Lord: he is their helper and defender.

18 The house of Aaron trusts in the Lord: he is their helper and defender.

19 They that fear the Lord trust in the Lord: he is their helper and defender.

20 The Lord has remembered us, and blessed us: he has blessed the house of Israel, he has blessed the house of Aaron.

21 He has blessed them that fear the Lord, both small and great.

22 The Lord add blessings to you and to your children.

23 Blessed are you of the Lord, who made the heaven and the earth.

24 The heaven of heavens belongs to the Lord: but he has given the earth to the sons of men.

25 The dead shall not praise you, O Lord, nor any that go down to Hades.

26 But we, the living, will bless the Lord, from henceforth and for ever.

Psalm 114 · KJV 116:1–9

1 Alleluia. I am well pleased, because the Lord will hearken to the voice of my supplication.

2 Because he has inclined his ear to me, therefore will I call upon him while I live.

3 The pangs of death compassed me; the dangers of hell found me: I found affliction and sorrow.

4 Then I called on the name of the Lord: O Lord, deliver my soul.

5 The Lord is merciful and righteous; yea, our God has pity.

6 The Lord preserves the simple: I was brought low, and he delivered me.

7 Return to your rest, O my soul; for the Lord has dealt bountifully with you.

8 For he has delivered my soul from death, mine eyes from tears, and my feet from falling.

9 I shall be well-pleasing before the Lord in the land of the living.

Psalm 115 · KJV 116:10–19

1 Alleluia. I believed, wherefore I have spoken: but I was greatly afflicted.

2 And I said in mine amazement, Every man is a liar.

3 What shall I render to the Lord for all the things wherein he has rewarded me?

4 I will take the cup of salvation, and call upon the name of the Lord.

4a I will pay my vows to the Lord, in the presence of all his people.

6 Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints.

7 O Lord, I am your servant; I am your servant, and the son of yours handmaid: you have burst my bonds asunder.

8 I will offer to you the sacrifice of praise, and will call upon the name of the Lord.

9 I will pay my vows unto the Lord, in the presence of all his people,

10 in the courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, Jerusalem.

Psalm 116 · KJV 117

1 Alleluia. Praise the Lord, all you nations: praise him, all you peoples.

2 For his mercy has been abundant toward us: and the truth of the Lord endures for ever.

Psalm 117 · KJV 118

1 Alleluia. Give thanks to the Lord; for he is good: for his mercy endures for ever.

2 Let now the house of Israel say, that he is good: for his mercy endures for ever.

3 Let now the house of Aaron say, that he is good: for his mercy endures for ever.

4 Let now all that fear the Lord say, that he is good: for his mercy endures for ever.

5 I called on the Lord out of affliction: and he hearkened to me, so as to bring me into a wide place.

6 The Lord is my helper; and I will not fear what man shall do to me.

7 The Lord is my helper; and I shall see my desire upon mine enemies.

8 It is better to trust in the Lord than to trust in man.

9 It is better to hope in the Lord, than to hope in princes.

10 All nations compassed me about: but in the name of the Lord I repulsed them.

11 They completely compassed me about: but in the name of the Lord I repulsed them.

12 They compassed me about as bees do a honeycomb, and they burst into flame as fire among thorns: but in the name of the Lord I repulsed them.

13 I was thrust, and sorely shaken, that I might fall: but the Lord helped me.

14 The Lord is my strength and my song, and is become my salvation.

15 The voice of exultation and salvation is in the tabernacles of the righteous: the right hand of the Lord has wrought mightily.

16 The right hand of the Lord has exalted me: the right hand of the Lord has wrought powerfully.

17 I shall not die, but live, and recount the works of the Lord.

18 The Lord has chastened me sore: but he has not given me up to death.

19 Open to me the gates of righteousness: I will go into them, and give praise to the Lord.

20 This is the gate of the Lord: the righteous shall enter by it.

21 I will give thanks to you; because you have heard me, and art become my salvation.

22 The stone which the builders rejected, the same is become the head of the corner.

23 This has been done of the Lord; and it is wonderful in our eyes.

24 This is the day which the Lord has made: let us exult and rejoice in it.

25 O Lord, save now: O Lord, send now prosperity.

26 Blessed is he that comes in the name of the Lord: we have blessed you out of the house of the Lord.

27 God is the Lord, and he has shined upon us: celebrate the feast with thick branches, binding the victims even to the horns of the altar.

28 You are my God, and I will give you thanks: you are my God, and I will exalt you. I will give thanks to you, for you have heard me, and art become my salvation.

29 Give thanks to the Lord; for he is good: for his mercy endures for ever.

Psalm 118 · KJV 119

1 Alleluia. Blessed are the blameless in the way, who walk in the law of the Lord.

2 Blessed are they that search out his testimonies: they will diligently seek him with the whole heart.

3 For they that work iniquity have not walked in his ways.

4 You have commanded us diligently to keep your precepts.

5 O that my ways were directed to keep your ordinances.

6 Then shall I not be ashamed, when I have respect to all your commandments.

7 I will give you thanks with uprightness of heart, when I have learnt the judgments of your righteousness.

8 I will keep your ordinances: O forsake me not greatly.

9 Wherewith shall a young man direct his way? by keeping your words.

10 With my whole heart have I diligently sought you: cast me not away from your commandments.

11 I have hidden your oracles in my heart, that I might not sin against you.

12 Blessed are you, O Lord: teach me your ordinances.

13 With my lips have I declared all the judgments of your mouth.

14 I have delighted in the way of your testimonies, as much as in all riches.

15 I will meditate on your commandments, and consider your ways.

16 I will meditate on your ordinances: I will not forget your words.

17 Render a recompence to your servant: so shall I live, and keep your words.

18 Unveil you mine eyes, and I shall perceive wondrous things out of your law.

19 I am a stranger in the earth: hide not your commandments from me.

20 My soul has longed exceedingly for your judgments at all times.

21 You have rebuked the proud: cursed are they that turn aside from your commandments.

22 Remove from me reproach and contempt; for I have sought out your testimonies.

23 For princes sat and spoke against me: but your servant was meditating on your ordinances.

24 For your testimonies are my meditation, and your ordinances are my counsellors.

25 My soul has cleaved to the ground; quicken you me according to your word.

26 I declared my ways, and you did hear me; teach me your ordinances.

27 Instruct me in the way of your ordinances; and I will meditate on your wondrous works.

28 My soul has slumbered for sorrow; strengthen you me with your words.

29 Remove from me the way of iniquity; and be merciful to me by your law.

30 I have chosen the way of truth; and have not forgotten your judgments.

31 I have cleaved to your testimonies, O Lord; put me not to shame.

32 I ran the way of your commandments, when you did enlarge my heart.

33 Teach me, O Lord, the way of your ordinances, and I will seek it out continually.

34 Instruct me, and I will search out your law, and will keep it with my whole heart.

35 Guide me in the path of your commandments; for I have delighted in it.

36 Incline mine heart to your testimonies, and not to covetousness.

37 Turn away mine eyes that I may not behold vanity: quicken you me in your way.

38 Confirm your oracle to your servant, that he may fear you.

39 Take away my reproach which I have feared: for your judgments are good.

40 Behold, I have desired your commandments: quicken me in your righteousness.

41 And let your mercy come upon me, O Lord; even your salvation, according to your word.

42 And so I shall render an answer to them that reproach me: for I have trusted in your words.

43 And take not the word of truth utterly out of my mouth; for I have hoped in your judgments.

44 So shall I keep your law continually, for ever and ever.

45 I walked also at large: for I sought out your commandments.

46 And I spoke of your testimonies before kings, and was not ashamed.

47 And I meditated on your commandments, which I loved exceedingly.

48 And I lifted up my hands to your commandments which I loved; and I meditated in your ordinances.

49 Remember your words to your servant, wherein you have made me hope.

50 This has comforted me in mine affliction: for your oracle has quickened me.

51 The proud have transgressed exceedingly; but I swerved not from your law.

52 I remembered your judgments of old, O Lord; and was comforted.

53 Despair took hold upon me, because of the sinners who forsake your law.

54 Your ordinances were my songs in the place of my sojourning.

55 I remembered your name, O Lord, in the night, and kept your law.

56 This I had, because I diligently sought your ordinances.

57 You are my portion, O Lord: I said that I would keep your law.

58 I besought your favour with my whole heart: have mercy upon me according to your word.

59 I thought on your ways, and turned my feet to your testimonies.

60 I prepared myself, (and was not terrified,) to keep your commandments.

61 The snares of sinners entangled me: but I forgot not your law.

62 At midnight I arose, to give thanks to you for the judgments of your righteousness.

63 I am a companion of all them that fear you, and of them that keep your commandments.

64 O Lord, the earth is full of your mercy: teach me your ordinances.

65 You have wrought kindly with your servant, O Lord, according to your word.

66 Teach me kindness, and instruction, and knowledge: for I have believed your commandments.

67 Before I was afflicted, I transgressed; therefore have I kept your word.

68 Good are you, O Lord; therefore in your goodness teach me your ordinances.

69 The injustice of the proud has been multiplied against me: but I will search out your commandments with all my heart.

70 Their heart has been curdled like milk; but I have meditated on your law.

71 It is good for me that you have afflicted me; that I might learn your ordinances.

72 The law of your mouth is better to me than thousands of gold and silver.

73 Your hands have made me, and fashioned me: instruct me, that I may learn your commandments.

74 They that fear you will see me and rejoice: for I have hoped in your words.

75 I know, O Lord, that your judgments are righteousness, and that you in truthfulness have afflicted me.

76 Let, I pray you, your mercy be to comfort me, according to your word to your servant.

77 Let your compassions come to me, that I may live: for your law is my meditation.

78 Let the proud be ashamed; for they transgressed against me unjustly: but I will meditate in your commandments.

79 Let those that fear you, and those that know your testimonies, turn to me.

80 Let mine heart be blameless in your ordinances, that I may not be ashamed.

81 My soul faints for your salvation: I have hoped in your words.

82 Mine eyes failed in waiting for your word, saying, When will you comfort me?

83 For I am become as a bottle in the frost: yet I have not forgotten your ordinances.

84 How many are the days of your servant? when will you execute judgment for me on them that persecute me?

85 Transgressors told me idle tales; but not according to your law, O Lord.

86 All your commandments are truth; they persecuted me unjustly; help you me.

87 They nearly made an end of me in the earth; but I forsook not your commandments.

88 Quicken me according to your mercy; so shall I keep the testimonies of your mouth.

89 Your word, O Lord, abides in heaven for ever.

90 Your truth endures to all generations; you have founded the earth, and it abides.

91 The day continues by your arrangement; for all things are your servants.

92 Were it not that your law is my meditation, then I should have perished in mine affliction.

93 I will never forget your ordinances; for with them you have quickened me.

94 I am yours, save me; for I have sought out your ordinances.

95 Sinners laid wait for me to destroy me; but I understood your testimonies.

96 I have seen an end of all perfection; but your commandment is very broad.

97 How I have loved your law, O Lord! it is my meditation all the day.

98 You have made me wiser than mine enemies in your commandment; for it is mine for ever.

99 I have more understanding than all my teachers; for your testimonies are my meditation.

100 I understand more than the aged; because I have sought out your commandments.

101 I have kept back my feet from every evil way, that I might keep your words.

102 I have not declined from your judgments; for you have instructed me.

103 How sweet are your oracles to my throat! more so than honey to my mouth!

104 I gain understanding by your commandments: therefore I have hated every way of unrighteousness.

105 Your law is a lamp to my feet, and a light to my paths.

106 I have sworn and determined to keep the judgments of your righteousness.

107 I have been very greatly afflicted, O Lord: quicken me, according to your word.

108 Accept, I pray you, O Lord, the freewill-offerings of my mouth, and teach me your judgments.

109 My soul is continually in yours hands; and I have not forgotten your law.

110 Sinners spread a snare for me; but I erred not from your commandments.

111 I have inherited your testimonies for ever; for they are the joy of my heart.

112 I have inclined my heart to perform your ordinances for ever, in return for your mercies.

113 I have hated transgressors; but I have loved your law.

114 You are my helper and my supporter; I have hoped in your words.

115 Depart from me, you evil-doers; for I will search out the commandments of my God.

116 Uphold me according to your word, and quicken me; and make me not ashamed of my expectation.

117 Help me, and I shall be saved; and I will meditate in your ordinances continually.

118 You have brought to nought all that depart from your ordinances; for their inward thought is unrighteous.

119 I have reckoned all the sinners of the earth as transgressors; therefore have I loved your testimonies.

120 Penetrate my flesh with your fear; for I am afraid of your judgments.

121 I have done judgment and justice; deliver me not up to them that injure me.

122 Receive your servant for good: let not the proud accuse me falsely.

123 Mine eyes have failed for your salvation, and for the word of your righteousness.

124 Deal with your servant according to your mercy, and teach me your ordinances.

125 I am your servant; instruct me, and I shall know your testimonies.

126 It is time for the Lord to work: they have utterly broken your law.

127 Therefore have I loved your commandments more than gold, or the topaz.

128 Therefore I directed myself according to all your commandments: I have hated every unjust way.

129 Your testimonies are wonderful: therefore my soul has sought them out.

130 The manifestation of your words will enlighten, and instruct the simple.

131 I opened my mouth, and drew breath: for I earnestly longed after your commandments.

132 Look upon me and have mercy upon me, after the manner of them that love your name.

133 Order my steps according to your word: and let not any iniquity have dominion over me.

134 Deliver me from the false accusation of men: so will I keep your commandments.

135 Cause your face to shine upon your servant: and teach me your ordinances.

136 Mine eyes have been bathed in streams of water, because I kept not your law.

137 Righteous are you, O Lord, and upright are your judgments.

138 You have commanded righteousness and perfect truth, as your testimonies.

139 Your zeal has quite wasted me: because mine enemies have forgotten your words.

140 Your word has been very fully tried; and your servant loves it.

141 I am young and despised: yet I have not forgotten your ordinances.

142 Your righteousness is an everlasting righteousness, and your law is truth.

143 Afflictions and distresses found me: but your commandments were my meditation.

144 Your testimonies are an everlasting righteousness: instruct me, and I shall live.

145 I cried with my whole heart; hear me, O Lord: I will search out your ordinances.

146 I cried to you; save me, and I will keep your testimonies.

147 I arose before the dawn, and cried: I hoped in your words.

148 Mine eyes prevented the dawn, that I might meditate on your oracles.

149 Hear my voice, O Lord, according to your mercy; quicken me according to your judgment.

150 They have drawn nigh who persecuted me unlawfully; and they are far removed from your law.

151 You are near, O Lord; and all your ways are truth.

152 I have known of old concerning your testimonies, that you have founded them for ever.

153 Look upon mine affliction, and rescue me; for I have not forgotten your law.

154 Plead my cause, and ransom me: quicken me because of your word.

155 Salvation is far from sinners: for they have not searched out your ordinances.

156 Your mercies, O Lord, are many: quicken me according to your judgment.

157 Many are they that persecute me and oppress me: but I have not declined from your testimonies.

158 I beheld men acting foolishly, and I pined away; for they kept not your oracles.

159 Behold, I have loved your commandments, O Lord: quicken me in your mercy.

160 The beginning of your words is truth; and all the judgments of your righteousness endure for ever.

161 Princes persecuted me without a cause, but my heart feared because of your words.

162 I will exult because of your oracles, as one that finds much spoil.

163 I hate and abhor unrighteousness; but I love your law.

164 Seven times in a day have I praised you because of the judgments of your righteousness.

165 Great peace have they that love your law: and there is no stumbling-block to them.

166 I waited for your salvation, O Lord, and have loved your commandments.

167 My soul has kept your testimonies, and loved them exceedingly.

168 I have kept your commandments and your testimonies; for all my ways are before you, O Lord.

169 Let my supplication come near before you, O Lord; instruct me according to your oracle.

170 Let my petition come in before you, O Lord; deliver me according to your oracle.

171 Let my lips utter a hymn, when you shall have taught me your ordinances.

172 Let my tongue utter your oracles; for all your commandments are righteous.

173 Let yours hand be prompt to save me; for I have chosen your commandments.

174 I have longed after your salvation, O Lord; and your law is my meditation.

175 My soul shall live, and shall praise you; and your judgments shall help me.

176 I have gone astray like a lost sheep; seek your servant; for I have not forgotten your commandments.

Psalm 119 · KJV 120

1 A Song of Degrees. In mine affliction I cried to the Lord, and he hearkened to me.

2 Deliver my soul, O Lord, from unjust lips, and from a deceitful tongue.

3 What should be given to you, and what should be added to you, for your crafty tongue?

4 Sharpened weapons of the mighty, with coals of the desert.

5 Woe is me, that my sojourning is prolonged; I have tabernacled among the tents of Kedar.

6 My soul has long been a sojourner;

7 I was peaceable among them that hated peace; when I spoke to them, they warred against me without a cause.

Psalm 120 · KJV 121

1 A Song of Degrees. I lifted up mine eyes to the mountains, whence my help shall come.

2 My help shall come from the Lord, who made the heaven and the earth.

3 Let not your foot be moved; and let not your keeper slumber.

4 Behold, he that keeps Israel shall not slumber nor sleep.

5 The Lord shall keep you: the Lord is your shelter upon your right hand.

6 The sun shall not burn you by day, neither the moon by night.

7 May the Lord preserve you from all evil: the Lord shall keep your soul.

8 The Lord shall keep your coming in, and your going out, from henceforth and even for ever.

Psalm 121 · KJV 122

1 A Song of Degrees. I was glad when they said to me, Let us go into the house of the Lord.

2 Our feet stood in your courts, O Jerusalem.

3 Jerusalem is built as a city whose fellowship is complete.

4 For thither the tribes went up, the tribes of the Lord, as a testimony for Israel, to give thanks unto the name of the Lord.

5 For there are set thrones for judgment, even thrones for the house of David.

6 Pray now for the peace of Jerusalem: and let there be prosperity to them that love you.

7 Let peace, I pray, be within yours host, and prosperity in your palaces.

8 For the sake of my brethren and my neighbours, I have indeed spoken peace concerning you.

9 Because of the house of the Lord our God, I have diligently sought your good.

Psalm 122 · KJV 123

1 A Song of Degrees. Unto you who dwell in heaven have I lifted up mine eyes.

2 Behold, as the eyes of servants are directed to the hands of their masters, and as the eyes of a maid-servant to the hands of her mistress; so our eyes are directed to the Lord our God, until he have mercy upon us.

3 Have pity upon us, O Lord, have pity upon us: for we are exceedingly filled with contempt.

4 Yea, our soul has been exceedingly filled with it: let the reproach be to them that are at ease, and contempt to the proud.

Psalm 123 · KJV 124

1 A Song of Degrees. If it had not been that the Lord was among us, let Israel now say;

2 if it had not been that the Lord was among us, when men rose up against us;

3 verily they would have swallowed us up alive, when their wrath was kindled against us:

4 verily the water would have drowned us, our soul would have gone under the torrent.

5 Yea, our soul would have gone under the overwhelming water.

6 Blessed be the Lord, who has not given us for a prey to their teeth.

7 Our soul has been delivered as a sparrow from the snare of the fowlers: the snare is broken, and we are delivered.

8 Our help is in the name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

Psalm 124 · KJV 125

1 A Song of Degrees. They that trust in the Lord shall be as mount Zion: he that dwells in Jerusalem shall never be moved.

2 The mountains are round about her, and so the Lord is round about his people, from henceforth and even for ever.

3 For the Lord will not allow the rod of sinners to be upon the lot of the righteous; lest the righteous should stretch forth their hands to iniquity.

4 Do good, O Lord, to them that are good, and to them that are upright in heart.

5 But them that turn aside to crooked ways the Lord will lead away with the workers of iniquity: but peace shall be upon Israel.

Psalm 125 · KJV 126

1 A Song of Degrees. When the Lord turned the captivity of Zion, we became as comforted ones.

2 Then was our mouth filled with joy, and our tongue with exultation: then would they say among the Gentiles,

3 The Lord has done great things among them. The Lord has done great things for us, we became joyful.

4 Turn, O Lord, our captivity, as the streams in the south.

5 They that sow in tears shall reap in joy.

6 They went on and wept as they cast their seeds; but they shall surely come with exultation, bringing their sheaves with them.

Psalm 126 · KJV 127

1 A Song of Degrees. Except the Lord build the house, they that build labour in vain: except the Lord keep the city, the watchman watches in vain.

2 It is vain for you to rise early: you rise up after resting, you that eat the bread of grief; while he gives sleep to his beloved.

3 Behold, the inheritance of the Lord, children, the reward of the fruit of the womb.

4 As arrows in the hand of a mighty man; so are the children of those who were outcasts.

5 Blessed is the man who shall satisfy his desire with them: they shall not be ashamed when they shall speak to their enemies in the gates.

Psalm 127 · KJV 128

1 A Song of Degrees. Blessed are all they that fear the Lord; who walk in his ways.

2 You shall eat the labours of your hands: blessed are you, and it shall be well with you.

3 Your wife shall be as a fruitful vine on the sides of your house: your children as young olive-plants round about your table.

4 Behold, thus shall the man be blessed that fears the Lord.

5 May the Lord bless you out of Zion; and may you see the prosperity of Jerusalem all the days of your life.

6 And may you see your children's children. Peace be upon Israel.

Psalm 128 · KJV 129

1 A Song of Degrees. Many a time have they warred against me from my youth, let Israel now say:

2 Many a time have they warred against me from my youth: and yet they prevailed not against me.

3 The sinners wrought upon my back: they prolonged their iniquity.

4 The righteous Lord has cut asunder the necks of sinners.

5 Let all that hate Zion be put to shame and turned back.

6 Let them be as the grass of the house-tops, which withers before it is plucked up.

7 Wherewith the reaper fills not his hand, nor he that makes up the sheaves, his bosom.

8 Neither do they that go by say, The blessing of the Lord be upon you: we have blessed you in the name of the Lord.

Psalm 129 · KJV 130

1 A Song of Degrees. Out of the depths have I cried to you, O Lord.

2 O Lord, hearken to my voice; let your ears be attentive to the voice of my supplication.

3 If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities, O Lord, who shall stand?

4 For with you is forgiveness: for your name's sake

5 have I waited for you, O Lord, my soul has waited for your word.

6 My soul has hoped in the Lord; from the morning watch till night.

7 Let Israel hope in the Lord: for with the Lord is mercy, and with him is plenteous redemption.

8 And he shall redeem Israel from all his iniquities.

Psalm 130 · KJV 131

1 A Song of Degrees. O Lord, my heart is not exalted, neither have mine eyes been haughtily raised: neither have I exercised myself in great matters, nor in things too wonderful for me.

2 I shall have sinned if I have not been humble, but have exalted my soul: according to the relation of a weaned child to his mother, so will you recompense my soul.

3 Let Israel hope in the Lord, from henceforth and for ever.

Psalm 131 · KJV 132

1 A Song of Degrees. Lord, remember David, and all his meekness:

2 how he sware to the Lord, and vowed to the God of Jacob, saying,

3 I will not go into the tabernacle of my house; I will not go up to the couch of my bed;

4 I will not give sleep to mine eyes, nor slumber to mine eyelids, nor rest to my temples,

5 until I find a place for the Lord, a tabernacle for the God of Jacob.

6 Behold, we heard of it in Ephratha; we found it in the fields of the wood.

7 Let us enter into his tabernacles: let us worship at the place where his feet stood.

8 Arise, O Lord, into your rest; you, and the ark of yours holiness.

9 Your priests shall clothe themselves with righteousness; and your saints shall exult.

10 For the sake of your servant David turn not away the face of your anointed.

11 The Lord sware in truth to David, and he will not annul it, saying, Of the fruit of your body will I set a king upon your throne.

12 If your children will keep my covenant, and these my testimonies which I shall teach them, their children also shall sit upon your throne for ever.

13 For the Lord has elected Zion, he has chosen her for a habitation for himself, saying,

14 This is my rest for ever: here will I dwell; for I have chosen it.

15 I will surely bless her provision: I will satisfy her poor with bread.

16 I will clothe her priests with salvation; and her saints shall greatly exult.

17 There will I cause to spring up a horn to David: I have prepared a lamp for mine anointed.

18 His enemies will I clothe with shame; but upon himself shall my holiness flourish.

Psalm 132 · KJV 133

1 A Song of Degrees. See now! what is so good, or what so pleasant, as for brethren to dwell together?

2 It is as ointment on the head, that ran down to the beard, even the beard of Aaron; that ran down to the fringe of his clothing.

3 As the dew of Aermon, that comes down on the mountains of Zion: for there the Lord commanded the blessing, even life for ever.

Psalm 133 · KJV 134

1 A Song of Degrees. Behold now, bless you the Lord, all the servants of the Lord, who stand in the house of the Lord, in the courts of the house of our God.

2 Lift up your hands by night in the sanctuaries, and bless the Lord.

3 May the Lord, who made heaven and earth, bless you out of Zion.

Psalm 134 · KJV 135

1 Alleluia. Praise you the name of the Lord; praise the Lord, you his servants,

2 who stand in the house of the Lord, in the courts of the house of our God.

3 Praise you the Lord; for the Lord is good: sing praises to his name; for it is good.

4 For the Lord has chosen Jacob for himself, and Israel for his peculiar treasure.

5 For I know that the Lord is great, and our Lord is above all gods;

6 all that the Lord willed, he did in heaven, and on the earth, in the sea, and in all deeps.

7 Who brings up clouds from the extremity of the earth: he has made lightnings for the rain: he brings winds out of his treasures.

8 Who smote the first-born of Egypt, both of man and beast.

9 He sent signs and wonders into the midst of you, O Egypt, on Pharaoh, and on all his servants.

10 Who smote many nations, and slew mighty kings;

11 Seon king of the Amorites, and Og king of Basan, and all the kingdoms of Canaan:

12 and gave their land for an inheritance, an inheritance to Israel his people.

13 O Lord, your name endures for ever, and your memorial to all generations.

14 For the Lord shall judge his people, and comfort himself concerning his servants.

15 The idols of the heathen are silver and gold, the works of men's hands.

16 They have a mouth, but they cannot speak; they have eyes, but they cannot see;

17 they have ears, but they cannot hear; for there is no breath in their mouth.

18 Let those who make them be made like to them; and all those who trust in them.

19 O house of Israel, bless you the Lord: O house of Aaron, bless you the Lord:

20 O house of Levi, bless you the Lord: you that fear the Lord, bless the Lord.

21 Blessed in Zion be the Lord, who dwells in Jerusalem.

Psalm 135 · KJV 136

1 Alleluia. Give thanks to the Lord: for he is good: for his mercy endures for ever.

2 Give thanks to the God of gods: for his mercy endures for ever.

3 Give thanks to the Lord of lords: for his mercy endures for ever.

4 To him who alone has wrought great wonders: for his mercy endures for ever.

5 To him who made the heavens by understanding; for his mercy endures for ever.

6 To him who established the earth on the waters; for his mercy endures for ever.

7 To him who alone made great lights; for his mercy endures for ever.

8 The sun to rule the day; for his mercy endures for ever.

9 The moon and the stars to rule the night; for his mercy endures for ever.

10 To him who smote Egypt with their first-born; for his mercy endures for ever.

11 And brought Israel out of the midst of them; for his mercy endures for ever:

12 with a strong hand, and a high arm: for his mercy endures for ever.

13 To him who divided the Red Sea into parts: for his mercy endures for ever:

14 and brought Israel through the midst of it: for his mercy endures for ever:

15 and overthrew Pharaoh and his host in the Red Sea: for his mercy endures for ever.

16 To him who led his people through the wilderness: for his mercy endures for ever.

17 To him who smote great kings: for his mercy endures for ever:

18 and slew mighty kings; for his mercy endures for ever:

19 Seon king of the Amorites: for his mercy endures for ever:

20 and Og king of Basan: for his mercy endures for ever:

21 and gave their land for an inheritance: for his mercy endures for ever:

22 even an inheritance to Israel his servant: for his mercy endures for ever.

23 For the Lord remembered us in our low estate; for his mercy endures for ever:

24 and redeemed us from our enemies; for his mercy endures for ever.

25 Who gives food to all flesh; for his mercy endures for ever.

26 Give thanks to the God of heaven; for his mercy endures for ever.

Psalm 136 · KJV 137

1 For David, a Psalm of Jeremiah. By the rivers of Babylon, there we sat; and wept when we remembered Zion.

2 We hung our harps on the willows in the midst of it.

3 For there they that had taken us captive asked of us the words of a song; and they that had carried us away asked a hymn, saying, Sing us one of the songs of Zion.

4 How should we sing the Lord's song in a strange land?

5 If I forget you, O Jerusalem, let my right hand forget its skill.

6 May my tongue cleave to my throat, if I do not remember you; if I do not prefer Jerusalem as the chief of my joy.

7 Remember, O Lord, the children of Edom in the day of Jerusalem; who said, Rase it, rase it, even to its foundations.

8 Wretched daughter of Babylon! blessed shall he be who shall reward you as you have rewarded us.

9 Blessed shall he be who shall seize and dash your infants against the rock.

Psalm 137 · KJV 138

1 A Psalm for David, of Haggai and Zechariah. I will give you thanks, O Lord, with my whole heart; and I will sing psalms to you before the angels; for you have heard all the words of my mouth.

2 I will worship toward your holy temple, and give thanks to your name, on account of your mercy and your truth; for you have magnified your holy name above every thing.

3 In whatsoever day I shall call upon you, hear me speedily; you shall abundantly provide me with your power in my soul.

4 Let all the kings of the earth, O Lord, give thanks unto you; for they have heard all the words of your mouth.

5 And let them sing in the ways of the Lord; for great is the glory of the Lord.

6 For the Lord is high, and yet regards the lowly; and he knows high things from afar off.

7 Though I should walk in the midst of affliction, you will quicken me; you have stretched forth yours hands against the wrath of mine enemies, and your right hand has saved me.

8 O Lord, you shall recompense them on my behalf: your mercy, O Lord, endures for ever: overlook not the works of yours hands.

Psalm 138 · KJV 139

1 For the end, a Psalm of David. O Lord, you have proved me, and known me.

2 You know my down-sitting and mine up-rising: you understand my thoughts long before.

3 You have traced my path and my bed, and have foreseen all my ways.

4 For there is no unrighteous word in my tongue: behold, O Lord, you have known all things,

5 the last and the first: you have fashioned me, and laid yours hand upon me.

6 The knowledge of you is too wonderful for me; it is very difficult, I cannot attain to it.

7 Whither shall I go from your Spirit? and whither shall I flee from your presence?

8 If I should go up to heaven, you are there: if I should go down to hell, you are present.

9 If I should spread my wings to fly straight forward, and sojourn at the extremity of the sea, it would be vain,

10 for even there your hand would guide me, and your right hand would hold me.

11 When I said, Surely the darkness will cover me; even the night was light in my luxury.

12 For darkness will not be darkness with you; but night will be light as day: as its darkness, so shall its light be to you.

13 For you, O Lord, have possessed my reins; you have helped me from my mother's womb.

14 I will give you thanks; for you are fearfully wondrous; wondrous are your works; and my soul knows it well.

15 My bones which you made in secret were not hidden from you, nor my substance, in the lowest parts of the earth.

16 Your eyes saw my unwrought substance, and all men shall be written in your book; they shall be formed by day, though there should for a time be no one among them.

17 But your friends, O God, have been greatly honoured by me; their rule has been greatly strengthened.

18 I will number them, and they shall be multiplied beyond the sand; I awake, and am still with you.

19 Oh that you would slay the wicked, O God; depart from me, you men of blood.

20 For you will say concerning their thought, that they shall take your cities in vain.

21 Have I not hated them, O Lord, that hate you? and wasted away because of your enemies?

22 I have hated them with perfect hatred; they were counted my enemies.

23 Prove me, O God, and know my heart; examine me, and know my paths;

24 and see if there is any way of iniquity in me, and lead me in an everlasting way.

Psalm 139 · KJV 140

1 For the end, a Psalm of David.

2 Rescue me, O Lord, from the evil man; deliver me from the unjust man.

3 Who have devised injustice in their hearts; all the day they prepared war.

4 They have sharpened their tongue as the tongue of a serpent; the poison of asps is under their lips. Pause.

5 Keep me, O Lord, from the hand of the sinner; rescue me from unjust men; who have purposed to overthrow my goings.

6 The proud have hid a snare for me, and have stretched out ropes for snares for my feet; they set a stumbling-block for me near the path. Pause.

7 I said to the Lord, You are my God; hearken, O Lord, to the voice of my supplication.

8 O Lord God, the strength of my salvation; you have screened my head in the day of battle.

9 Deliver me not, O Lord, to the sinner, according to my desire: they have devised mischief against me; forsake me not, lest they should be exalted. Pause.

10 As for the head of them that compass me, the mischief of their lips shall cover them.

11 Coals of fire shall fall upon them on the earth; and you shall cast them down in afflictions: they shall not bear up under them.

12 A talkative man shall not prosper on the earth: evils shall hunt the unrighteous man to destruction.

13 I know that the Lord will maintain the cause of the poor, and the right of the needy ones.

14 Surely the righteous shall give thanks to your name: the upright shall dwell in your presence.

Psalm 140 · KJV 141

1 A Psalm of David. O Lord, I have cried to you; hear me: attend to the voice of my supplication, when I cry to you.

2 Let my prayer be set forth before you as incense; the lifting up of my hands as an evening sacrifice.

3 Set a watch, O Lord, on my mouth, and a strong door about my lips.

4 Incline not my heart to evil things, to employ pretexts for sins, with men who work iniquity: and let me not unite with their choice ones.

5 The righteous shall chasten me with mercy, and reprove me: but let not the oil of the sinner anoint my head: for yet shall my prayer also be in their pleasures.

6 Their mighty ones have been swallowed up near the rock: they shall hear my words, for they are sweet.

7 As a lump of earth is crushed upon the ground, our bones have been scattered by the mouth of the grave.

8 For mine eyes are to you, O Lord God: I have hoped in you; take not away my life.

9 Keep me from the snare which they have set for me, and from the stumbling-blocks of them that work iniquity.

10 Sinners shall fall by their own net: I am alone until I shall escape.

Psalm 141 · KJV 142

1 A Psalm of instruction for David, when he was in the cave,—a Prayer.

2 I cried to the Lord with my voice; with my voice I made supplication to the Lord.

3 I will pour out before him my supplication: I will declare before him mine affliction.

4 When my spirit was fainting within me, then you knew my paths; in the very way wherein I was walking, they hid a snare for me.

5 I looked on my right hand, and behold, for there was none that noticed me; refuge failed me; and there was none that cared for my soul.

6 I cried unto you, O Lord, and said, You are my hope, my portion in the land of the living.

7 Attend to my supplication, for I am brought very low; deliver me from them that persecute me; for they are stronger than I.

8 Bring my soul out of prison, that I may give thanks to your name, O Lord; the righteous shall wait for me, until you recompense me.

Psalm 142 · KJV 143

1 A Psalm of David, when his son pursued him. O Lord, attend to my prayer: hearken to my supplication in your truth; hear me in your righteousness.

2 And enter not into judgment with your servant, for in your sight shall no man living be justified.

3 For the enemy has persecuted my soul; he has brought my life down to the ground; he has made me to dwell in a dark place, as those that have been long dead.

4 Therefore my spirit was grieved in me; my heart was troubled within me.

5 I remembered the days of old; and I meditated on all your doings: yea, I meditated on the works of yours hands.

6 I spread forth my hands to you; my soul thirsts for you, as a dry land. Pause.

7 Hear me speedily, O Lord; my spirit has failed; turn not away your face from me, else I shall be like to them that go down to the pit.

8 Cause me to hear your mercy in the morning; for I have hoped in you; make known to me, O Lord, the way wherein I should walk; for I have lifted up my soul to you.

9 Deliver me from mine enemies, O Lord; for I have fled to you for refuge.

10 Teach me to do your will; for you are my God; your good Spirit shall guide me in the straight way.

11 You shall quicken me, O Lord, for your name's sake; in your righteousness you shall bring my soul out of affliction.

12 And in your mercy you will destroy mine enemies, and will destroy all those that afflict my soul; for I am your servant.

Psalm 143 · KJV 144

1 A Psalm of David concerning Goliad. Blessed be the Lord my God, who instructs my hands for battle, and my fingers for war.

2 My mercy, and my refuge; my helper, and my deliverer; my protector, in whom I have trusted; who subdues my people under me.

3 Lord, what is man, that you are made known to him? or the son of man, that you take account of him?

4 Man is like to vanity: his days pass as a shadow.

5 O Lord, bow your heavens, and come down: touch the mountains, and they shall smoke.

6 Send lightning, and you shall scatter them: send forth your arrows, and you shall discomfit them.

7 Send forth yours hand from on high; rescue me, and deliver me out of great waters, out of the hand of strange children;

8 whose mouth has spoken vanity, and their right hand is a right hand of iniquity.

9 O God, I will sing a new song to you: I will play to you on a psaltery of ten strings.

10 Even to him who gives salvation to kings: who redeems his servant David from the hurtful sword.

11 Deliver me, and rescue me from the hand of strange children, whose mouth has spoken vanity, and their right hand is a right hand of iniquity;

12 whose children are as plants, strengthened in their youth: their daughters are beautiful, sumptuously adorned after the similitude of a temple.

13 Their garners are full, and bursting with one kind of store after another; their sheep are prolific, multiplying in their streets.

14 Their oxen are fat: there is no falling down of a hedge, nor going out, nor cry in their folds.

15 Men bless the people to whom this lot belongs, but blessed is the people whose God is the Lord.

Psalm 144 · KJV 145

1 David's Psalm of praise. I will exalt you, my God, my king; and I will bless your name for ever and ever.

2 Every day will I bless you, and I will praise your name for ever and ever.

3 The Lord is great, and greatly to be praised; and there is no end of his greatness.

4 Generation after generation shall praise your works, and tell of your power.

5 And they shall speak of the glorious majesty of your holiness, and recount your wonders.

6 And they shall speak of the power of your terrible acts; and recount your greatness.

7 They shall utter the memory of the abundance of your goodness, and shall exult in your righteousness.

8 The Lord is compassionate, and merciful; long-suffering, and abundant in mercy.

9 The Lord is good to those that wait on him; and his compassions are over all his works.

10 Let all your works, O Lord, give thanks to you; and let your saints bless you.

11 They shall speak of the glory of your kingdom, and talk of your dominion;

12 to make known to the sons of men your power, and the glorious majesty of your kingdom.

13 Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and your dominion endures through all generations.

13a The Lord is faithful in his words, and holy in all his works.

14 The Lord supports all that are falling, and sets up all that are broken down.

15 The eyes of all wait upon you; and you give them their food in due season.

16 You open yours hands, and fill every living thing with pleasure.

17 The Lord is righteous in all his ways, and holy in all his works.

18 The Lord is near to all that call upon him, to all that call upon him in truth.

19 He will perform the desire of them that fear him: and he will hear their supplication, and save them.

20 The Lord preserves all that love him: but all sinners he will utterly destroy.

21 My mouth shall speak the praise of the Lord: and let all flesh bless his holy name for ever and ever.

Psalm 145 · KJV 146

1 Alleluia, a Psalm of Haggai and Zechariah. My soul, praise the Lord.

2 While I live will I praise the Lord: I will sing praises to my God as long as I exist.

3 Trust not in princes, nor in the children of men, in whom there is no safety.

4 His breath shall go forth, and he shall return to his earth; in that day all his thoughts shall perish.

5 Blessed is he whose helper is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the Lord his God:

6 who made heaven, and earth, the sea, and all things in them: who keeps truth for ever:

7 who executes judgment for the wronged: who gives food to the hungry. The Lord looses the fettered ones:

8 the Lord gives wisdom to the blind: The Lord sets up the broken down: the Lord loves the righteous: the Lord preserves the strangers;

9 he will relieve the orphan and widow: but will utterly remove the way of sinners.

10 The Lord shall reign for ever, even your God, O Zion, to all generations.

Psalm 146 · KJV 147:1–11

1 Alleluia, a Psalm of Haggai and Zechariah. Praise you the Lord: for psalmody is a good thing; let praise be sweetly sung to our God.

2 The Lord builds up Jerusalem; and he will gather together the dispersed of Israel.

3 He heals the broken in heart, and binds up their wounds.

4 He numbers the multitudes of stars; and calls them all by names.

5 Great is our Lord, and great is his strength; and his understanding is infinite.

6 The Lord lifts up the meek; but brings sinners down to the ground.

7 Begin the song with thanksgiving to the Lord; sing praises on the harp to our God:

8 who covers the heaven with clouds, who prepares rain for the earth, who causes grass to spring up on the mountains, [and green herb for the service of men;]

9 and gives to cattle their food, and to the young ravens that call upon him.

10 He will not take pleasure in the strength of a horse; neither is he well-pleased with the legs of a man.

11 The Lord takes pleasure in them that fear him, and in all that hope in his mercy.

Psalm 147 · KJV 147:12–20

1 Alleluia, a Psalm of Haggai and Zechariah. Praise the Lord, O Jerusalem; praise your God, O Zion.

2 For he has strengthened the bars of your gates; he has blessed your children within you.

3 He makes your borders peaceful, and fills you with the flour of wheat.

4 He sends his oracle to the earth: his word will run swiftly.

5 He gives snow like wool: he scatters the mist like ashes.

6 Casting forth his ice like morsels: who shall stand before his cold?

7 He shall send out his word, and melt them: he shall blow with his wind, and the waters shall flow.

8 He sends his word to Jacob, his ordinances and judgments to Israel.

9 He has not done so to any other nation; and he has not shewn them his judgments.

Psalm 148 · KJV 148

1 Alleluia, a Psalm of Haggai and Zechariah. Praise you the Lord from the heavens: praise him in the highest.

2 Praise you him, all his angels: praise you him, all his hosts.

3 Praise him, sun and moon: praise him, all you stars and light.

4 Praise him, you heavens of heavens, and the water that is above the heavens.

5 Let them praise the name of the Lord: for he spoke, and they were made; he commanded, and they were created.

6 He has established them for ever, even for ever and ever: he has made an ordinance, and it shall not pass away.

7 Praise the Lord from the earth, you serpents, and all deeps.

8 Fire, hail, snow, ice, stormy wind; the things that perform his word.

9 Mountains, and all hills; fruitful trees, and all cedars:

10 wild beasts, and all cattle; reptiles, and winged birds:

11 kings of the earth, and all peoples; princes, and all judges of the earth:

12 young men and virgins, old men with youths:

13 let them praise the name of the Lord: for his name only is exalted; his praise is above the earth and heaven,

14 and he shall exalt the horn of his people, there is a hymn for all his saints, even of the children of Israel, a people who draw near to him.

Psalm 149 · KJV 149

1 Alleluia. Sing to the Lord a new song: his praise is in the assembly of the saints.

2 Let Israel rejoice in him that made him; and let the children of Zion exult in their king.

3 Let them praise his name in the dance: let them sing praises to him with timbrel and psaltery.

4 For the Lord takes pleasure in his people; and will exalt the meek with salvation.

5 The saints shall rejoice in glory; and shall exult on their beds.

6 The high praises of God shall be in their throat, and two-edged swords in their hands;

7 to execute vengeance on the nations, and punishments among the peoples;

8 to bind their kings with fetters, and their nobles with manacles of iron;

9 to execute on them the judgment written: this honour have all his saints.

Psalm 150 · KJV 150

1 Alleluia. Praise God in his holy places: praise him in the firmament of his power.

2 Praise him on account of his mighty acts: praise him according to his abundant greatness.

3 Praise him with the sound of a trumpet: praise him with psaltery and harp.

4 Praise him with timbrel and dance: praise him with stringed instruments and the organ.

5 Praise him with melodious cymbals: praise him with loud cymbals.

6 Let every thing that has breath praise the Lord.

Proverbs

Chapter 1

1 THE Proverbs of Solomon son of David, who reigned in Israel;

2 to know wisdom and instruction, and to perceive words of understanding;

3 to receive also hard sayings, and to understand true justice, and how to direct judgment;

4 that he might give subtlety to the simple, and to the young man discernment and understanding.

5 For by the hearing of these a wise man will be wiser, and the man of understanding will gain direction;

6 and will understand a parable, and a dark speech; the sayings of the wise also, and riddles.

7 The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom; and there is good understanding to all that practise it: and piety toward God is the beginning of discernment; but the ungodly will set at nought wisdom and instruction.

8 Hear, my son, the instruction of your father, and reject not the rules of your mother.

9 For you shall receive for yours head a crown of graces, and a chain of gold round your neck.

10 My son, let not ungodly men lead you astray, neither consent you to them.

11 If they should exhort you, saying, Come with us, partake in blood, and let us unjustly hide the just man in the earth:

12 and let us swallow him alive, as Hades would, and remove the memorial of him from the earth:

13 let us seize on his valuable property, and let us fill our houses with spoils:

14 but do you cast in your lot with us, and let us all provide a common purse, and let us have one pouch:

15 go not in the way with them, but turn aside your foot from their paths:

17 for nets are not without cause spread for birds.

18 For they that are concerned in murder store up evils for themselves; and the overthrow of transgressors is evil.

19 These are the ways of all that perform lawless deeds; for by ungodliness they destroy their own life.

20 Wisdom sings aloud in passages, and in the broad places speaks boldly.

21 And she makes proclamation on the top of the walls, and sits by the gates of princes; and at the gates of the city boldly says,

22 So long as the simple cleave to justice, they shall not be ashamed: but the foolish being lovers of haughtiness, having become ungodly have hated knowledge, and are become subject to reproofs.

23 Behold, I will bring forth to you the utterance of my breath, and I will instruct you in my speech.

24 Since I called, and you did not hearken; and I spoke at length, and you gave no heed;

25 but you set at nought my counsels, and disregarded my reproofs;

26 therefore I also will laugh at your destruction; and I will rejoice against you when ruin comes upon you:

27 yea when dismay suddenly comes upon you, and your overthrow shall arrive like a tempest; and when tribulation and distress shall come upon you, or when ruin shall come upon you.

28 For it shall be that when you call upon me, I will not hearken to you: wicked men shall seek me, but shall not find me.

29 For they hated wisdom, and did not choose the word of the Lord:

30 neither would they attend to my counsels, but derided my reproofs.

31 Therefore shall they eat the fruits of their own way, and shall be filled with their own ungodliness.

32 For because they wronged the simple, they shall be slain; and an inquisition shall ruin the ungodly.

33 But he that hearkens to me shall dwell in confidence, and shall rest securely from all evil.

Chapter 2

1 My son, if you will receive the utterance of my commandment, and hide it with you;

2 your ear shall hearken to wisdom; you shall also apply yours heart to understanding, and shall apply it to the instruction of your son.

3 For if you shall call to wisdom, and utter your voice for understanding;

4 and if you shall seek it as silver, and search diligently for it as for treasures;

5 then shall you understand the fear of the Lord, and find the knowledge of God.

6 For the Lord gives wisdom; and from his presence come knowledge and understanding,

7 and he treasures up salvation for them that walk uprightly: he will protect their way;

8 that he may guard the righteous ways: and he will preserve the way of them that fear him.

9 Then shall you understand righteousness, and judgment; and shall direct all your course aright.

10 For if wisdom shall come into your understanding, and discernment shall seem pleasing to your soul,

11 good counsel shall guard you, and holy understanding shall keep you;

12 to deliver you from the evil way, and from the man that speaks nothing faithfully.

13 Alas for those who forsake right paths, to walk in ways of darkness;

14 who rejoice in evils, and delight in wicked perverseness;

15 whose paths are crooked, and their courses winding;

16 to remove you far from the straight way, and to estrange you from a righteous purpose. My son, let not evil counsel overtake you,

17 of her who has forsaken the instruction of her youth, and forgotten the covenant of God.

18 For she has fixed her house near death, and guided her wheels near Hades with the giants.

19 None that go by her shall return, neither shall they take hold of right paths, for they are not apprehended of the years of life.

20 For had they gone in good paths, they would have found the paths of righteousness easy.

21 For the upright shall dwell in the earth, and the holy shall be left behind in it.

22 The paths of the ungodly shall perish out of the earth, and transgressors shall be driven away from it.

Chapter 3

1 My son, forget not my laws; but let yours heart keep my words:

2 for length of existence, and years of life, and peace, shall they add to you.

3 Let not mercy and truth forsake you; but bind them about your neck:

4 so shall you find favour: and do you provide things honest in the sight of the Lord, and of men.

5 Trust in God with all yours heart; and be not exalted in your own wisdom.

6 In all your ways acquaint yourself with her, that she may rightly direct your paths.

7 Be not wise in your own conceit; but fear God, and depart from all evil.

8 Then shall there be health to your body, and good keeping to your bones.

9 Honour the Lord with your just labours, and give him the first of your fruits of righteousness:

10 that your storehouses may be completely filled with corn, and that your presses may burst forth with wine.

11 My son, despise not the chastening of the Lord; nor faint when you are rebuked of him:

12 for whom the Lord loves, he rebukes, and scourges every son whom he receives.

13 Blessed is the man who has found wisdom, and the mortal who knows prudence.

14 For it is better to traffic for her, than for treasures of gold and silver.

15 And she is more valuable than precious stones: no evil thing shall resist her: she is well known to all that approach her, and no precious thing is equal to her in value.

16 For length of existence and years of life are in her right hand; and in her left hand are wealth and glory:

16a out of her mouth proceeds righteousness, and she carries law and mercy upon her tongue.

17 Her ways are good ways, and all her paths are peaceful.

18 She is a tree of life to all that lay hold upon her; and she is a secure help to all that stay themselves on her, as on the Lord.

19 God by wisdom founded the earth, and by prudence he prepared the heavens.

20 By understanding were the depths broken up, and the clouds dropped water.

21 My son, let them not pass from you, but keep my counsel and understanding:

22 that your soul may live, and that there may be grace round your neck;

22a and it shall be health to your flesh, and safety to your bones:

23 that you may go confidently in peace in all your ways, and that your foot may not stumble.

24 For if you rest, you shall be undismayed; and if you sleep, you shall slumber sweetly.

25 And you shall not be afraid of alarm coming upon you, neither of approaching attacks of ungodly men.

26 For the Lord shall be over all your ways, and shall establish your foot that you be not moved.

27 Forbear not to do good to the poor, whensoever your hand may have power to help him.

28 Say not, Come back another time, to-morrow I will give; while you are able to do him good: for you know not what the next day will bring forth.

29 Devise not evil against your friend, living near you and trusting in you.

30 Be not ready to quarrel with a man without a cause, lest he do you some harm.

31 Procure not the reproaches of bad men, neither do you covet their ways.

32 For every transgressor is unclean before the Lord; neither does he sit among the righteous.

33 The curse of God is in the houses of the ungodly; but the habitations of the just are blessed.

34 The Lord resists the proud; but he gives grace to the humble.

35 The wise shall inherit glory; but the ungodly have exalted their own dishonour.

Chapter 4

1 Hear, you children, the instruction of a father, and attend to know understanding.

2 For I give you a good gift; forsake you not my law.

3 For I also was a son obedient to my father, and loved in the sight of my mother:

4 who spoke and instructed me, saying, Let our speech be fixed in yours heart, keep our commandments, forget them not:

5 and do not neglect the speech of my mouth.

6 And forsake it not, and it shall cleave to you: love it, and it shall keep you.

8 Secure it, and it shall exalt you: honour it, that it may embrace you;

9 that it may give unto your head a crown of graces, and may cover you with a crown of delight.

10 Hear, my son, and receive my words; and the years of your life shall be increased, that the resources of your life may be many.

11 For I teach you the ways of wisdom; and I cause you to go in right paths.

12 For when you go, your steps shall not be straitened; and when you run, you shall not be distressed.

13 Take hold of my instruction; let it not go,—but keep it for yourself for your life.

14 Go not in the ways of the ungodly, neither covet the ways of transgressors.

15 In whatever place they shall pitch their camp, go not thither; but turn from them, and pass away.

16 For they cannot sleep, unless they have done evil: their sleep is taken away, and they rest not.

17 For these live upon the bread of ungodliness, and are drunken with wine of transgression.

18 But the ways of the righteous shine like light; they go on and shine, until the day be fully come.

19 But the ways of the ungodly are dark; they know not how they stumble.

20 My son, attend to my speech; and apply your ear to my words:

21 that your fountains may not fail you; keep them in yours heart.

22 For they are life to those that find them, and health to all their flesh.

23 Keep yours heart with the utmost care; for out of these are the issues of life.

24 Remove from you a froward mouth, and put far away from you unjust lips.

25 Let your eyes look right on, and let your eyelids assent to just things.

26 Make straight paths for your feet, and order your ways aright.

27 Turn not aside to the right hand nor to the left, but turn away your foot from an evil way:

27a [for God knows the ways on the right hand, but those on the left are crooked:]

27b and he will make your ways straight, and will guide your steps in peace.

Chapter 5

1 My son, attend to my wisdom, and apply your ear to my words;

2 that you may keep good understanding, and the discretion of my lips gives you a charge. Give no heed to a worthless woman;

3 for honey drops from the lips of a harlot, who for a season pleases your palate:

4 but afterwards you will find her more bitter than gall, and sharper than a two-edged sword.

5 For the feet of folly lead those who deal with her down to the grave with death; and her steps are not established.

6 For she goes not upon the paths of life; but her ways are slippery, and not easily known.

7 Now then, my son, hear me, and make not my words of none effect.

8 Remove your way far from her; draw not near to the doors of her house:

9 lest you give away your life to others, and your substance to the merciless:

10 lest strangers be filled with your strength, and your labours come into the houses of strangers;

11 and you repent at last, when the flesh of your body is consumed,

12 and you shall say, How have I hated instruction, and my heart avoided reproofs!

13 I heard not the voice of him that instructed me, and taught me, neither did I apply mine ear.

14 I was almost in all evil in the midst of the congregation and assembly.

15 Drink waters out of your own vessels, and out of your own springing wells.

16 Let not waters out of your fountain be spilt by you, but let your waters go into your streets.

17 Let them be only your own, and let no stranger partake with you.

18 Let your fountain of water be truly your own; and rejoice with the wife of your youth.

19 Let your loving hart and your graceful colt company with you, and let her be considered your own, and be with you at all times; for ravished with her love you shall be greatly increased.

20 Be not intimate with a strange woman, neither fold yourself in the arms of a woman not your own.

21 For the ways of a man are before the eyes of God, and he looks on all his paths.

22 Iniquities ensnare a man, and every one is bound in the chains of his own sins.

23 Such a man dies with the uninstructed; and he is cast forth from the abundance of his own substance, and has perished through folly.

Chapter 6

1 My son, if you become surety for your friend, you shall deliver yours hand to an enemy.

2 For a man's own lips become a strong snare to him, and he is caught with the lips of his own mouth.

3 My son, do what I command you, and deliver yourself; for on your friend's account you are come into the power of evil men: faint not, but stir up even your friend for whom you are become surety.

4 Give not sleep to your eyes, nor slumber with your eyelids;

5 that you may deliver yourself as a doe out of the toils, and as a bird out of a snare.

6 Go to the ant, O sluggard; and see, and emulate his ways, and become wiser than he.

7 For whereas he has no husbandry, nor any one to compel him, and is under no master,

8 he prepares food for himself in the summer, and lays by abundant store in harvest.

8a Or go to the bee, and learn how diligent she is, and how earnestly she is engaged in her work;

8b whose labours kings and private men use for health, and she is desired and respected by all:

8c though weak in body, she is advanced by honouring wisdom.

9 How long will you lie, O sluggard? and when will you awake out of sleep?

10 You sleep a little, and you rest a little, and you slumber a short time, and you fold your arms over your breast a little.

11 Then poverty comes upon you as an evil traveller, and want as a swift courier:

11a but if you be diligent, yours harvest shall arrive as a fountain, and poverty shall flee away as a bad courier.

12 A foolish man and a transgressor goes in ways that are not good.

13 And the same winks with the eye, and makes a sign with his foot, and teaches with the beckonings of his fingers.

14 His perverse heart devises evils: at all times such a one causes troubles to a city.

15 Therefore his destruction shall come suddenly; overthrow and irretrievable ruin.

16 For he rejoices in all things which God hates, and he is ruined by reason of impurity of soul.

17 The eye of the haughty, a tongue unjust, hands shedding the blood of the just;

18 and a heart devising evil thoughts, and feet hastening to do evil,—are hateful to God.

19 An unjust witness kindles falsehoods, and brings on quarrels between brethren.

20 My son, keep the laws of your father, and reject not the ordinances of your mother:

21 but bind them upon your soul continually, and hang them as a chain about your neck.

22 Whensoever you walk, lead this along and let it be with you; and when you sleep let it keep you; that it may talk with you when you wake.

23 For the commandment of the law is a lamp and a light; a way of life; reproof also and correction:

24 to keep you continually from a married woman, and from the calumny of a strange tongue.

25 Let not the desire of beauty overcome you, neither be you caught by your eyes, neither be captivated with her eyelids.

26 For the value of a harlot is as much as of one loaf; and a woman hunts for the precious souls of men.

27 Shall any one bind fire in his bosom, and not burn his garments?

28 or will any one walk on coals of fire, and not burn his feet?

29 So is he that goes in to a married woman; he shall not be held guiltless, neither any one that touches her.

30 It is not to be wondered at if one should be taken stealing, for he steals that when hungry he may satisfy his soul:

31 but if he should be taken, he shall repay sevenfold, and shall deliver himself by giving all his goods.

32 But the adulterer through want of sense procures destruction to his soul.

33 He endures both pain and disgrace, and his reproach shall never be wiped off.

34 For the soul of her husband is full of jealousy: he will not spare in the day of vengeance.

35 He will not forego his enmity for any ransom: neither will he be reconciled for many gifts.

Chapter 7

1 My son, keep my words, and hide with you my commandments.

1a My son, honour the Lord, and you shall be strong; and fear none but him:

2 keep my commandments, and you shall live; and keep my words as the pupils of your eyes.

3 And bind them on your fingers, and write them on the table of yours heart.

4 Say that wisdom is your sister, and gain prudence as an acquaintance for yourself;

5 that she may keep you from the strange and wicked woman, if she should assail you with flattering words.

6 For she looks from a window out of her house into the streets, at one whom she may see of the senseless ones, a young man void of understanding,

7 passing by the corner in the passages near her house,

8 and speaking, in the dark of the evening,

9 when there happens to be the stillness of night and of darkness:

10 and the woman meets him having the appearance of a harlot, that causes the hearts of young men to flutter.

11 And she is fickle, and debauched, and her feet abide not at home.

12 For at one time she wanders without, and at another time she lies in wait in the streets, at every corner.

13 Then she caught him, and kissed him, and with an impudent face said to him,

14 I have a peace-offering; to-day I pay my vows:

15 therefore I came forth to meet you, desiring your face; and I have found you.

16 I have spread my bed with sheets, and I have covered it with double tapestry from Egypt.

17 I have sprinkled my couch with saffron, and my house with cinnamon.

18 Come, and let us enjoy love until the morning; come, and let us embrace in love.

19 For my husband is not at home, but is gone on a long journey,

20 having taken in his hand a bundle of money: after many days he will return to his house.

21 So with much converse she prevailed on him to go astray, and with the snares of her lips she forced him from the right path.

22 And he followed her, being gently led on, and that as an ox is led to the slaughter, and as a dog to bonds, or as a hart shot in the liver with an arrow:

23 and he hastens as a bird into a snare, not knowing that he is running for his life.

24 Now then, my son, hearken to me, and attend to the words of my mouth.

25 Let not yours heart turn aside to her ways:

26 for she has wounded and cast down many, and those whom she has slain are innumerable.

27 Her house is the way of hell, leading down to the chambers of death.

Chapter 8

1 You shall proclaim wisdom, that understanding may be obedient to you.

2 For she is on lofty eminences, and stands in the midst of the ways.

3 For she sits by the gates of princes, and sings in the entrances, saying,

4 You, O men, I exhort; and utter my voice to the sons of men.

5 O you simple, understand subtlety, and you that are untaught, imbibe knowledge.

6 Hearken to me; for I will speak solemn truths; and will produce right sayings from my lips.

7 For my throat shall meditate truth; and false lips are an abomination before me.

8 All the words of my mouth are in righteousness; there is nothing in them wrong or perverse.

9 They are all evident to those that understand, and right to those that find knowledge.

10 Receive instruction, and not silver; and knowledge rather than tried gold.

11 For wisdom is better than precious stones; and no valuable substance is of equal worth with it.

12 I wisdom have dwelt with counsel and knowledge, and I have called upon understanding.

13 The fear of the Lord hates unrighteousness, and insolence, and pride, and the ways of wicked men; and I hate the perverse ways of bad men.

14 Counsel and safety are mine: prudence is mine, and strength is mine.

15 By me kings reign, and princes decree justice.

16 By me nobles become great, and monarchs by me rule over the earth.

17 I love those that love me; and they that seek me shall find me.

18 Wealth and glory belong to me; yea, abundant possessions and righteousness.

19 It is better to have my fruit than to have gold and precious stones; and my produce is better than choice silver.

20 I walk in ways of righteousness, and am conversant with the paths of judgment;

21 that I may divide substance to them that love me, and may fill their treasures with good things.

21a If I declare to you the things that daily happen, I will remember also to recount the things of old.

22 The Lord made me the beginning of his ways for his works.

23 He established me before time was in the beginning, before he made the earth:

24 even before he made the depths; before the fountains of water came forth:

25 before the mountains were settled, and before all hills, he begets me.

26 The Lord made countries and uninhabited tracts, and the highest inhabited parts of the world.

27 When he prepared the heaven, I was present with him; and when he prepared his throne upon the winds:

28 and when he strengthened the clouds above; and when he secured the fountains of the earth:

29 and when he strengthened the foundations of the earth:

30 I was by him, suiting myself to him, I was that wherein he took delight; and daily I rejoiced in his presence continually.

31 For he rejoiced when he had completed the world, and rejoiced among the children of men.

32 Now then, my son, hear me: blessed is the man who shall hearken to me, and the mortal who shall keep my ways;

34 watching daily at my doors, waiting at the posts of my entrances.

35 For my outgoings are the outgoings of life, and in them is prepared favour from the Lord.

36 But they that sin against me act wickedly against their own souls: and they that hate me love death.

Chapter 9

1 Wisdom has built a house for herself, and set up seven pillars.

2 She has killed her beasts; she has mingled her wine in a bowl, and prepared her table.

3 She has sent forth her servants, calling with a loud proclamation to the feast, saying,

4 Whoso is foolish, let him turn aside to me: and to them that want understanding she says,

5 Come, eat of my bread, and drink wine which I have mingled for you.

6 Leave folly, that you may reign for ever; and seek wisdom, and improve understanding by knowledge.

7 He that reproves evil men shall get dishonour to himself; and he that rebukes an ungodly man shall disgrace himself.

8 Rebuke not evil men, lest they should hate you: rebuke a wise man, and he will love you.

9 Give an opportunity to a wise man, and he will be wiser: instruct a just man, and he will receive more instruction.

10 The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom, and the counsel of saints is understanding:

10a for to know the law is the character of a sound mind.

11 For in this way you shall live long, and years of your life shall be added to you.

12 Son, if you be wise for yourself, you shall also be wise for your neighbours; and if you should prove wicked, you alone will bear the evil.

12a He that stays himself upon falsehoods, attempts to rule the winds, and the same will pursue birds in their flight:

12b for he has forsaken the ways of his own vineyard, and he has caused the axles of his own husbandry to go astray;

12c and he goes through a dry desert, and a land appointed to drought, and he gathers barrenness with his hands.

13 A foolish and bold woman, who knows not modesty, comes to want a morsel.

14 She sits at the doors of her house, on a seat openly in the streets,

15 calling to passers by, and to those that are going right on their ways;

16 saying, Whoso is most senseless of you, let him turn aside to me; and I exhort those that want prudence, saying,

17 Take and enjoy secret bread, and the sweet water of theft.

18 But he knows that mighty men die by her, and he falls in with a snare of hell.

18a But hasten away, delay not in the place, neither fix your eye upon her:

18b for thus shall you go through strange water;

18c but do you abstain from strange water, and drink not of a strange fountain,

18d that you may live long, and years of life may be added to you.

Chapter 10

1 A wise son makes his father glad: but a foolish son is a grief to his mother.

2 Treasures shall not profit the lawless: but righteousness shall deliver from death.

3 The Lord will not famish a righteous soul: but he will overthrow the life of the ungodly.

4 Poverty brings a man low: but the hands of the vigorous make rich.

4a A son who is instructed shall be wise, and shall use the fool for a servant.

5 A wise son is saved from heat: but a lawless son is blighted of the winds in harvest.

6 The blessing of the Lord is upon the head of the just: but untimely grief shall cover the mouth of the ungodly.

7 The memory of the just is praised; but the name of the ungodly man is extinguished.

8 A wise man in heart will receive commandments; but he that is unguarded in his lips shall be overthrown in his perverseness.

9 He that walks simply, walks confidently; but he that perverts his ways shall be known.

10 He that winks with his eyes deceitfully, procures griefs for men; but he that reproves boldly is a peacemaker.

11 There is a fountain of life in the hand of a righteous man; but destruction shall cover the mouth of the ungodly.

12 Hatred stirs up strife; but affection covers all that do not love strife.

13 He that brings forth wisdom from his lips smites the fool with a rod.

14 The wise will hide discretion; but the mouth of the hasty draws near to ruin.

15 The wealth of rich men is a strong city; but poverty is the ruin of the ungodly.

16 The works of the righteous produce life; but the fruits of the ungodly produce sins.

17 Instruction keeps the right ways of life; but instruction unchastened goes astray.

18 Righteous lips cover enmity; but they that utter railings are most foolish.

19 By a multitude of words you shall not escape sin; but if you refrain your lips you will be prudent.

20 The tongue of the just is tried silver; but the heart of the ungodly shall fail.

21 The lips of the righteous know sublime truths: but the foolish die in want.

22 The blessing of the Lord is upon the head of the righteous; it enriches him, and grief of heart shall not be added to it.

23 A fool does mischief in sport; but wisdom brings forth prudence for a man.

24 The ungodly is engulphed in destruction; but the desire of the righteous is acceptable.

25 When the storm passes by, the ungodly vanishes away; but the righteous turns aside and escapes for ever.

26 As a sour grape is hurtful to the teeth, and smoke to the eyes, so iniquity hurts those that practise it.

27 The fear of the Lord adds length of days: but the years of the ungodly shall be shortened.

28 Joy rests long with the righteous: but the hope of the ungodly shall perish.

29 The fear of the Lord is a strong hold of the saints: but ruin comes to them that work wickedness.

30 The righteous shall never fail: but the ungodly shall not dwell in the earth.

31 The mouth of the righteous drops wisdom: but the tongue of the unjust shall perish.

32 The lips of just men drop grace: but the mouth of the ungodly is perverse.

Chapter 11

1 False balances are an abomination before the Lord: but a just weight is acceptable unto him.

2 Wherever pride enters, there will be also disgrace: but the mouth of the lowly meditates wisdom.

3 When a just man dies he leaves regret: but the destruction of the ungodly is speedy, and causes joy.

5 Righteousness traces out blameless paths: but ungodliness encounters unjust dealing.

6 The righteousness of upright men delivers them: but transgressors are caught in their own destruction.

7 At the death of a just man his hope does not perish: but the boast of the ungodly perishes.

8 A righteous man escapes from a snare, and the ungodly man is delivered up in his place.

9 In the mouth of ungodly men is a snare to citizens: but the understanding of righteous men is prosperous.

10 In the prosperity of righteous men a city prospers:

11 but by the mouths of ungodly men it is overthrown.

12 A man void of understanding sneers at his fellow citizens: but a sensible man is quiet.

13 A double-tongued man discloses the secret counsels of an assembly: but he that is faithful in spirit conceals matters.

14 They that have no guidance fall like leaves: but in much counsel there is safety.

15 A bad man does harm wherever he meets a just man: and he hates the sound of safety.

16 A gracious wife brings glory to her husband: but a woman hating righteousness is a theme of dishonour. The slothful come to want: but the diligent support themselves with wealth.

17 A merciful man does good to his own soul: but the merciless destroys his own body.

18 An ungodly man performs unrighteous works: but the seed of the righteous is a reward of truth.

19 A righteous son is born for life: but the persecution of the ungodly ends in death.

20 Perverse ways are an abomination to the Lord: but all they that are blameless in their ways are acceptable to him.

21 He that unjustly strikes hands shall not be unpunished: but he that sows righteousness shall receive a faithful reward.

22 As an ornament in a swine's snout, so is beauty to an ill-minded woman.

23 All the desire of the righteous is good: but the hope of the ungodly shall perish.

24 There are some who scatter their own, and make it more: and there are some also who gather, yet have less.

25 Every sincere soul is blessed: but a passionate man is not graceful.

26 May he that hoards corn leave it to the nation: but blessing be on the head of him that gives it.

27 He that devises good counsels seeks good favour: but as for him that seeks after evil, evil shall overtake him.

28 He that trusts in wealth shall fall; but he that helps righteous men shall rise.

29 He that deals not graciously with his own house shall inherit the wind; and the fool shall be servant to the wise man.

30 Out of the fruit of righteousness grows a tree of life; but the souls of transgressors are cut off before their time.

31 If the righteous scarcely be saved, where shall the ungodly and the sinner appear?

Chapter 12

1 He that loves instruction loves sense, but he that hates reproofs is a fool.

2 He that has found favour with the Lord is made better; but a transgressor shall be passed over in silence.

3 A man shall not prosper by wickedness; but the roots of the righteous shall not be taken up.

4 A virtuous woman is a crown to her husband; but as a worm in wood, so a bad woman destroys her husband.

5 The thoughts of the righteous are true judgments; but ungodly men devise deceits.

6 The words of ungodly men are crafty; but the mouth of the upright shall deliver them.

7 When the ungodly is overthrown, he vanishes away; but the houses of the just remain.

8 The mouth of an understanding man is praised by a man; but he that is dull of heart is had in derision.

9 Better is a man in dishonour serving himself, than one honouring himself and wanting bread.

10 A righteous man has pity for the lives of his cattle; but the bowels of the ungodly are unmerciful.

11 He that tills his own land shall be satisfied with bread; but they that pursue vanities are void of understanding.

11a He that enjoys himself in banquets of wine, shall leave dishonour in his own strong holds.

12 The desires of the ungodly are evil; but the roots of the godly are firmly set.

13 For the sin of his lips a sinner falls into snares; but a righteous man escapes from them.

13a He whose looks are gentle shall be pitied, but he that contends in the gates will afflict souls.

14 The soul of a man shall be filled with good from the fruits of his mouth; and the recompence of his lips shall be given to him.

15 The ways of fools are right in their own eyes; but a wise man hearkens to counsels.

16 A fool declares his wrath the same day; but a prudent man hides his own disgrace.

17 A righteous man declares the open truth; but an unjust witness is deceitful.

18 Some wound as they speak, like swords; but the tongues of the wise heal.

19 True lips establish testimony; but a hasty witness has an unjust tongue.

20 There is deceit in the heart of him that imagines evil; but they that love peace shall rejoice.

21 No injustice will please a just man; but the ungodly will be filled with mischief.

22 Lying lips are an abomination to the Lord; but he that deals faithfully is accepted with him.

23 An understanding man is a throne of wisdom; but the heart of fools shall meet with curses.

24 The hand of chosen men shall easily obtain rule; but the deceitful shall be for a prey.

25 A terrible word troubles the heart of a righteous man; but a good message rejoices him.

26 A just arbitrator shall be his own friend; but mischief shall pursue sinners; and the way of ungodly men shall lead them astray.

27 A deceitful man shall catch no game; but a blameless man is a precious possession.

28 In the ways of righteousness is life; but the ways of those that remember injuries lead to death.

Chapter 13

1 A wise son is obedient to his father: but a disobedient son will be destroyed.

2 A good man shall eat of the fruits of righteousness: but the lives of transgressors shall perish before their time.

3 He that keeps his own mouth keeps his own life: but he that is hasty with his lips shall bring terror upon himself.

4 Every slothful man desires, but the hands of the active are diligent.

5 A righteous man hates an unjust word: but an ungodly man is ashamed, and will have no confidence.

7 There are some who, having nothing, enrich themselves: and there are some who bring themselves down in the midst of much wealth.

8 A man's own wealth is the ransom of his life: but the poor endures not threatening.

9 The righteous always have light: but the light of the ungodly is quenched.

9a Crafty souls go astray in sins: but just men pity, and are merciful.

10 A bad man does evil with insolence: but they that are judges of themselves are wise.

11 Wealth gotten hastily with iniquity is diminished: but he that gathers for himself with godliness shall be increased. The righteous is merciful, and lends.

12 Better is he that begins to help heartily, than he that promises and leads another to hope: for a good desire is a tree of life.

13 He that slights a matter shall be slighted of it: but he that fears the commandment has health of soul.

13a To a crafty son there shall be nothing good: but a wise servant shall have prosperous doings, and his way shall be directed aright.

14 The law of the wise is a fountain of life: but the man void of understanding shall die by a snare.

15 Sound discretion gives favour, and to know the law is the part of a sound understanding: but the ways of scorners tend to destruction.

16 Every prudent man acts with knowledge: but the fool displays his own mischief.

17 A rash king shall fall into mischief: but a wise messenger shall deliver him.

18 Instruction removes poverty and disgrace: but he that attends to reproofs shall be honoured.

19 The desires of the godly gladden the soul, but the works of the ungodly are far from knowledge.

20 If you walk with wise men you shall be wise: but he that walks with fools shall be known.

21 Evil shall pursue sinners; but good shall overtake the righteous.

22 A good man shall inherit children's children; and the wealth of ungodly men is laid up for the just.

23 The righteous shall spend many years in wealth: but the unrighteous shall perish suddenly.

24 He that spares the rod hates his son: but he that loves, carefully chastens him.

25 A just man eats and satisfies his soul: but the souls of the ungodly are in want.

Chapter 14

1 Wise women build houses: but a foolish one digs hers down with her hands.

2 He that walks uprightly fears the Lord; but he that is perverse in his ways shall be dishonoured.

3 Out of the mouth of fools comes a rod of pride; but the lips of the wise preserve them.

4 Where no oxen are, the cribs are clean; but where there is abundant produce, the strength of the ox is apparent.

5 A faithful witness does not lie; but an unjust witness kindles falsehoods.

6 You shall seek wisdom with bad men, and shall not find it; but discretion is easily available with the prudent.

7 All things are adverse to a foolish man; but wise lips are the weapons of discretion.

8 The wisdom of the prudent will understand their ways; but the folly of fools leads astray.

9 The houses of transgressors will need purification; but the houses of the just are acceptable.

10 If a man's mind is intelligent, his soul is sorrowful; and when he rejoices, he has no fellowship with pride.

11 The houses of ungodly men shall be utterly destroyed; but the tabernacles of them that walk uprightly shall stand.

12 There is a way which seems to be right with men, but the ends of it reach to the depth of hell.

13 Grief mingles not with mirth; and joy in the end comes to grief.

14 A stout-hearted man shall be filled with his own ways; and a good man with his own thoughts.

15 The simple believes every word: but the prudent man betakes himself to after-thought.

16 A wise man fears, and departs from evil; but the fool trusts in himself, and joins himself with the transgressor.

17 A passionate man acts inconsiderately; but a sensible man bears up under many things.

18 Fools shall have mischief for their portion; but the prudent shall take fast hold of understanding.

19 Evil men shall fall before the good; and the ungodly shall attend at the gates of the righteous.

20 Friends will hate poor friends; but the friends of the rich are many.

21 He that dishonours the needy sins: but he that has pity on the poor is most blessed.

22 They that go astray devise evils: but the good devise mercy and truth. The framers of evil do not understand mercy and truth: but compassion and faithfulness are with the framers of good.

23 With every one who is careful there is abundance: but the pleasuretaking and indolent shall be in want.

24 A prudent man is the crown of the wise: but the occupation of fools is evil.

25 A faithful witness shall deliver a soul from evil: but a deceitful man kindles falsehoods.

26 In the fear of the Lord is strong confidence: and he leaves his children a support.

27 The commandment of the Lord is a fountain of life; and it causes men to turn aside from the snare of death.

28 In a populous nation is the glory of a king: but in the failure of people is the ruin of a prince.

29 A man slow to wrath abounds in wisdom: but a man of impatient spirit is very foolish.

30 A meek-spirited man is a healer of the heart: but a sensitive heart is a corruption of the bones.

31 He that oppresses the needy provokes his Maker: but he that honours him has pity upon the poor.

32 The ungodly shall be driven away in his wickedness: but he who is secure in his own holiness is just.

33 There is wisdom in the good heart of a man: but in the heart of fools it is not discerned.

34 Righteousness exalts a nation: but sins diminish tribes.

35 An understanding servant is acceptable to a king; and by his good behaviour he removes disgrace.

Chapter 15

1 Anger slays even wise men; yet a submissive answer turns away wrath: but a grievous word stirs up anger.

2 The tongue of the wise knows what is good: but the mouth of the foolish tells out evil things.

3 The eyes of the Lord behold both the evil and the good in every place.

4 The wholesome tongue is a tree of life, and he that keeps it shall be filled with understanding.

5 A fool scorns his father's instruction: but he that keeps his commandments is more prudent. In abounding righteousness is great strength: but the ungodly shall utterly perish from the earth.

6 In the houses of the righteous is much strength: but the fruits of the ungodly shall perish.

7 The lips of the wise are bound by discretion: but the hearts of the foolish are not safe.

8 The sacrifices of the ungodly are an abomination to the Lord; but the prayers of them that walk honestly are acceptable with him.

9 The ways of an ungodly man are an abomination to the Lord; but he loves those that follow after righteousness.

10 The instruction of the simple is known by them that pass by; but they that hate reproofs die disgracefully.

11 Hell and destruction are manifest to the Lord; how shall not also be the hearts of men?

12 An uninstructed person will not love those that reprove him; neither will he associate with the wise.

13 When the heart rejoices the countenance is cheerful; but when it is in sorrow, the countenance is sad.

14 An upright heart seeks discretion; but the mouth of the uninstructed will experience evils.

15 The eyes of the wicked are always looking for evil things; but the good are always quiet.

16 Better is a small portion with the fear of the Lord, than great treasures without the fear of the Lord.

17 Better is an entertainment of herbs with friendliness and kindness, than a feast of calves, with enmity.

18 A passionate man stirs up strife; but he that is slow to anger appeases even a rising one.

18a A man slow to anger will extinguish quarrels; but an ungodly man rather stirs them up.

19 The ways of sluggards are strewn with thorns; but those of the diligent are made smooth.

20 A wise son gladdens his father; but a foolish son sneers at his mother.

21 The ways of a foolish man are void of sense; but a wise man proceeds on his way aright.

22 They that honour not councils put off deliberation; but counsel abides in the hearts of counsellors.

23 A bad man will by no means attend to counsel; neither will he say anything seasonable, or good for the common weal.

24 The thoughts of the wise are ways of life, that he may turn aside and escape from hell.

25 The Lord pulls down the houses of scorners; but he establishes the border of the widow.

26 An unrighteous thought is abomination to the Lord; but the sayings of the pure are held in honour.

27 A receiver of bribes destroys himself; but he that hates the receiving of bribes is safe.

27a [By alms and by faithful dealings sins are purged away;] but by the fear of the Lord every one departs from evil.

28 The hearts of the righteous meditate faithfulness; but the mouth of the ungodly answers evil things.

28a The ways of righteous men are acceptable with the Lord; and through them even enemies become friends.

29 God is far from the ungodly; but he hearkens to the prayers of the righteous.

29a Better are small receipts with righteousness, than abundant fruits with unrighteousness.

29b Let the heart of a man think justly, that his steps may be rightly ordered of God.

30 The eye that sees rightly rejoices the heart; and a good report fattens the bones.

32 He that rejects instruction hates himself; but he that minds reproofs loves his soul.

33 The fear of the Lord is instruction and wisdom; and the highest honour will correspond therewith.

Chapter 16

2 All the works of the humble man are manifest with God; but the ungodly shall perish in an evil day.

5 Every one that is proud in heart is unclean before God, and he that unjustly strikes hands with hand shall not be held guiltless.

7 The beginning of a good way is to do justly; and it is more acceptable with God than to offer sacrifices.

8 He that seeks the Lord shall find knowledge with righteousness: and they that rightly seek him shall find peace.

9 All the works of the Lord are done with righteousness; and the ungodly man is kept for the evil day.

10 There is an oracle upon the lips of a king; and his mouth shall not err in judgment.

11 The poise of the balance is righteousness with the Lord; and his works are righteous measures.

12 An evil-doer is an abomination to a king; for the throne of rule is established by righteousness.

13 Righteous lips are acceptable to a king; and he loves right words.

14 The anger of a king is a messenger of death; but a wise man will pacify him.

15 The son of a king is in the light of life; and they that are in favour with him are as a cloud of latter rain.

16 The brood of wisdom is more to be chosen than gold, and the brood of prudence more to be chosen than silver.

17 The paths of life turn aside from evil; and the ways of righteousness are length of life. He that receives instruction shall be in prosperity; and he that regards reproofs shall be made wise. He that keeps his ways, preserves his own soul; and he that loves his life will spare his mouth.

18 Pride goes before destruction, and folly before a fall.

19 Better is a meek-spirited man with lowliness, than one who divides spoils with the proud.

20 He who is skilful in business finds good: but he that trusts in God is most blessed.

21 Men call the wise and understanding evil: but they that are pleasing in speech shall hear more.

22 Understanding is a fountain of life to its possessors; but the instruction of fools is evil.

23 The heart of the wise will discern the things which proceed from his own mouth; and on his lips he will wear knowledge.

24 Good words are honeycombs, and the sweetness thereof is a healing of the soul.

25 There are ways that seem to be right to a man, but the end of them looks to the depth of hell.

26 A man who labours, labours for himself, and drives from him his own ruin.

27 But the perverse bears destruction upon his own mouth: a foolish man digs up evil for himself, and treasures fire on his own lips.

28 A perverse man spreads mischief, and will kindle a torch of deceit with mischiefs; and he separates friends.

29 A transgressor tries to ensnare friends, and leads them in ways that are not good.

30 And the man that fixes his eyes devises perverse things, and marks out with his lips all evils: he is a furnace of wickedness.

31 Old age is a crown of honour, but it is found in the ways of righteousness.

32 A man slow to anger is better than a strong man; and he that governs his temper better than he that takes a city.

33 All evils come upon the ungodly into their bosoms; but all righteous things come of the Lord.

Chapter 17

1 Better is a morsel with pleasure in peace, than a house full of many good things and unjust sacrifices, with strife.

2 A wise servant shall have rule over foolish masters, and shall divide portions among brethren.

3 As silver and gold are tried in a furnace, so are choice hearts with the Lord.

4 A bad man hearkens to the tongue of transgressors: but a righteous man attends not to false lips.

5 He that laughs at the poor provokes him that made him; and he that rejoices at the destruction of another shall not be held guiltless: but he that has compassion shall find mercy.

6 Children's children are the crown of old men; and their fathers are the glory of children.

6a The faithful has the whole world full of wealth; but the faithless not even a farthing.

7 Faithful lips will not suit a fool; nor lying lips a just man.

8 Instruction is to them that use it a gracious reward: and whithersoever it may turn, it shall prosper.

9 He that conceals injuries seeks love; but he that hates to hide them separates friends and kindred.

10 A threat breaks down the heart of a wise man; but a fool, though scourged, understands not.

11 Every bad man stirs up strifes: but the Lord will send out against him an unmerciful messenger.

12 Care may befall a man of understanding; but fools will meditate evils.

13 Whoso rewards evil for good, evil shall not be removed from his house.

14 Rightful rule gives power to words; but sedition and strife precede poverty.

15 He that pronounces the unjust just, and the just unjust, is unclean and abominable with God.

16 Why has the fool wealth? for a senseless man will not be able to purchase wisdom.

16a He that exalts his own house seeks ruin; and he that turns aside from instruction shall fall into mischiefs.

17 Have you a friend for every time, and let brethren be useful in distress; for on this account are they born.

18 A foolish man applauds and rejoices over himself, as he also that becomes surety would make himself responsible for his own friends.

19 A lover of sin rejoices in strifes;

20 and the hard-hearted man comes not in for good. A man of a changeful tongue will fall into mischiefs;

21 and the heart of a fool is grief to its possessor. A father rejoices not over an uninstructed son; but a wise son gladdens his mother.

22 A glad heart promotes health; but the bones of a sorrowful man dry up.

23 The ways of a man who unjustly receives gifts in his bosom do not prosper; and an ungodly man perverts the ways of righteousness.

24 The countenance of a wise man is sensible; but the eyes of a fool go to the ends of the earth.

25 A foolish son is a cause of anger to his father, and grief to her that bore him.

26 It is not right to punish a righteous man, nor is it holy to plot against righteous princes.

27 He that forbears to utter a hard word is discreet, and a patient man is wise.

28 Wisdom shall be imputed to a fool who asks after wisdom: and he who holds his peace shall seem to be sensible.

Chapter 18

1 A man who wishes to separate from friends seeks excuses; but at all times he will be liable to reproach.

2 A senseless man feels no need of wisdom, for he is rather led by folly.

3 When an ungodly man comes into a depth of evils, he despises them; but dishonour and reproach come upon him.

4 A word in the heart of a man is a deep water, and a river and fountain of life spring forth.

5 It is not good to accept the person of the ungodly, nor is it holy to pervert justice in judgment.

6 The lips of a fool bring him into troubles, and his bold mouth calls for death.

7 A fool's mouth is ruin to him, and his lips are a snare to his soul.

8 Fear casts down the slothful; and the souls of the effeminate shall hunger.

9 A man who helps not himself by his labour is brother of him that ruins himself.

10 The name of the Lord is of great strength; and the righteous running to it are exalted.

11 The wealth of a rich man is a strong city; and its glory casts a broad shadow.

12 Before ruin a man's heart is exalted, and before honour it is humble.

13 Whoso answers a word before he hears a cause, it is folly and reproach to him.

14 A wise servant calms a man's anger; but who can endure a faint-hearted man?

15 The heart of the sensible man purchases discretion; and the ears of the wise seek understanding.

16 A man's gift enlarges him, and seats him among princes.

17 A righteous man accuses himself at the beginning of his speech, but when he has entered upon the attack, the adversary is reproved.

18 A silent man quells strifes, and determines between great powers.

19 A brother helped by a brother is as a strong and high city; and is as strong as a well-founded palace.

20 A man fills his belly with the fruits of his mouth; and he shall be satisfied with the fruits of his lips.

21 Life and death are in the power of the tongue; and they that rule it shall eat the fruits thereof.

22 He that has found a good wife has found favours, and has received gladness from God.

22a [He that puts away a good wife, puts away a good thing, and he that keeps an adulteress is foolish and ungodly.]

Chapter 19

3 The folly of a man spoils his ways: and he blames God in his heart.

4 Wealth acquires many friends; but the poor is deserted even of the friend he has.

5 A false witness shall not be unpunished, and he that accuses unjustly shall not escape.

6 Many court the favour of kings; but every bad man becomes a reproach to another man.

7 Every one who hates his poor brother shall also be far from friendship. Good understanding will draw near to them that know it, and a sensible man will find it. He that does much harm perfects mischief; and he that uses provoking words shall not escape.

8 He that procures wisdom loves himself; and he that keeps wisdom shall find good.

9 A false witness shall not be unpunished; and whosoever shall kindle mischief shall perish by it.

10 Delight does not suit a fool, nor is it seemly if a servant should begin to rule with haughtiness.

11 A merciful man is long-suffering; and his triumph overtakes transgressors.

12 The threatening of a king is like the roaring of a lion; but as dew on the grass, so is his favour.

13 A foolish son is a disgrace to his father: vows paid out of the hire of a harlot are not pure.

14 Fathers divide house and substance to their children: but a wife is suited to a man by the Lord.

15 Cowardice possesses the effeminate man; and the soul of the sluggard shall hunger.

16 He that keeps the commandment keeps his own soul; but he that despises his ways shall perish.

17 He that has pity on the poor lends to the Lord; and he will recompense to him according to his gift.

18 Chasten your son, for so he shall be hopeful; and be not exalted in your soul to haughtiness.

19 A malicious man shall be severely punished, and if he commit injury, he shall also lose his life.

20 Hear, son, the instruction of your father, that you may be wise at your latter end.

21 There are many thoughts in a man's heart; but the counsel of the Lord abides for ever.

22 Mercy is a fruit to a man: and a poor man is better than a rich liar.

23 The fear of the Lord is life to a man: and he shall lodge without fear in places where knowledge is not seen.

24 He that unjustly hides his hands in his bosom, will not even bring them up to his mouth.

25 When a pestilent character is scourged, a simple man is made wiser: and if you reprove a wise man, he will understand discretion.

26 He that dishonours his father, and drives away his mother, shall be disgraced and shall be exposed to reproach.

27 A son who ceases to attend to the instruction of a father will cherish evil designs.

28 He that becomes surety for a foolish child will despise the ordinance: and the mouth of ungodly men shall drink down judgments.

29 Scourges are preparing for the intemperate, and punishments likewise for fools.

Chapter 20

1 Wine is an intemperate thing, and strong drink full of violence: but every fool is entangled with them.

2 The threat of a king differs not from the rage of a lion; and he that provokes him sins against his own soul.

3 It is a glory to a man to turn aside from railing; but every fool is entangled with such matters.

4 A sluggard when reproached is not ashamed: so also he who borrows corn in harvest.

5 Counsel in a man's heart is deep water; but a prudent man will draw it out.

6 A man is valuable, and a merciful man precious: but it is hard to find a faithful man.

7 He that walks blameless in justice, shall leave his children blessed.

8 Whenever a righteous king sits on the throne, no evil thing can stand before his presence.

9 Who will boast that he has a pure heart? or who will boldly say that he is pure from sins?

9a The lamp of him that reviles father or mother shall be put out, and his eyeballs shall see darkness.

9b A portion hastily gotten at first shall not be blessed in the end.

9c Say not, I will avenge myself on my enemy; but wait on the Lord, that he may help you.

10 A large and small weight, and divers measures, are even both of them unclean before the Lord; and so is he that makes them.

11 A youth when in company with a godly man, will be restrained in his devices, and then his way will be straight.

12 The ear hears, and the eye sees: even both of them are the Lord's work.

13 Love not to speak ill, lest you be cut off: open your eyes, and be filled with bread.

23 A double weight is an abomination to the Lord; and a deceitful balance is not good in his sight.

24 A man's goings are directed of the Lord: how then can a mortal understand his ways?

25 It is a snare to a man hastily to consecrate some of his own property: for in that case repentance comes after vowing.

26 A wise king utterly crushes the ungodly, and will bring a wheel upon them.

27 The spirit of man is a light of the Lord, who searches the inmost parts of the belly.

28 Mercy and truth are a guard to a king, and will surround his throne with righteousness.

29 Wisdom is an ornament to young men; and grey hairs are the glory of old men.

30 Bruises and contusions befall bad men; and plagues shall come into the inward parts of their belly.

Chapter 21

1 As a rush of water, so is the king's heart in God's hand: he turns it whithersoever he may desire to point out.

2 Every man seems to himself righteous; but the Lord directs the hearts.

3 To do justly and to speak truth, are more pleasing to God than the blood of sacrifices.

4 A high-minded man is stout-hearted in his pride; and the lamp of the wicked is sin.

6 He that gathers treasures with a lying tongue pursues vanity on to the snares of death.

7 Destruction shall lodge with the ungodly; for they refuse to do justly.

8 To the froward God sends froward ways; for his works are pure and right.

9 It is better to dwell in a corner on the house-top, than in plastered rooms with unrighteousness, and in an open house.

10 The soul of the ungodly shall not be pitied by any man.

11 When an intemperate man is punished the simple becomes wiser: and a wise man understanding will receive knowledge.

12 A righteous man understands the hearts of the ungodly: and despises the ungodly for their wickedness.

13 He that stops his ears from hearing the poor, himself also shall cry, and there shall be none to hear him.

14 A secret gift calms anger: but he that forbears to give stirs up strong wrath.

15 It is the joy of the righteous to do judgment: but a holy man is abominable with evil-doers.

16 A man that wanders out of the way of righteousness, shall rest in the congregation of giants.

17 A poor man loves mirth, loving wine and oil in abundance;

18 and a transgressor is the abomination of a righteous man.

19 It is better to dwell in a wilderness than with a quarrelsome and talkative and passionate woman.

20 A desirable treasure will rest on the mouth of the wise; but foolish men will swallow it up.

21 The way of righteousness and mercy will find life and glory.

22 A wise man assaults strong cities, and demolishes the fortress in which the ungodly trusted.

23 He that keeps his mouth and his tongue keeps his soul from trouble.

24 A bold and self-willed and insolent man is called a pest: and he that remembers injuries is a transgressor.

25 Desires kill the sluggard; for his hands do not choose to do anything.

26 An ungodly man entertains evil desires all the day: but the righteous is unsparingly merciful and compassionate.

27 The sacrifices of the ungodly are abomination to the Lord, for they offer them wickedly.

28 A false witness shall perish; but an obedient man will speak cautiously.

29 An ungodly man impudently withstands with his face; but the upright man himself understands his ways.

30 There is no wisdom, there is no courage, there is no counsel against the ungodly.

31 A horse is prepared for the day of battle; but help is of the Lord.

Chapter 22

1 A fair name is better than much wealth, and good favour is above silver and gold.

2 The rich and the poor meet together; but the Lord made them both.

3 An intelligent man seeing a bad man severely punished is himself instructed, but fools pass by and are punished.

4 The fear of the Lord is the offspring of wisdom, and wealth, and glory, and life.

5 Thistles and snares are in perverse ways; but he that keeps his soul will refrain from them.

7 The rich will rule over the poor, and servants will lend to their own masters.

8 He that sows wickedness shall reap troubles; and shall fully receive the punishment of his deeds.

8a God loves a cheerful and liberal man; but a man shall fully prove the folly of his works.

9 He that has pity on the poor shall himself be maintained; for he has given of his own bread to the poor.

9a He that gives liberally secures victory and honour; but he takes away the life of them that possess them.

10 Cast out a pestilent person from the council, and strife shall go out with him; for when he sits in the council he dishonours all.

11 The Lord loves holy hearts, and all blameless persons are acceptable with him: a king rules with his lips.

12 But the eyes of the Lord preserve discretion; but the transgressor despises wise words.

13 The sluggard makes excuses, and says, There is a lion in the ways, and murderers in the streets.

14 The mouth of a transgressor is a deep pit; and he that is hated of the Lord shall fall into it.

14a Evil ways are before a man, and he does not like to turn away from them; but it is needful to turn aside from a perverse and bad way.

15 Folly is attached to the heart of a child, but the rod and instruction are then far from him.

16 He that oppresses the poor, increases his own substance, yet gives to the rich so as to make it less.

17 Incline your ear to the words of wise men: hear also my word, and apply yours heart,

18 that you may know that they are good: and if you lay them to heart, they shall also gladden you on your lips.

19 That your hope may be in the Lord, and he may make your way known to you.

20 And do you too repeatedly record them for yourself on the table of yours heart, for counsel and knowledge.

21 I therefore teach you truth, and knowledge good to hear; that you may answer words of truth to them that question you.

22 Do no violence to the poor, for he is needy: neither dishonour the helpless man in the gates.

23 For the Lord will plead his cause, and you shall deliver your soul in safety.

24 Be not companion to a furious man; neither lodge with a passionate man:

25 lest you learn of his ways, and get snares to your soul.

26 Become not surety from respect of a man's person.

27 For if those have not whence to give compensation, they will take the bed that is under you.

28 Remove not the old landmarks, which your fathers placed.

29 It is fit that an observant man and one diligent in his business should attend on kings, and not attend on slothful men.

Chapter 23

1 If you sit to sup at the table of a prince, consider attentively the things set before you:

2 and apply yours hand, knowing that it behoves you to prepare such meats: but if you are very insatiable,

3 desire not his provisions; for these belong to a false life.

4 If you are poor, measure not yourself with a rich man; but refrain yourself in your wisdom.

5 If you should fix your eye upon him, he will disappear; for wings like an eagle's are prepared for him, and he returns to the house of his master.

6 Sup not with an envious man, neither desire you his meats:

7 so he eats and drinks as if any one should swallow a hair, and do not bring him in to yourself, nor eat your morsel with him:

8 for he will vomit it up, and spoil your fair words.

9 Say nothing in the ears of a fool, lest at any time he sneer at your wise words.

10 Remove not the ancient landmarks; and enter not upon the possession of the fatherless:

11 for the Lord is their redeemer; he is mighty, and will plead their cause with you.

12 Apply yours heart to instruction, and prepare your ears for words of discretion.

13 Refrain not from chastening a child; for if you beat him with the rod, he shall not die.

14 For you shall beat him with the rod, and shall deliver his soul from death.

15 Son, if your heart be wise, you shall also gladden my heart;

16 and your lips shall converse with my lips, if they be right.

17 Let not yours heart envy sinners: but be you in the fear of the Lord all the day.

18 For if you should keep these things, you shall have posterity; and yours hope shall not be removed.

19 Hear, my son, and be wise, and rightly direct the thoughts of yours heart.

20 Be not a wine-bibber, neither continue long at feasts, and purchases of flesh:

21 for every drunkard and whoremonger shall be poor; and every sluggard shall clothe himself with tatters and ragged garments.

22 Hearken, my son, to your father which begot you, and despise not your mother because she is grown old.

24 A righteous father brings up his children well; and his soul rejoices over a wise son.

25 Let your father and your mother rejoice over you, and let her that bore you be glad.

26 My son, give me yours heart, and let your eyes observe my ways.

27 For a strange house is a vessel full of holes; and a strange well is narrow.

28 For such a one shall perish suddenly; and every transgressor shall be cut off.

29 Who has woe? who trouble? who has quarrels? and who vexations and disputes? who has bruises without a cause? whose eyes are livid?

30 Are not those of them that stay long at wine? are not those of them that haunt the places where banquets are? Be not drunk with wine; but converse with just men, and converse with them openly.

31 For if you should set your eyes on bowls and cups, you shall afterwards go more naked than a pestle.

32 But at last such a one stretches himself out as one smitten by a serpent, and venom is diffused through him as by a horned serpent.

33 Whenever your eyes shall behold a strange woman, then your mouth shall speak perverse things.

34 And you shall lie as in the midst of the sea, and as a pilot in a great storm.

35 And you shall say, They smote me, and I was not pained; and they mocked me, and I knew it not: when will it be morning, that I may go and seek those with whom I may go in company?

Chapter 24

1 My son, envy not bad men, nor desire to be with them.

2 For their heart meditates falsehoods, and their lips speak mischiefs.

3 A house is built by wisdom, and is set up by understanding.

4 By discretion the chambers are filled with all precious and excellent wealth.

5 A wise man is better than a strong man; and a man who has prudence than a large estate.

6 War is carried on with generalship, and aid is supplied to the heart of a counsellor.

7 Wisdom and good understanding are in the gates of the wise: the wise turn not aside from the mouth of the Lord,

8 but deliberate in council. Death befalls uninstructed men.

9 The fool also dies in sins; and uncleanness attaches to a pestilent man.

10 He shall be defiled in the evil day, and in the day of affliction, until he be utterly consumed.

11 Deliver them that are led away to death, and redeem them that are appointed to be slain; spare not your help.

12 But if you should say, I know not this man; know that the Lord knows the hearts of all; and he that formed breath for all, he knows all things, who renders to every man according to his works.

13 My son, eat honey, for the honeycomb is good, that your throat may be sweetened.

14 Thus shall you perceive wisdom in your soul: for if you find it, your end shall be good, and hope shall not fail you.

15 Bring not an ungodly man into the dwelling of the righteous: neither be deceived by the feeding of the belly.

16 For a righteous man will fall seven times, and rise again: but the ungodly shall be without strength in troubles.

17 If your enemy should fall, rejoice not over him, neither be elated at his overthrow.

18 For the Lord will see it, and it will not please him, and he will turn away his wrath from him.

19 Rejoice not in evil-doers, neither be envious of sinners.

20 For the evil man shall have no posterity: and the light of the wicked shall be put out.

21 My son, fear God and the king; and do not disobey either of them.

22 For they will suddenly punish the ungodly, and who can know the vengeance inflicted by both?

22a [A son that keeps the commandment shall escape destruction; for such an one has fully received it.

22b Let no falsehood be spoken by the king from the tongue; yea, let no falsehood proceed from his tongue.

22c The king's tongue is a sword, and not one of flesh; and whosoever shall be given up to it shall be destroyed:

22d for if his wrath should be provoked, he destroys men with cords,

22e and devours men's bones, and burns them up as a flame, so that they are not even fit to be eaten by the young eagles.

22f My son, reverence my words, and receive them, and repent.] These things says the man to them that trust in God; and I cease.

22g For I am the most simple of all men, and there is not in me the wisdom of men.

22h God has taught me wisdom, and I know the knowledge of the holy.

22i Who has gone up to heaven, and come down? who has gathered the winds in his bosom? who has wrapped up the waters in a garment? who has dominion of all the ends of the earth? what is his name? or what is the name of his children?

22k For all the words of God are tried in the fire, and he defends those that reverence him.

22l Add not unto his words, lest he reprove you, and you be made a liar.

22m Two things I ask of you; take not favour from me before I die.

22n Remove far from me vanity and falsehood: and give me not wealth or poverty; but appoint me what is needful and sufficient:

22o lest I be filled and become false, and say, Who sees me? or be poor and steal, and swear vainly by the name of God.

22p Deliver not a servant into the hands of his master, lest he curse you, and you be utterly destroyed.

22q A wicked generation curse their father, and do not bless their mother.

22r A wicked generation judge themselves to be just, but do not cleanse their way.

22s A wicked generation have lofty eyes, and exalt themselves with their eyelids.

22t A wicked generation have swords for teeth and jaw-teeth as knives, so as to destroy and devour the lowly from the earth, and the poor of them from among men.

23 And this thing I say to you that are wise for you to learn: It is not good to have respect of persons in judgment.

24 He that says of the ungodly, He is righteous, shall be cursed by peoples, and hateful among the nations.

25 But they that reprove him shall appear more excellent, and blessing shall come upon them;

26 and men will kiss lips that answer well.

27 Prepare your works for your going forth, and prepare yourself for the field; and come after me, and you shall rebuild yours house.

28 Be not a false witness against your fellow citizen, neither exaggerate with your lips.

29 Say not, As he has treated me, so will I treat him, and I will avenge myself on him for that wherein he has injured me.

30 A foolish man is like a farm, and a senseless man is like a vineyard.

31 If you let him alone, he will altogether remain barren and covered with weeds; and he becomes destitute, and his stone walls are broken down.

32 Afterwards I reflected, I looked that I might receive instruction.

33 The sluggard says, I slumber a little, and I sleep a little, and for a little while I fold my arms across my breast.

34 But if you do this, your poverty will come speedily; and your want like a swift courier.

35 The horse-leech had three dearly-beloved daughters: and these three did not satisfy her; and the fourth was not contented so as to say, Enough.

36 The grave, and the love of a woman, and the earth not filled with water; water also and fire will not say, It is enough.

37 The eye that laughs to scorn a father, and dishonours the old age of a mother, let the ravens of the valleys pick it out, and let the young eagles devour it.

38 Moreover there are three things impossible for me to comprehend, and the fourth I know not:

39 the track of a flying eagle; and the ways of a serpent on a rock; and the paths of a ship passing through the sea; and the ways of a man in youth.

40 Such is the way of an adulterous woman, who having washed herself from what she has done, says she has done nothing amiss.

41 By three things the earth is troubled, and the fourth it cannot bear:

42 if a servant reign; or a fool be filled with food;

43 or if a maid-servant should cast out her own mistress; and if a hateful woman should marry a good man.

44 And there are four very little things upon the earth, but these are wiser than the wise:

45 the ants which are weak, and yet prepare their food in summer;

46 the rabbits also are a feeble race, who make their houses in the rocks.

47 The locusts have no king, and yet march orderly at one command.

48 And the eft, which supports itself by its hands, and is easily taken, dwells in the fortresses of kings.

49 And there are three things which go well, and a fourth which passes along finely.

50 A lion's whelp, stronger than all other beasts, which turns not away, nor fears any beast;

51 and a cock walking in boldly among the hens, and a goat leading the herd; and a king publicly speaking before a nation.

52 If you abandon yourself to mirth, and stretch forth yours hand in a quarrel, you shall be disgraced.

53 Milk out milk, and there shall be butter, and if you wring one's nostrils there shall come out blood: so if you extort words, there will come forth quarrels and strifes.

54 My words have been spoken by God—the oracular answer of a king, whom his mother instructed.

55 What will you keep, my son, what? the words of God. My firstborn son, I speak to you: what? son of my womb? what? son of my vows?

56 Give not your wealth to women, nor your mind and living to remorse. Do all things with counsel: drink wine with counsel.

57 Princes are prone to anger: let them then not drink wine:

58 lest they drink, and forget wisdom, and be not able to judge the poor rightly.

59 Give strong drink to those that are in sorrow, and the wine to drink to those in pain:

60 that they may forget their poverty, and may not remember their troubles any more.

61 Open your mouth with the word of God, and judge all fairly.

62 Open your mouth and judge justly, and plead the cause of the poor and weak.

Chapter 25

1 These are the miscellaneous instructions of Solomon, which the friends of Hezekiah king of Judea copied out.

2 The glory of God conceals a matter: but the glory of a king honours business.

3 Heaven is high, and earth is deep, and a king's heart is unsearchable.

4 Beat the drossy silver, and it shall be made entirely pure.

5 Slay the ungodly from before the king, and his throne shall prosper in righteousness.

6 Be not boastful in the presence of the king, and remain not in the places of princes;

7 for it is better for you that it should be said, Come up to me, than that one should humble you in the presence of the prince; speak of that which your eyes have seen.

8 Get not suddenly into a quarrel, lest you repent at last.

9 Whenever your friend shall reproach you, retreat backward, despise him not;

10 lest your friend continue to reproach you, so your quarrel and enmity shall not depart, but shall be to you like death.

10a Favour and friendship set a man free, which do you keep for yourself, lest you be made liable to reproach; but take heed to your ways peaceably.

11 As a golden apple in a necklace of sardius, so is it to speak a wise word.

12 In an ear-ring of gold a precious sardius is also set; so is a wise word to an obedient ear.

13 As a fall of snow in the time of harvest is good against heat, so a faithful messenger refreshes those that send him; for he helps the souls of his employers.

14 As winds and clouds and rains are most evident objects, so is he that boasts of a false gift.

15 In long-suffering is prosperity to kings, and a soft tongue breaks the bones.

16 Having found honey, eat only what is enough, lest haply you be filled, and vomit it up.

17 Enter sparingly into your friend's house, lest he be satiated with your company, and hate you.

18 As a club, and a dagger, and a pointed arrow, so also is a man who bears false witness against his friend.

19 The way of the wicked and the foot of the transgressor shall perish in an evil day.

20 As vinegar is bad for a sore, so trouble befalling the body afflicts the heart.

20a As a moth in a garment, and a worm in wood, so the grief of a man hurts the heart.

21 If your enemy hunger, feed him; if he thirst, give him drink;

22 for so doing you shall heap coals of fire upon his head, and the Lord shall reward you with good.

23 The north wind raises clouds; so an impudent face provokes the tongue.

24 It is better to dwell on a corner of the roof, than with a railing woman in an open house.

25 As cold water is agreeable to a thirsting soul, so is a good message from a land far off.

26 As if one should stop a well, and corrupt a spring of water, so is it unseemly for a righteous man to fall before an ungodly man.

27 It is not good to eat much honey; but it is right to honour venerable sayings.

28 As a city whose walls are broken down, and which is unfortified, so is a man who does anything without counsel.

Chapter 26

1 As dew in harvest, and as rain in summer, so honour is not seemly for a fool.

2 As birds and sparrows fly, so a curse shall not come upon any one without a cause.

3 As a whip for a horse, and a goad for an ass, so is a rod for a simple nation.

4 Answer not a fool according to his folly, lest you become like him.

5 Yet answer a fool according to his folly, lest he seem wise in his own conceit.

6 He that sends a message by a foolish messenger procures for himself a reproach from his own ways.

7 As well take away the motion of the legs, as transgression from the mouth of fools.

8 He that binds up a stone in a sling, is like one that gives glory to a fool.

9 Thorns grow in the hand of a drunkard, and servitude in the hand of fools.

10 All the flesh of fools endures much hardship; for their fury is brought to nought.

11 As when a dog goes to his own vomit, and becomes abominable, so is a fool who returns in his wickedness to his own sin.

11a [There is a shame that brings sin: and there is a shame that is glory and grace.]

12 I have seen a man who seemed to himself to be wise; but a fool had more hope than he.

13 A sluggard when sent on a journey says, There is a lion in the ways, and there are murderers in the streets.

14 As a door turns on the hinge, so does a sluggard on his bed.

15 A sluggard having hid his hand in his bosom, will not be able to bring it up to his mouth.

16 A sluggard seems to himself wiser than one who most satisfactorily brings back a message.

17 As he that lays hold of a dog's tail, so is he that makes himself the champion of another's cause.

18 As those who need correction put forth fair words to men, and he that first falls in with the proposal will be overthrown;

19 so are all that lay wait for their own friends, and when they are discovered, say, I did it in jest.

20 With much wood fire increases; but where there is not a doubleminded man, strife ceases.

21 A hearth for coals, and wood for fire; and a railing man for the tumult of strife.

22 The words of cunning knaves are soft; but they smite even to the inmost parts of the bowels.

23 Silver dishonestly given is to be considered as a potsherd: smooth lips cover a grievous heart.

24 A weeping enemy promises all things with his lips, but in his heart he contrives deceit.

25 Though your enemy intreat you with a loud voice, consent not: for there are seven abominations in his heart.

26 He that hides enmity frames deceit: but being easily discerned, exposes his own sins in the public assemblies.

27 He that digs a pit for his neighbour shall fall into it: and he that rolls a stone, rolls it upon himself.

28 A lying tongue hates the truth; and an unguarded mouth causes tumults.

Chapter 27

1 Boast not of to-morrow; for you know not what the next day shall bring forth.

2 Let your neighbour, and not your own mouth, praise you; a stranger, and not your own lips.

3 A stone is heavy, and sand cumbersome; but a fool's wrath is heavier than both.

4 Wrath is merciless, and anger sharp: but envy can bear nothing.

5 Open reproofs are better than secret love.

6 The wounds of a friend are more to be trusted than the spontaneous kisses of an enemy.

7 A full soul scorns honeycombs; but to a hungry soul even bitter things appear sweet.

8 As when a bird flies down from its own nest, so a man is brought into bondage whenever he estranges himself from his own place.

9 The heart delights in ointments and wines and perfumes: but the soul is broken by calamities.

10 Your own friend, and your father's friend, forsake not; and when you are in distress go not into your brother's house: better is a friend that is near than a brother living far off.

11 Son, be wise, that your heart may rejoice; and remove you from yourself reproachful words.

12 A wise man, when evils are approaching, hides himself; but fools pass on, and will be punished.

13 Take away the man's garment, (for a scorner has passed by) whoever lays waste another's goods.

14 Whosoever shall bless a friend in the morning with a loud voice, shall seem to differ nothing from one who curses him.

15 On a stormy day drops of rain drive a man out of his house; so also does a railing woman drive a man out of his own house.

16 The north wind is sharp, but it is called by name propitious.

17 Iron sharpens iron; and a man sharpens his friend's countenance.

18 He that plants a fig-tree shall eat the fruits of it: so he that waits on his own master shall be honoured.

19 As faces are not like other faces, so neither are the thoughts of men.

20 Hell and destruction are not filled; so also are the eyes of men insatiable.

20a [He that fixes his eye is an abomination to the Lord; and the uninstructed do not restrain their tongue.]

21 Fire is the trial for silver and gold; and a man is tried by the mouth of them that praise him.

21a The heart of the transgressor seeks after mischiefs; but an upright heart seeks knowledge.

22 Though you scourge a fool, disgracing him in the midst of the council, you will still in no wise remove his folly from him.

23 Do you thoroughly know the number of your flock, and pay attention to yours herds.

24 For a man has not strength and power for ever; neither does he transmit it from generation to generation.

25 Take care of the herbage in the field, and you shall cut grass, and gather the mountain hay;

26 that you may have wool of sheep for clothing: pay attention to the land, that you may have lambs.

27 My son, you have from me words very useful for your life, and for the life of your servants.

Chapter 28

1 The ungodly man flees when no one pursues: but the righteous is confident as a lion.

2 By reason of the sins of ungodly men quarrels arise; but a wise man will quell them.

3 A bold man oppresses the poor by ungodly deeds. As an impetuous and unprofitable rain,

4 so they that forsake the law praise ungodliness; but they that love the law fortify themselves with a wall.

5 Evil men will not understand judgment: but they that seek the Lord will understand everything.

6 A poor man walking in truth is better than a rich liar.

7 A wise son keeps the law: but he that keeps up debauchery dishonours his father.

8 He that increases his wealth by usuries and unjust gains, gathers it for him that pities the poor.

9 He that turns away his ear from hearing the law, even he has made his prayer abominable.

10 He that causes upright men to err in an evil way, himself shall fall into destruction: transgressors also shall pass by prosperity, but shall not enter into it.

11 A rich man is wise in his own conceit; but an intelligent poor man will condemn him.

12 By reason of the help of righteous men great glory arises: but in the places of the ungodly men are caught.

13 He that covers his own ungodliness shall not prosper: but he that blames himself shall be loved.

14 Blessed is the man who religiously fears always: but the hard of heart shall fall into mischiefs.

15 A hungry lion and a thirsty wolf is he, who, being poor, rules over a poor nation.

16 A king in need of revenues is a great oppressor: but he that hates injustice shall live a long time.

17 He that becomes surety for a man charged with murder shall be an exile, and not in safety.

17a Chasten your son, and he shall love you, and give honour to your soul: he shall not obey a sinful nation.

18 He that walks justly is assisted: but he that walks in crooked ways shall be entangled therein.

19 He that tills his own land shall be satisfied with bread: but he that follows idleness shall have plenty of poverty.

20 A man worthy of credit shall be much blessed: but the wicked shall not be unpunished.

21 He that reverences not the persons of the just is not good: such a one will sell a man for a morsel of bread.

22 An envious man makes haste to be rich, and knows not that the merciful man will have the mastery over him.

23 He that reproves a man's ways shall have more favour than he that flatters with the tongue.

24 He that casts off father or mother, and thinks he sins not; the same is partaker with an ungodly man.

25 An unbelieving man judges rashly: but he that trusts in the Lord will act carefully.

26 He that trusts to a bold heart, such an one is a fool: but he that walks in wisdom shall be safe.

27 He that gives to the poor shall not be in want: but he that turns away his eye from him shall be in great distress.

28 In the places of ungodly men the righteous mourn: but in their destruction the righteous shall be multiplied.

Chapter 29

1 A reprover is better than a stiff-necked man: for when the latter is suddenly set on fire, there shall be no remedy.

2 When the righteous are praised, the people will rejoice: but when the ungodly rule, men mourn.

3 When a man loves wisdom, his father rejoices: but he that keeps harlots will waste wealth.

4 A righteous king establishes a country: but a transgressor destroys it.

5 He that prepares a net in the way of his own friend, entangles his own feet in it.

6 A great snare is spread for a sinner: but the righteous shall be in joy and gladness.

7 A righteous man knows how to judge for the poor: but the ungodly understands not knowledge; and the poor man has not an understanding mind.

8 Lawless men burn down a city: but wise men turn away wrath.

9 A wise man shall judge nations: but a worthless man being angry laughs and fears not.

10 Bloody men hate a holy person, but the upright will seek his soul.

11 A fool utters all his mind: but the wise reserves his in part.

12 When a king hearkens to unjust language, all his subjects are transgressors.

13 When the creditor and debtor meet together, the Lord oversees them both.

14 When a king judges the poor in truth, his throne shall be established for a testimony.

15 Stripes and reproofs give wisdom: but an erring child disgraces his parents.

16 When the ungodly abound, sins abound: but when they fall, the righteous are warned.

17 Chasten your son, and he shall give you rest; and he shall give honour to your soul.

18 There shall be no interpreter to a sinful nation: but he that observes the law is blessed.

19 A stubborn servant will not be reproved by words: for even if he understand, still he will not obey.

20 If you see a man hasty in his words, know that the fool has hope rather than he.

21 He that lives wantonly from a child, shall be a servant, and in the end shall grieve over himself.

22 A furious man stirs up strife, and a passionate man digs up sin.

23 Pride brings a man low, but the Lord upholds the humble-minded with honour.

24 He that shares with a thief, hates his own soul: and if any having heard an oath uttered tell not of it,

25 they fearing and reverencing men unreasonably have been overthrown, but he that trusts in the Lord shall rejoice. Ungodliness causes a man to stumble: but he that trusts in his master shall be safe.

26 Many wait on the favour of rulers; but justice comes to a man from the Lord.

27 A righteous man is an abomination to an unrighteous man, and the direct way is an abomination to the sinner.

Chapter 30

In the Septuagint, the material of Proverbs 30:1–31:9 stands earlier in the book; this edition prints it within chapter 24 as lettered verses (24:22a and following). Chapter 31 resumes at verse 10.

Chapter 31

10 Who shall find a virtuous woman? for such a one is more valuable than precious stones.

11 The heart of her husband trusts in her: such a one shall stand in no need of fine spoils.

12 For she employs all her living for her husband's good.

13 Gathering wool and flax, she makes it serviceable with her hands.

14 She is like a ship trading from a distance: so she procures her livelihood.

15 And she rises by night, and gives food to her household, and appointed tasks to her maidens.

16 She views a farm, and buys it: and with the fruit of her hands she plants a possession.

17 She strongly girds her loins, and strengthens her arms for work.

18 And she finds by experience that working is good; and her candle goes not out all night.

19 She reaches forth her arms to needful works, and applies her hands to the spindle.

20 And she opens her hands to the needy, and reaches out fruit to the poor.

21 Her husband is not anxious about those at home when he tarries anywhere abroad: for all her household are clothed.

22 She makes for her husband clothes of double texture, and garments for herself of fine linen and scarlet.

23 And her husband becomes a distinguished person in the gates, when he sits in council with the old inhabitants of the land.

24 She makes fine linens, and sells girdles to the Chananites: she opens her mouth heedfully and with propriety, and controls her tongue.

25 She puts on strength and honour; and rejoices in the last days.

26 The ways of her household are careful, and she eats not the bread of idleness.

27 But she opens her mouth wisely, and according to law.

28 And her kindness to them sets up her children for them, and they grow rich, and her husband praises her.

29 Many daughters have obtained wealth, many have wrought valiantly; but you have exceeded, you have surpassed all.

30 Charms are false, and woman's beauty is vain: for it is a wise woman that is blessed, and let her praise the fear of the Lord.

31 Give her of the fruit of her lips; and let her husband be praised in the gates.

Ecclesiastes

Chapter 1

1 THE words of the Preacher, the son of David, king of Israel in Jerusalem.

2 Vanity of vanities, said the Preacher, vanity of vanities; all is vanity.

3 What advantage is there to a man in all his labour that he takes under the sun?

4 A generation goes, and a generation comes: but the earth stands for ever.

5 And the sun arises, and the sun goes down and draws toward its place;

6 arising there it proceeds southward, and goes round toward the north. The wind goes round and round, and the wind returns to its circuits.

7 All the rivers run into the sea; and yet the sea is not filled: to the place whence the rivers come, thither they return again.

8 All things are full of labour; a man will not be able to speak of them: neither shall the eye be satisfied with seeing, neither shall the ear be filled with hearing.

9 What is that which has been? the very thing which shall be: and what is that which has been done? the very thing which shall be done: and there is no new thing under the sun.

10 Who is he that shall speak and say, Behold, this is new? it has already been in the ages that have passed before us.

11 There is no memorial to the first things; neither to the things that have been last shall their memorial be with them that shall be at the last time.

12 I the Preacher was king over Israel in Jerusalem.

13 And I applied my heart to seek out and examine by wisdom concerning all things that are done under heaven, for God has given to the sons of men an evil trouble to be troubled therewith.

14 I beheld all the works that were wrought under the sun; and, behold, all were vanity and waywardness of spirit.

15 That which is crooked cannot be made straight: and deficiency cannot be numbered.

16 I spoke in my heart, saying, Behold, I am increased, and have acquired wisdom beyond all who were before me in Jerusalem: also I applied my heart to know wisdom and knowledge.

17 And my heart knew much—wisdom, and knowledge, parables and understanding: I perceived that this also is waywardness of spirit.

18 For in the abundance of wisdom is abundance of knowledge; and he that increases knowledge will increase sorrow.

Chapter 2

1 I said in my heart, Come now, I will prove you with mirth, and behold you good: and, behold, this is also vanity.

2 I said to laughter, Madness: and to mirth, Why do you this?

3 And I examined whether my heart would excite my flesh as with wine, (though my heart guided me in wisdom,) and I desired to lay hold of mirth, until I should see of what kind is the good to the sons of men, which they should do under the sun all the days of their life.

4 I enlarged my work; I built me houses; I planted me vineyards.

5 I made me gardens and orchards, and planted in them every kind of fruit-tree.

6 I made me pools of water, to water from them the timber-bearing wood.

7 I got servants and maidens, and servants were born to me in the house: also I had abundant possession of flocks and herds, beyond all who were before me in Jerusalem.

8 Moreover I collected for myself both silver and gold also, and the peculiar treasures of kings and provinces: I procured me singing men and singing women, and delights of the sons of men, a butler and female cupbearers.

9 So I became great, and advanced beyond all that were before me in Jerusalem: also my wisdom was established to me.

10 And whatever mine eyes desired, I withheld not from them, I withheld not my heart from all my mirth: for my heart rejoiced in all my labour; and this was my portion of all my labour.

11 And I looked on all my works which my hands had wrought, and on my labour which I laboured to perform: and, behold, all was vanity and waywardness of spirit, and there is no advantage under the sun.

12 Then I looked on to see wisdom, and madness, and folly: for who is the man who will follow after counsel, in all things wherein he employs it?

13 And I saw that wisdom excels folly, as much as light excels darkness.

14 The wise man's eyes are in his head; but the fool walks in darkness: and I perceived, even I, that one event shall happen to them all.

15 And I said in my heart, As the event of the fool is, so shall it be to me, even to me; and to what purpose have I

gained wisdom? I said moreover in my heart, This is also vanity, because the fool speaks of his abundance.

16 For there is no remembrance of the wise man with the fool for ever; forasmuch as now in the coming days all things are forgotten: and how shall the wise man die with the fool?

17 So I hated life; because the work that was wrought under the sun was evil before me: for all is vanity and waywardness of spirit.

18 And I hated the whole of my labour which I took under the sun; because I must leave it to the man who will come after me.

19 And who knows whether he will be a wise man or a fool? and whether he will have power over all my labour in which I laboured, and wherein I grew wise under the sun? this is also vanity.

20 So I went about to dismiss from my heart all my labour wherein I had laboured under the sun.

21 For there is such a man that his labour is in wisdom, and in knowledge, and in fortitude; yet this man shall give his portion to one who has not laboured therein. This is also vanity and great evil.

22 For it happens to a man in all his labour, and in the purpose of his heart wherein he labours under the sun.

23 For all his days are days of sorrows, and vexation of spirit is his; in the night also his heart rests not. This is also vanity.

24 A man has nothing really good to eat, and to drink, and to shew his soul as good in his trouble. This also I saw, that it is from the hand of God.

25 For who shall eat, or who shall drink, without him?

26 For God has given to the man who is good in his sight, wisdom, and knowledge, and joy: but he has given to the sinner trouble, to add and to heap up, that he may give to him that is good before God; for this is also vanity and waywardness of spirit.

Chapter 3

1 To all things there is a time, and a season for every matter under heaven.

2 A time of birth, and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to pluck up what has been planted;

3 a time to kill, and a time to heal; a time to pull down, and a time to build up;

4 a time to weep, and a time to laugh; a time to lament, and a time to dance;

5 a time to throw stones, and a time to gather stones together; a time to embrace, and a time to abstain from embracing;

6 a time to seek, and a time to lose; a time to keep, and a time to cast away;

7 a time to rend, and a time to sew; a time to be silent, and a time to speak;

8 a time to love, and a time to hate; a time of war, and a time of peace.

9 What advantage has he that works in those things wherein he labours?

10 I have seen all the trouble, which God has given to the sons of men to be troubled with.

11 All the things which he has made are beautiful in his time: he has also set the whole world in their heart, that man might not find out the work which God has wrought from the beginning even to the end.

12 I know that there is no good in them, except for a man to rejoice, and to do good in his life.

13 Also in the case of every man who shall eat and drink, and see good in all his labour, this is a gift of God.

14 I know that whatsoever things God has done, they shall be for ever: it is impossible to add to it, and it is impossible to take away from it: and God has done it, that men may fear before him.

15 That which has been is now; and whatever things are appointed to be have already been; and God will seek out that which is past.

16 And moreover I saw under the sun the place of judgment, there was the ungodly one; and the place of righteousness, there was the godly one.

17 And I said in my heart, God will judge the righteous and the ungodly: for there is a time there for every action and for every work.

18 I said in my heart, concerning the speech of the sons of man, God will judge them, and that to shew that they are beasts.

19 Also to them is the event of the sons of man, and the event of the brute; one event befalls them: as is the death of the one, so also the death of the other; and there is one breath to all: and what has the man more than the brute? nothing; for all is vanity.

20 All go to one place; all were formed of the dust, and all will return to dust.

21 And who has seen the spirit of the sons of man, whether it goes upward? and the spirit of the beast, whether it goes downward to the earth?

22 And I saw that there was no good, but that wherein a man shall rejoice in his works, for it is his portion, for who shall bring him to see any thing of that which shall be after him?

Chapter 4

1 So I returned, and saw all the oppressions that were done under the sun: and behold the tear of the oppressed, and they had no comforter; and on the side of them that oppressed them was power; but they had no comforter:

2 and I praised all the dead that had already died more than the living, as many as are alive until now.

3 Better also than both these is he who has not yet been, who has not seen all the evil work that is done under the sun.

4 And I saw all labour, and all the diligent work, that this is a man's envy from his neighbour. This is also vanity and waywardness of spirit.

5 The fool folds his hands together, and eats his own flesh.

6 Better is a handful of rest than two handfuls of trouble and waywardness of spirit.

7 So I returned, and saw vanity under the sun.

8 There is one alone, and there is not a second; yea, he has neither son nor brother: yet there is no end to all his labour; neither is his eye satisfied with wealth; and for whom do I labour, and deprive my soul of good? this is also vanity, and an evil trouble.

9 Two are better than one, seeing they have a good reward for their labour.

10 For if they fall, the one will lift up his fellow: but woe to him that is alone when he falls, and there is not a second to lift him up.

11 Also if two should lie together, they also get heat: but how shall one be warmed alone?

12 And if one should prevail against him, the two shall withstand him; and a threefold cord shall not be quickly broken.

13 Better is a poor and wise child than an old and foolish king, who knows not how to take heed any longer.

14 For he shall come forth out of the house of the prisoners to reign, because he also that was in his kingdom has become poor.

15 I beheld all the living who were walking under the sun, with the second youth who shall stand up in each one's place.

16 There is no end to all the people, to all who were before them: and the last shall not rejoice in him: for this also is vanity and waywardness of spirit.

17 Keep your foot, whensoever you go to the house of God; and when you are near to hear, let your sacrifice be better than the gift of fools: for they know not that they are doing evil.

Chapter 5

1 Be not hasty with your mouth, and let not yours heart be swift to utter anything before God; for God is in heaven above, and you upon earth: therefore let your words be few.

2 For through the multitude of trial a dream comes; and a fool's voice is with a multitude of words.

3 Whenever you shall vow a vow to God, defer not to pay it; for he has no pleasure in fools: pay you therefore whatsoever you shall have vowed.

4 It is better that you should not vow, than that you should vow and not pay.

5 Suffer not your mouth to lead your flesh to sin; and say not in the presence of God, It was an error: lest God be angry at your voice, and destroy the works of your hands.

6 For there is evil in a multitude of dreams and vanities and many words: but fear you God.

7 If you should see the oppression of the poor, and the wresting of judgment and of justice in the land, wonder not at the matter: for there is a high one to watch over him that is high, and high ones over them.

8 Also the abundance of the earth is for every one: the king is dependent on the tilled field.

9 He that loves silver shall not be satisfied with silver: and who has loved gain, in the abundance thereof? this is also vanity.

10 In the multitude of good they are increased that eat it: and what virtue has the owner, but the right of beholding it with his eyes?

11 The sleep of a servant is sweet, whether he eat little or much: but to one who is satiated with wealth, there is none that suffers him to sleep.

12 There is an infirmity which I have seen under the sun, namely, wealth kept for its owner to his hurt.

13 And that wealth shall perish in an evil trouble: and the man begets a son, and there is nothing in his hand.

14 As he came forth naked from his mother's womb, he shall return back as he came, and he shall receive nothing for his labour, that it should go with him in his hand.

15 And this is also an evil infirmity: for as he came, so also shall he return: and what is his gain, for which he vainly labours?

16 Yea, all his days are in darkness, and in mourning, and much sorrow, and infirmity, and wrath.

17 Behold, I have seen good, that it is a fine thing for a man to eat and to drink, and to see good in all his labour in which he may labour under the sun, all the number of the days of his life which God has given to him: for it is his portion.

18 Yea, and as for every man to whom God has given wealth and possessions, and has given him power to eat thereof, and to receive his portion, and to rejoice in his labour; this is the gift of God.

19 For he shall not much remember the days of his life; for God troubles him in the mirth of his heart.

Chapter 6

1 There is an evil which I have seen under the sun, and it is abundant with man:

2 a man to whom God shall give wealth, and substance, and honour, and he wants nothing for his soul of all things that he shall desire, yet God shall not give him power to eat of it, for a stranger shall devour it: this is vanity, and an evil infirmity.

3 If a man beget a hundred children, and live many years, yea, however abundant the days of his years shall be, yet if his soul shall not be satisfied with good, and also he have no burial; I said, An untimely birth is better than he.

4 For he came in vanity, and departs in darkness, and his name shall be covered in darkness.

5 Moreover he has not seen the sun, nor known rest: there is no more rest to this one than another.

6 Though he has lived to the return of a thousand years, yet he has seen no good: do not all go to one place?

7 All the labour of a man is for his mouth, and yet the appetite shall not be satisfied.

8 For what advantage has the wise man over the fool, since even the poor knows how to walk in the direction of life?

9 The sight of the eyes is better than that which wanders in soul: this is also vanity, and waywardness of spirit.

10 If anything has been, its name has already been called: and it is known what man is; neither can he contend with him who is stronger than he.

11 For there are many things which increase vanity.

12 What advantage has a man? for who knows what is good for a man in his life, during the number of the life of the days of his vanity? and he has spent them as a shadow; for who shall tell a man what shall be after him under the sun?

Chapter 7

1 A good name is better than good oil; and the day of death than the day of birth.

2 It is better to go to the house of mourning, than to go to the banquet house: since this is the end of every man; and the living man will apply good warning to his heart.

3 Sorrow is better than laughter: for by the sadness of the countenance the heart will be made better.

4 The heart of the wise is in the house of mourning; but the heart of fools is in the house of mirth.

5 It is better to hear a reproof of a wise man, than for a man to hear the song of fools.

6 As the sound of thorns under a caldron, so is the laughter of fools: this is also vanity.

7 For oppression makes a wise man mad, and destroys his noble heart.

8 The end of a matter is better than the beginning thereof: the patient is better than the high-minded.

9 Be not hasty in your spirit to be angry: for anger will rest in the bosom of fools.

10 Say not, What has happened, that the former days were better than these? for you do not enquire in wisdom concerning this.

11 Wisdom is good with an inheritance: and there is an advantage by it to them that see the sun.

12 For wisdom in its shadow is as the shadow of silver: and the excellence of the knowledge of wisdom will give life to him that has it.

13 Behold the works of God: for who shall be able to straighten him whom God has made crooked?

14 In the day of prosperity live joyfully, and consider in the day of adversity: consider, I say, God also has caused the one to agree with the other for this reason, that man should find nothing after him.

15 I have seen all things in the days of my vanity: there is a just man perishing in his justice, and there is an ungodly man remaining in his wickedness.

16 Be not very just; neither be very wise: lest you be confounded.

17 Be not very wicked; and be not stubborn: lest you should die before your time.

18 It is well for you to hold fast by this; also by this defile not yours hand: for to them that fear God all things shall come forth well.

19 Wisdom will help the wise man more than ten mighty men which are in the city.

20 For there is not a righteous man in the earth, who will do good, and not sin.

21 Also take no heed to all the words which ungodly men shall speak; lest you hear your servant cursing you.

22 For many times he shall trespass against you, and repeatedly shall he afflict yours heart; for thus also have you cursed others.

23 All these things have I proved in wisdom: I said, I will be wise; but it was far from me.

24 That which is far beyond what was, and a great depth, who shall find it out?

25 I and my heart went round about to know, and to examine, and to seek wisdom, and the account of things, and to know the folly and trouble and madness of the ungodly man.

26 And I find her to be, and I will pronounce to be more bitter than death the woman which is a snare, and her heart nets, who has a band in her hands: he that is good in the sight of God shall be delivered from her; but the sinner shall be caught by her.

27 Behold, this have I found, said the Preacher, seeking by one at a time to find out the account,

28 which my soul sought after, but I found not: for I have found one man of a thousand; but a woman in all these I have not found.

29 But, behold, this have I found, that God made man upright; but they have sought out many devices. Who knows the wise? and who knows the interpretation of a saying?

Chapter 8

1 A man's wisdom will lighten his countenance; but a man of shameless countenance will be hated.

2 Observe the commandment of the king, and that because of the word of the oath of God.

3 Be not hasty; you shall go forth out of his presence: stand not in an evil matter; for he will do whatsoever he shall please,

4 even as a king having power: and who will say to him, What do you?

5 He that keeps the commandment shall not know an evil thing: and the heart of the wise knows the time of judgment.

6 For to every thing there is time and judgment; for the knowledge of a man is great to him.

7 For there is no one that knows what is going to be: for who shall tell him how it shall be?

8 There is no man that has power over the spirit to retain the spirit; and there is no power in the day of death: and there is no discharge in the day of battle; neither shall ungodliness save her votary.

9 So I saw all this, and I applied my heart to every work that has been done under the sun; all the things wherein man has power over man to afflict him.

10 And then I saw the ungodly carried into the tombs, and that out of the holy place: and they departed, and were praised in the city, because they had done thus: this also is vanity.

11 Because there is no contradiction made on the part of those who do evil quickly, therefore the heart of the children of men is fully determined in them to do evil.

12 He that has sinned has done evil from that time, and long from beforehand: nevertheless I know, that it is well with them that fear God, that they may fear before him:

13 but it shall not be well with the ungodly, and he shall not prolong his days, which are as a shadow; forasmuch as he fears not before God.

14 There is a vanity which is done upon the earth; that there are righteous persons to whom it happens according to the doing of the ungodly; and there are ungodly men, to whom it happens according to the doing of the just: I said, This is also vanity.

15 Then I praised mirth, because there is no good for a man under the sun, but to eat, and drink, and be merry: and this shall attend him in his labour all the days of his life, which God has given him under the sun.

16 Whereupon I set my heart to know wisdom, and to perceive the trouble that was wrought upon the earth: for there is that neither by day nor night sees sleep with his eyes.

17 And I beheld all the works of God, that a man shall not be able to discover the work which is wrought under the sun; whatsoever things a man shall endeavour to seek, however a man may labour to seek it, yet he shall not find it; yea, how much soever a wise man may speak of knowing it, he shall not be able to find it: for I applied all this to my heart, and my heart has seen all this.

Chapter 9

1 I saw that the righteous, and the wise, and their works, are in the hand of God: yea, there is no man that knows either love or hatred, though all are before their face.

2 Vanity is in all: there is one event to the righteous, and to the wicked; to the good, and to the bad; both to the pure, and to the impure; both to him that sacrifices, and to him that sacrifices not: as is the good, so is the sinner: as is the swearer, even so is he that fears an oath.

3 There is this evil in all that is done under the sun, that there is one event to all: yea, the heart of the sons of men is filled with evil, and madness is in their heart during their life, and after that they go to the dead.

4 For who is he that has fellowship with all the living? there is hope of him: for a living dog is better than a dead lion.

5 For the living will know that they shall die: but the dead know nothing, and there is no longer any reward to them; for their memory is lost.

6 Also their love, and their hatred, and their envy, have now perished; yea, there is no portion for them any more for ever in all that is done under the sun.

7 Go, eat your bread with mirth, and drink your wine with a joyful heart; for now God has favourably accepted your works.

8 Let your garments be always white; and let not oil be wanting on yours head.

9 And see life with the wife whom you love all the days of the life of your vanity, which are given you under the sun: for that is your portion in your life, and in your labour wherein you labour under the sun.

10 Whatsoever yours hand shall find to do, do with all your might; for there is no work, nor device, nor knowledge, nor wisdom, in Hades whither you go.

11 I returned, and saw under the sun, that the race is not to the swift, nor the battle to the strong, nor yet bread to the wise, nor yet wealth to men of understanding, nor yet favour to men of knowledge; for time and chance will happen to them all.

12 For surely man also knows not his time: as fishes that are taken in an evil net, and as birds that are caught in a snare; even thus the sons of men are snared at an evil time, when it falls suddenly upon them.

13 This I also saw to be wisdom under the sun, and it is great before me:

14 suppose there were a little city, and few men in it; and there should come against it a great king, and surround it, and build great mounds against it;

15 and should find in it a poor wise man, and he should save the city through his wisdom: yet no man would remember that poor man.

16 And I said, Wisdom is better than power: yet the wisdom of the poor man is set at nought, and his words not listened to.

17 The words of the wise are heard in quiet more than the cry of them that rule in folly.

18 Wisdom is better than weapons of war: and one sinner will destroy much good.

Chapter 10

1 Pestilent flies will corrupt a preparation of sweet ointment: and a little wisdom is more precious than great glory of folly.

2 A wise man's heart is at his right hand; but a fool's heart at his left.

3 Yea, and whenever a fool walks by the way, his heart will fail him, and all that he thinks of is folly.

4 If the spirit of the ruler rise up against you, leave not your place; for soothing will put an end to great offences.

5 There is an evil which I have seen under the sun, wherein an error has proceeded from the ruler.

6 The fool has been set in very high places, while rich men would sit in a low one.

7 I have seen servants upon horses, and princes walking as servants on the earth.

8 He that digs a pit shall fall into it; and him that breaks down a hedge a serpent shall bite.

9 He that removes stones shall be troubled thereby; he that cleaves wood shall be endangered thereby.

10 If the axe-head should fall off, then the man troubles his countenance, and he must put forth more strength: and in that case skill is of no advantage to a man.

11 If a serpent bite when there is no charmer's whisper, then there is no advantage to the charmer.

12 The words of a wise mouth are gracious: but the lips of a fool will swallow him up.

13 The beginning of the words of his mouth is folly: and the end of his talk mischievous madness.

14 A fool moreover multiplies words: man knows not what has been, nor what will be: who shall tell him what will come after him?

15 The labour of fools will afflict them, as that of one who knows not to go to the city.

16 Woe to you, O city, whose king is young, and your princes eat in the morning!

17 Blessed are you, O land, whose king is a son of nobles, and whose princes shall eat seasonably, for strength, and shall not be ashamed.

18 By slothful neglect a building will be brought low: and by idleness of the hands the house will fall to pieces.

19 Men prepare bread for laughter, and wine and oil that the living should rejoice: but to money all things will humbly yield obedience.

20 Even in your conscience, curse not the king; and curse not the rich in your bedchamber: for a bird of the air shall carry your voice, and that which has wings shall report your speech.

Chapter 11

1 Send forth your bread upon the face of the water: for you shall find it after many days.

2 Give a portion to seven, and also to eight; for you know not what evil there shall be upon the earth.

3 If the clouds be filled with rain, they pour it out upon the earth: and if a tree fall southward, or if it fall northward, in the place where the tree shall fall, there it shall be.

4 He that observes the wind sows not; and he that looks at the clouds will not reap.

5 Among whom none knows what is the way of the wind: as the bones are hid in the womb of a pregnant woman, so you shall not know the works of God, even all things whatsoever he shall do.

6 In the morning sow your seed, and in the evening let not yours hand be slack: for you know not what sort shall prosper, whether this or that, or whether both shall be good alike.

7 Moreover the light is sweet, and it is good for the eyes to see the sun.

8 For even if a man should live many years, and rejoice in them all; yet let him remember the days of darkness; for they shall be many. All that comes is vanity.

9 Rejoice, O young man, in your youth; and let your heart cheer you in the days of your youth, and walk in the ways of your heart blameless, but not in the sight of your eyes: yet know that for all these things God will bring you into judgment.

10 Therefore remove sorrow from your heart, and put away evil from your flesh: for youth and folly are vanity.

Chapter 12

1 And remember your Creator in the days of your youth, before the days of evil come, and the years overtake you in which you shall say, I have no pleasure in them.

2 While the sun and light are not darkened, nor the moon and the stars; nor the clouds return after the rain:

3 in the day wherein the keepers of the house shall tremble, and the mighty men shall become bent, and the grinding women cease because they have become few, and the women looking out at the windows be dark;

4 and they shall shut the doors in the market-place, because of the weakness of the voice of her that grinds at the mill; and he shall rise up at the voice of the sparrow, and all the daughters of song shall be brought low;

5 and they shall look up, and fears shall be in the way, and the almond tree shall blossom, and the locust shall increase, and the caper shall be scattered: because man has gone to his eternal home, and the mourners have gone about the market:

6 before the silver cord be let go, or the choice gold be broken, or the pitcher be broken at the fountain, or the wheel run down to the cistern;

7 before the dust also return to the earth as it was, and the spirit return to God who gave it.

8 Vanity of vanities, said the Preacher; all is vanity.

9 And because the Preacher was wise above others, so it was that he taught man excellent knowledge, and the ear will trace out the parables.

10 The Preacher sought diligently to find out acceptable words, and a correct writing, even words of truth.

11 The words of the wise are as goads, and as nails firmly fastened, which have been given from one shepherd by agreement.

12 And moreover, my son, guard yourself by means of them: of making many books there is no end; and much study is a weariness of the flesh.

13 Hear the end of the matter, the sum: Fear God, and keep his commandments: for this is the whole man.

14 For God will bring every work into judgment, with everything that has been overlooked, whether it be good, or whether it be evil.

Song of Songs

Chapter 1

1 THE Song of songs, which is Solomon's.

2 Let him kiss me with the kisses of his mouth: for your breasts are better than wine.

3 And the smell of your ointments is better than all spices: your name is ointment poured forth; therefore do the young maidens love you.

4 They have drawn you: we will run after you, for the smell of your ointments: the king has brought me into his closet: let us rejoice and be glad in you; we will love your breasts more than wine: righteousness loves you.

5 I am black, but beautiful, you daughters of Jerusalem, as the tents of Kedar, as the curtains of Solomon.

6 Look not upon me, because I am dark, because the sun has looked unfavourably upon me: my mother's sons strove with me; they made me keeper in the vineyards; I have not kept my own vineyard.

7 Tell me, you whom my soul loves, where you tend your flock, where you cause them to rest at noon, lest I become as one that is veiled by the flocks of your companions.

8 If you know not yourself, you fair one among women, go you forth by the footsteps of the flocks, and feed your kids by the shepherds' tents.

9 I have likened you, my companion, to my horses in the chariots of Pharaoh.

10 How are your cheeks beautiful as those of a dove, your neck as chains!

11 We will make you figures of gold with studs of silver.

12 So long as the king was at table, my spikenard gave forth its smell.

13 My kinsman is to me a bundle of myrrh; he shall lie between my breasts.

14 My kinsman is to me a cluster of camphor in the vineyards of Engaddi.

15 Behold, you are fair, my companion; behold, you are fair; your eyes are doves.

16 Behold, you are fair, my kinsman, yea, beautiful, overshadowing our bed.

17 The beams of our house are cedars, our ceilings are of cypress.

Chapter 2

1 I am a flower of the plain, a lily of the valleys.

2 As a lily among thorns, so is my companion among the daughters.

3 As the apple among the trees of the wood, so is my kinsman among the sons. I desired his shadow, and sat down, and his fruit was sweet in my throat.

4 Bring me into the wine house; set love before me.

5 Strengthen me with perfumes, stay me with apples: for I am wounded with love.

6 His left hand shall be under my head, and his right hand shall embrace me.

7 I have charged you, you daughters of Jerusalem, by the powers and by the virtues of the field, that you do not rouse or wake my love, until he please.

8 The voice of my kinsman! behold, he comes leaping over the mountains, bounding over the hills.

9 My kinsman is like a roe or a young hart on the mountains of Bethel: behold, he is behind our wall, looking through the windows, peeping through the lattices.

10 My kinsman answers, and says to me, Rise up, come, my companion, my fair one, my dove.

11 For, behold, the winter is past, the rain is gone, it has departed.

12 The flowers are seen in the land; the time of pruning has arrived; the voice of the turtle-dove has been heard in our land.

13 The fig-tree has put forth its young figs, the vines put forth the tender grape, they yield a smell: arise, come, my companion, my fair one, my dove; yea, come.

14 You are my dove, in the shelter of the rock, near the wall: shew me your face, and cause me to hear your voice; for your voice is sweet, and your countenance is beautiful.

15 Take us the little foxes that spoil the vines: for our vines put forth tender grapes.

16 My kinsman is mine, and I am his: he feeds his flock among the lilies.

17 Until the day dawn, and the shadows depart, turn, my kinsman, be you like to a roe or young hart on the mountains of the ravines.

Chapter 3

1 By night on my bed I sought him whom my soul loves: I sought him, but found him not; I called him, but he hearkened not to me.

2 I will rise now, and go about in the city, in the market-places, and in the streets, and I will seek him whom my soul loves: I sought him, but I found him not.

3 The watchmen who go their rounds in the city found me. I said, Have you seen him whom my soul loves?

4 It was as a little while after I parted from them, that I found him whom my soul loves: I held him, and did not let him go, until I brought him into my mother's house, and into the chamber of her that conceived me.

5 I have charged you, O daughters of Jerusalem, by the powers and by the virtues of the field, that you rouse not nor awake my love, until he please.

6 Who is this that comes up from the wilderness as pillars of smoke, perfumed with myrrh and frankincense, with all powders of the perfumer?

7 Behold Solomon's bed; sixty mighty men of the mighty ones of Israel are round about it.

8 They all hold a sword, being expert in war: every man has his sword upon his thigh because of fear by night.

9 King Solomon made himself a litter of woods of Lebanon.

10 He made the pillars of it silver, the bottom of it gold, the covering of it scarlet, in the midst of it a pavement of love, for the daughters of Jerusalem.

11 Go forth, you daughters of Zion, and behold king Solomon, with the crown wherewith his mother crowned him, in the day of his espousals, and in the day of the gladness of his heart.

Chapter 4

1 Behold, you are fair, my companion; behold, you are fair; your eyes are doves, beside your veil: your hair is as flocks of goats, that have appeared from Gilead.

2 Your teeth are as flocks of shorn sheep, that have gone up from the washing; all of them bearing twins, and there is not a barren one among them.

3 Your lips are as a thread of scarlet, and your speech is comely: like the rind of a pomegranate is your cheek without your veil.

4 Your neck is as the tower of David, that was built for an armoury: a thousand shields hang upon it, and all darts of mighty men.

5 Your two breasts are as two twin fawns, that feed among the lilies.

6 Until the day dawn, and the shadows depart, I will betake me to the mountain of myrrh, and to the hill of frankincense.

7 You are all fair, my companion, and there is no spot in you.

8 Come from Lebanon, my bride, come from Lebanon: you shall come and pass from the top of Faith, from the top of Sanir and Hermon, from the lions' dens, from the mountains of the leopards.

9 My sister, my spouse, you have ravished my heart; you have ravished my heart with one of your eyes, with one chain of your neck.

10 How beautiful are your breasts, my sister, my spouse! how much more beautiful are your breasts than wine, and the smell of your garments than all spices!

11 Your lips drop honeycomb, my spouse: honey and milk are under your tongue; and the smell of your garments is as the smell of Lebanon.

12 My sister, my spouse is a garden enclosed; a garden enclosed, a fountain sealed.

13 Your shoots are a garden of pomegranates, with the fruit of choice berries; camphor, with spikenard:

14 spikenard and saffron, calamus and cinnamon; with all woods of Lebanon, myrrh, aloes, with all chief spices:

15 a fountain of a garden, and a well of water springing and gurgling from Lebanon.

16 Awake, O north wind; and come, O south; and blow through my garden, and let my spices flow out.

Chapter 5

1 Let my kinsman come down into his garden, and eat the fruit of his choice berries. I am come into my garden, my sister, my spouse: I have gathered my myrrh with my spices; I have eaten my bread with my honey; I have drunk my wine with my milk. Eat, O friends, and drink; yea, brethren, drink abundantly.

2 I sleep, but my heart is awake: the voice of my kinsman knocks at the door, saying, Open, open to me, my companion, my sister, my dove, my perfect one: for my head is filled with dew, and my locks with the drops of the night.

3 I have put off my coat; how shall I put it on? I have washed my feet, how shall I defile them?

4 My kinsman put forth his hand by the hole of the door, and my belly was moved for him.

5 I rose up to open to my kinsman; my hands dropped myrrh, my fingers choice myrrh, on the handles of the lock.

6 I opened to my kinsman; my kinsman was gone: my soul failed at his speech: I sought him, but found him not; I called him, but he answered me not.

7 The watchmen that go their rounds in the city found me, they smote me, they wounded me; the keepers of the walls took away my veil from me.

8 I have charged you, O daughters of Jerusalem, by the powers and the virtues of the field: if you should find my kinsman, what are you to say to him? That I am wounded with love.

9 What is your kinsman more than another kinsman, O you beautiful among women? what is your kinsman more than another kinsman, that you have so charged us?

10 My kinsman is white and ruddy, chosen out from myriads.

11 His head is as very fine gold, his locks are flowing, black as a raven.

12 His eyes are as doves, by the pools of waters, washed with milk, sitting by the pools.

13 His cheeks are as bowls of spices pouring forth perfumes: his lips are lilies, dropping choice myrrh.

14 His hands are as turned gold set with beryl: his belly is an ivory tablet on a sapphire stone.

15 His legs are marble pillars set on golden sockets: his form is as Lebanon, choice as the cedars.

16 His throat is most sweet, and altogether desirable. This is my kinsman, and this is my companion, O daughters of Jerusalem.

Chapter 6

1 Whither is your kinsman gone, you beautiful among women? whither has your kinsman turned aside? tell us, and we will seek him with you.

2 My kinsman is gone down to his garden, to the beds of spice, to feed his flock in the gardens, and to gather lilies.

3 I am my kinsman's, and my kinsman is mine, who feeds among the lilies.

4 You are fair, my companion, as Pleasure, beautiful as Jerusalem, terrible as armies set in array.

5 Turn away your eyes from before me, for they have ravished me: your hair is as flocks of goats which have appeared from Gilead.

6 Your teeth are as flocks of shorn sheep, that have gone up from the washing, all of them bearing twins, and there is none barren among them: your lips are as a thread of scarlet, and your speech is comely.

7 Your cheek is like the rind of a pomegranate, being seen without your veil.

8 There are sixty queens, and eighty concubines, and maidens without number.

9 My dove, my perfect one is one; she is the only one of her mother; she is the choice of her that bore her. The daughters saw her, and the queens will pronounce her blessed, yea, and the concubines, and they will praise her.

10 Who is this that looks forth as the morning, fair as the moon, choice as the sun, terrible as armies set in array?

11 I went down to the garden of nuts, to look at the fruits of the valley, to see if the vine flowered, if the pomegranates blossomed.

12 There I will give you my breasts: my soul knew it not: it made me as the chariots of Aminadab.

Chapter 7

1 Return, return, O Sunamite; return, return, and we will look at you. What will you see in the Sunamite? She comes as bands of armies.

2 Your steps are beautiful in shoes, O daughter of the prince: the joints of your thighs are like chains, the work of the craftsman.

3 Your navel is as a turned bowl, not wanting liquor; your belly is as a heap of wheat set about with lilies.

4 Your two breasts are as two twin fawns.

5 Your neck is as an ivory tower; your eyes are as pools in Heshbon, by the gates of the daughter of many: your nose is as the tower of Lebanon, looking toward Damascus.

6 Your head upon you is as Carmel, and the curls of your hair like scarlet; the king is bound in the galleries.

7 How beautiful are you, and how sweet are you, my love!

8 This is your greatness in your delights: you were made like a palm tree, and your breasts to clusters.

9 I said, I will go up to the palm tree, I will take hold of its high boughs: and now shall your breasts be as clusters of the vine, and the smell of your nose as apples;

10 and your throat as good wine, going well with my kinsman, suiting my lips and teeth.

11 I am my kinsman's, and his desire is toward me.

12 Come, my kinsman, let us go forth into the field; let us lodge in the villages.

13 Let us go early into the vineyards; let us see if the vine has flowered, if the blossoms have appeared, if the pomegranates have blossomed; there will I give you my breasts.

14 The mandrakes have given a smell, and at our doors are all kinds of choice fruits, new and old. O my kinsman, I have kept them for you.

Chapter 8

1 I would that you, O my kinsman, were he that sucked the breasts of my mother; when I found you without, I would kiss you; yea, they should not despise me.

2 I would take you, I would bring you into my mother's house, and into the chamber of her that conceived me; I would make you to drink of spiced wine, of the juice of my pomegranates.

3 His left hand should be under my head, and his right hand should embrace me.

4 I have charged you, you daughters of Jerusalem, by the virtues of the field, that you stir not up, nor awake my love, until he please.

5 Who is this that comes up all white, leaning on her kinsman? I raised you up under an apple-tree; there your mother brought you forth; there she that bore you brought you forth.

6 Set me as a seal upon your heart, as a seal upon your arm; for love is strong as death; jealousy is cruel as the grave, her shafts are shafts of fire, even the flames thereof.

7 Much water will not be able to quench love, and rivers shall not drown it; if a man would give all his substance for love, men would utterly despise it.

8 Our sister is little, and has no breasts; what shall we do for our sister, in the day wherein she shall be spoken for?

9 If she is a wall, let us build upon her silver bulwarks; and if she is a door, let us carve for her cedar panels.

10 I am a wall, and my breasts are as towers; I was in their eyes as one that found peace.

11 Solomon had a vineyard in Beelamon; he let his vineyard to keepers; every one was to bring for its fruit a thousand pieces of silver.

12 My vineyard, even mine, is before me; Solomon shall have a thousand, and they that keep its fruit two hundred.

13 You that dwell in the gardens, the companions hearken to your voice: make me hear it.

14 Away, my kinsman, and be like a doe or a fawn on the mountains of spices.

Isaiah

Chapter 1

1 THE vision which Isaiah the son of Amos saw, which he saw against Judah and against Jerusalem, in the reign of Uzziah, and Jotham, and Ahaz, and Hezekiah, who reigned over Judea.

2 Hear, O heaven, and hearken, O earth: for the Lord has spoken, saying, I have begotten and reared up children, but they have rebelled against me.

3 The ox knows his owner, and the ass his master's crib: but Israel does not know me, and the people has not regarded me.

4 Ah sinful nation, a people full of sins, an evil seed, lawless children: you have forsaken the Lord, and provoked the Holy One of Israel.

5 Why should you be smitten any more, transgressing more and more? the whole head is pained, and the whole heart sad.

6 From the feet to the head, there is no soundness in them; neither wound, nor bruise, nor festering ulcer are healed: it is not possible to apply a plaister, nor oil, nor bandages.

7 Your land is desolate, your cities burned with fire: your land, strangers devour it in your presence, and it is made desolate, overthrown by strange nations.

8 The daughter of Zion shall be deserted as a tent in a vineyard, and as a storehouse of fruits in a garden of cucumbers, as a besieged city.

9 And if the Lord of Sabaoth had not left us a seed, we should have been as Sodom, and we should have been made like to Gomorrah.

10 Hear the word of the Lord, you rulers of Sodom; attend to the law of God, you people of Gomorrah.

11 Of what value to me is the abundance of your sacrifices? says the Lord: I am full of whole-burnt-offerings of rams; and I delight not in the fat of lambs, and the blood of bulls and goats:

12 neither shall you come with these to appear before me; for who has required these things at your hands? You shall no more tread my court.

13 Though you bring fine flour, it is vain; incense is an abomination to me; I cannot bear your new moons, and your sabbaths, and the great day;

14 your fasting, and rest from work, your new moons also, and your feasts my soul hates: you have become loathsome to me; I will no more pardon your sins.

15 When you stretch forth your hands, I will turn away mine eyes from you: and though you make many supplications, I will not hearken to you; for your hands are full of blood.

16 Wash you, be clean; remove your iniquities from your souls before mine eyes; cease from your iniquities;

17 learn to do well; diligently seek judgment, deliver him that is suffering wrong, plead for the orphan, and obtain justice for the widow.

18 And come, let us reason together, says the Lord: and though your sins be as purple, I will make them white as snow; and though they be as scarlet, I will make them white as wool.

19 And if you be willing, and hearken to me, you shall eat the good of the land:

20 but if you be not willing, nor hearken to me, a sword shall devour you: for the mouth of the Lord has spoken this.

21 How has the faithful city Zion, once full of judgment, become a harlot! wherein righteousness lodged, but now murderers.

22 Your silver is worthless, your wine merchants mix the wine with water.

23 Your princes are rebellious, companions of thieves, loving bribes, seeking after rewards; not pleading for orphans, and not heeding the cause of widows.

24 Therefore thus says the Lord, the Lord of hosts, Woe to the mighty men of Israel; for my wrath shall not cease against mine adversaries, and I will execute judgment on mine enemies.

25 And I will bring my hand upon you, and purge you completely, and I will destroy the rebellious, and will take away from you all transgressors.

26 And I will establish your judges as before, and your counsellors as at the beginning: and afterward you shall be called the city of righteousness, the faithful mother-city Zion.

27 For her captives shall be saved with judgment, and with mercy.

28 And the transgressors and the sinners shall be crushed together, and they that forsake the Lord shall be utterly consumed.

29 For they shall be ashamed of their idols, which they delighted in, and they are made ashamed of the gardens which they coveted.

30 For they shall be as a turpentine tree that has cast its leaves, and as a garden that has no water.

31 And their strength shall be as a thread of tow, and their works as sparks, and the transgressors and the sinners shall be burnt up together, and there shall be none to quench them.

Chapter 2

1 The word which came to Isaiah the son of Amos concerning Judea, and concerning Jerusalem.

2 For in the last days the mountain of the Lord shall be glorious, and the house of God shall be on the top of the mountains, and it shall be exalted above the hills; and all nations shall come to it.

3 And many nations shall go and say, Come, and let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, and to the house of the God of Jacob; and he will tell us his way, and we will walk in it: for out of Zion shall go forth the law, and the word of the Lord out of Jerusalem.

4 And he shall judge among the nations, and shall rebuke many people: and they shall beat their swords into plough-shares, and their spears into sickles: and nation shall not take up sword against nation, neither shall they learn to war any more.

5 And now, O house of Jacob, come, and let us walk in the light of the Lord.

6 For he has forsaken his people the house of Israel, because their land is filled as at the beginning with divinations, as the land of the Philistines, and many strange children were born to them.

7 For their land is filled with silver and gold, and there was no number of their treasures; their land also is filled with horses, and there was no number of their chariots.

8 And the land is filled with abominations, even the works of their hands; and they have worshipped the works which their fingers made.

9 And the mean man bowed down, and the great man was humbled: and I will not pardon them.

10 Now therefore enter you into the rocks, and hide yourselves in the earth, for fear of the Lord, and by reason of the glory of his might, when he shall arise to strike terribly the earth.

11 For the eyes of the Lord are high, but man is low; and the haughtiness of men shall be brought low, and the Lord alone shall be exalted in that day.

12 For the day of the Lord of hosts shall be upon every one that is proud and haughty, and upon every one that is high and towering, and they shall be brought down;

13 and upon every cedar of Lebanon, of them that are high and towering, and upon every oak of Basan,

14 and upon every high mountain, and upon every high hill,

15 and upon every high tower, and upon every high wall,

16 and upon every ship of the sea, and upon every display of fine ships.

17 And every man shall be brought low, and the pride of men shall fall: and the Lord alone shall be exalted in that day.

18 And they shall hide all idols made with hands,

19 having carried them into the caves, and into the clefts of the rocks, and into the caverns of the earth, for fear of the Lord, and by reason of the glory of his might, when he shall arise to strike terribly the earth.

20 For in that day a man shall cast forth his silver and gold abominations, which they made in order to worship vanities and bats;

21 to enter into the caverns of the solid rock, and into the clefts of the rocks, for fear of the Lord, and by reason of the glory of his might, when he shall arise to strike terribly the earth.

Chapter 3

1 Behold now, the Lord, the Lord of hosts, will take away from Jerusalem and from Judea the mighty man and mighty woman, the strength of bread, and the strength of water,

2 the great and mighty man, the warrior and the judge, and the prophet, and the counsellor, and the elder,

3 the captain of fifty also, and the honourable counsellor, and the wise artificer, and the intelligent hearer.

4 And I will make youths their princes, and mockers shall have dominion over them.

5 And the people shall fall, man upon man, and every man upon his neighbour: the child shall insult the elder man, and the base the honourable.

6 For a man shall lay hold of his brother, as one of his father's household, saying, You have raiment, be you our ruler, and let my meat be under you.

7 And he shall answer in that day, and say, I will not be your ruler; for I have no bread in my house, nor raiment: I will not be the ruler of this people.

8 For Jerusalem is ruined, and Judea has fallen, and their tongues have spoken with iniquity, disobedient as they are towards the Lord.

9 Wherefore now their glory has been brought low, and the shame of their countenance has withstood them, and they have proclaimed their sin as Sodom, and made it manifest.

10 Woe to their soul, for they have devised an evil counsel against themselves, saying against themselves, Let us bind the just, for he is burdensome to us: therefore shall they eat the fruits of their works.

11 Woe to the transgressor! evils shall happen to him according to the works of his hands.

12 O my people, your exactors strip you, and extortioners rule over you: O my people, they that pronounce you blessed lead you astray, and pervert the path of your feet.

13 But now the Lord will stand up for judgment, and will enter into judgment with his people.

14 The Lord himself shall enter into judgment with the elders of the people, and with their rulers: but why have you set my vineyard on fire, and why is the spoil of the poor in your houses?

15 Why do you wrong my people, and shame the face of the poor?

16 Thus says the Lord, Because the daughters of Zion are haughty, and have walked with an outstretched neck, and with winking of the eyes, and motion of the feet, at the same time drawing their garments in trains, and at the same time sporting with their feet:

17 therefore the Lord will humble the chief daughters of Zion, and the Lord will expose their form in that day;

18 and the Lord will take away the glory of their raiment, the curls and the fringes, and the crescents,

19 and the chains, and the ornaments of their faces,

20 and the array of glorious ornaments, and the armlets, and the bracelets, and the wreathed work, and the finger-rings, and the ornaments for the right hand, and the ear-rings,

21 and the garments with scarlet borders, and the garments with purple grounds,

22 and the shawls to be worn in the house, and the Spartan transparent dresses,

23 and those made of fine linen, and the purple ones, and the scarlet ones, and the fine linen, interwoven with gold and purple, and the light coverings for couches.

24 And there shall be instead of a sweet smell, dust; and instead of a girdle, you shall gird yourself with a rope; and instead of a golden ornament for the head, you shall have baldness on account of your works; and instead of a tunic with a scarlet ground, you shall gird yourself with sackcloth.

25 And your most beautiful son whom you love shall fall by the sword; and your mighty men shall fall by the sword, and shall be brought low.

26 And the stores of your ornaments shall mourn, and you shall be left alone, and shall be levelled with the ground.

Chapter 4

1 And seven women shall take hold of one man, saying, We will eat our own bread, and wear our own raiment: only let your name be called upon us, and take away our reproach.

2 And in that day God shall shine gloriously in counsel on the earth, to exalt and glorify the remnant of Israel.

3 And it shall be, that the remnant left in Zion, and the remnant left in Jerusalem, even all that are appointed to life in Jerusalem, shall be called holy.

4 For the Lord shall wash away the filth of the sons and daughters of Zion, and shall purge out the blood from the midst of them, with the spirit of judgment, and the spirit of burning.

5 And he shall come, and it shall be with regard to every place of mount Zion, yea, all the region round about it shall a cloud overshadow by day, and there shall be as it were the smoke and light of fire burning by night: and upon all the glory shall be a defence.

6 And it shall be for a shadow from the heat, and as a shelter and a hiding-place from inclemency of weather and from rain.

Chapter 5

1 Now I will sing to my beloved a song of my beloved concerning my vineyard. My beloved had a vineyard on a high hill in a fertile place.

2 And I made a hedge round it, and dug a trench, and planted a choice vine, and built a tower in the midst of it, and dug a place for the wine-vat in it: and I waited for it to bring forth grapes, and it brought forth thorns.

3 And now, you dwellers in Jerusalem, and every man of Judah, judge between me and my vineyard.

4 What shall I do any more to my vineyard, that I have not done to it? Whereas I expected it to bring forth grapes, but it has brought forth thorns.

5 And now I will tell you what I will do to my vineyard: I will take away its hedge, and it shall be for a spoil; and I will pull down its walls, and it shall be left to be trodden down.

6 And I will forsake my vineyard; and it shall not be pruned, nor dug, and thorns shall come up upon it as on barren land; and I will command the clouds to rain no rain upon it.

7 For the vineyard of the Lord of hosts is the house of Israel, and the men of Judah his beloved plant: I expected it to bring forth judgment, and it brought forth iniquity; and not righteousness, but a cry.

8 Woe to them that join house to house, and add field to field, that they may take away something of their neighbour's: will you dwell alone upon the land?

9 For these things have reached the ears of the Lord of hosts: for though many houses should be built, many and fair houses shall be desolate, and there shall be no inhabitants in them.

10 For where ten yoke of oxen plough the land shall yield one jar-full, and he that sows six homers shall produce three measures.

11 Woe to them that rise up in the morning, and follow strong drink; who wait at it till the evening: for the wine shall inflame them.

12 For they drink wine with harp, and psaltery, and drums, and pipes: but they regard not the works of the Lord, and consider not the works of his hands.

13 Therefore my people have been taken captive, because they know not the Lord: and there has been a multitude of dead bodies, because of hunger and of thirst for water.

14 Therefore hell has enlarged its desire and opened its mouth without ceasing: and her glorious and great, and her rich and her pestilent men shall go down into it.

15 And the mean man shall be brought low, and the great man shall be disgraced, and the lofty eyes shall be brought low.

16 But the Lord of hosts shall be exalted in judgment, and the holy God shall be glorified in righteousness.

17 And they that were spoiled shall be fed as bulls, and lambs shall feed on the waste places of them that are taken away.

18 Woe to them that draw sins to them as with a long rope, and iniquities as with a thong of the heifer's yoke:

19 who say, Let him speedily hasten what he will do, that we may see it: and let the counsel of the Holy One of Israel come, that we may know it.

20 Woe to them that call evil good, and good evil; who make darkness light, and light darkness; who make bitter sweet, and sweet bitter.

21 Woe to them that are wise in their own conceit, and knowing in their own sight.

22 Woe to the strong ones of you that drink wine, and the mighty ones that mingle strong drink:

23 who justify the ungodly for rewards, and take away the righteousness of the righteous.

24 Therefore as stubble shall be burnt by a coal of fire, and shall be consumed by a violent flame, their root shall be as chaff, and their flower shall go up as dust: for they rejected the law of the Lord of hosts, and insulted the word of the Holy One of Israel.

25 Therefore the Lord of hosts was greatly angered against his people, and he reached forth his hand upon them, and smote them: and the mountains were troubled, and their carcases were as dung in the midst of the way: yet for all this his anger has not been turned away, but his hand is yet raised.

26 Therefore shall he lift up a signal to the nations that are afar, and shall hiss for them from the end of the earth; and, behold, they are coming very quickly.

27 They shall not hunger nor be weary, neither shall they slumber nor sleep; neither shall they loose their girdles from their loins, neither shall their shoe-latchets be broken.

28 Whose arrows are sharp, and their bows bent; their horses' hoofs are counted as solid rock: their chariot-wheels are as a storm.

29 They rage as lions, and draw nigh as a lion's whelps: and he shall seize, and roar as a wild beast, and he shall cast them forth, and there shall be none to deliver them.

30 And he shall roar on account of them in that day, as the sound of the swelling sea; and they shall look to the land, and, behold, there shall be thick darkness in their perplexity.

Chapter 6

1 And it came to pass in the year in which king Uzziah died, that I saw the Lord sitting on a high and exalted throne, and the house was full of his glory.

2 And seraphs stood round about him: each one had six wings: and with two they covered their face, and with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew.

3 And one cried to the other, and they said, Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord of hosts: the whole earth is full of his glory.

4 And the lintel shook at the voice they uttered, and the house was filled with smoke.

5 And I said, Woe is me, for I am pricked to the heart; for being a man, and having unclean lips, I dwell in the midst of a people having unclean lips; and I have seen with mine eyes the King, the Lord of hosts.

6 And there was sent to me one of the seraphs, and he had in his hand a coal, which he had taken off the altar with the tongs:

7 and he touched my mouth, and said, Behold, this has touched your lips, and will take away your iniquities, and will purge off your sins.

8 And I heard the voice of the Lord, saying, Whom shall I send, and who will go to this people? And I said, Behold, I am here, send me. And he said, Go, and say to this people,

9 You shall hear indeed, but you shall not understand; and you shall see indeed, but you shall not perceive.

10 For the heart of this people has become gross, and their ears are dull of hearing, and their eyes have they closed; lest they should see with their eyes, and hear with their ears, and understand with their heart, and be converted, and I should heal them.

11 And I said, How long, O Lord? And he said, Until the cities be deserted by reason of their not being inhabited, and the houses by reason of there being no men, and the land shall be left desolate.

12 And after this God shall remove the men far off, and they that are left upon the land shall be multiplied.

13 And yet there shall be a tenth upon it, and again it shall be for a spoil, as a turpentine tree, and as an acorn when it falls out of its husk.

Chapter 7

1 And it came to pass in the days of Ahaz the son of Jotham, the son of Uzziah, king of Judah, there came up Rasin king of Aram, and Phakee son of Romelias, king of Israel, against Jerusalem to war against it, but they could not take it.

2 And a message was brought to the house of David, saying, Aram has conspired with Ephraim. And his soul was amazed, and the soul of his people, as in a wood a tree is moved by the wind.

3 And the Lord said to Isaiah, Go forth to meet Ahaz, you, and your son Jasub who is left, to the pool of the upper way of the fuller's field.

4 And you shall say to him, Take care to be quiet, and fear not, neither let your soul be disheartened because of these two smoking firebrands: for when my fierce anger is over, I will heal again.

5 And as for the son of Aram, and the son of Romelias, forasmuch as they have devised an evil counsel, saying,

6 We will go up against Judea, and having conferred with them we will turn them away to our side, and we will make the son of Tabeel king of it;

7 thus says the Lord of hosts, This counsel shall not abide, nor come to pass.

8 But the head of Aram is Damascus, and the head of Damascus, Rasim; and yet within sixty and five years the kingdom of Ephraim shall cease from being a people.

9 And the head of Ephraim is Somoron, and the head of Somoron the son of Romelias: but if you believe not, neither will you at all understand.

10 And the Lord again spoke to Ahaz, saying,

11 Ask for yourself a sign of the Lord your God, in the depth or in the height.

12 And Ahaz said, I will not ask, neither will I tempt the Lord.

13 And he said, Hear you now, O house of David; is it a little thing for you to contend with men? and how do you contend against the Lord?

14 Therefore the Lord himself shall give you a sign; behold, a virgin shall conceive in the womb, and shall bring forth a son, and you shall call his name Emmanuel.

15 Butter and honey shall he eat, before he knows either to prefer evil, or choose the good.

16 For before the child shall know good or evil, he refuses evil, to choose the good; and the land shall be forsaken which you are afraid of because of the two kings.

17 But God shall bring upon you, and upon your people, and upon the house of your father, days which have never come, from the day that Ephraim took away from Judah the king of the Assyrians.

18 And it shall come to pass in that day that the Lord shall hiss for the flies, which insect shall rule over a part of the river of Egypt, and for the bee which is in the land of the Assyrians.

19 And they all shall enter into the clefts of the land, and into the holes of the rocks, and into the caves, and into every ravine.

20 In that day the Lord shall shave with the hired razor of the king of Assyria beyond the river the head, and the hairs of the feet, and will remove the beard.

21 And it shall come to pass in that day, that a man shall rear a heifer, and two sheep.

22 And it shall come to pass from their drinking an abundance of milk, that every one that is left on the land shall eat butter and honey.

23 And it shall come to pass in that day, for every place where there shall be a thousand vines at a thousand shekels, they shall become barren land and thorns.

24 Men shall enter thither with arrow and bow; for all the land shall be barren ground and thorns.

25 And every mountain shall be certainly ploughed: there shall no fear come thither: for there shall be from among the barren ground and thorns that whereon cattle shall feed and oxen shall tread.

Chapter 8

1 And the Lord said to me, Take to yourself a volume of a great new book, and write in it with a man's pen concerning the making a rapid plunder of spoils; for it is near at hand.

2 And make me witnesses of faithful men, Urias, and Zechariah the son of Barachias.

3 And I went in to the prophetess; and she conceived, and bore a son. And the Lord said to me, Call his name, Spoil quickly, plunder speedily.

4 For before the child shall know how to call his father or his mother, one shall take the power of Damascus and the spoils of Samaria before the king of the Assyrians.

5 And the Lord spoke to me yet again, saying,

6 Because this people chooses not the water of Siloam that goes softly, but wills to have Rassin, and the son of Romelias to be king over you;

7 therefore, behold, the Lord brings up upon you the water of the river, strong and abundant, even the king of the Assyrians, and his glory: and he shall come up over every valley of yours, and shall walk over every wall of yours:

8 and he shall take away from Judah every man who shall be able to lift up his head, and every one able to accomplish anything; and his camp shall fill the breadth of your land, O God with us.

9 Know, you Gentiles, and be conquered; hearken you, even to the extremity of the earth: be conquered, after you have strengthened yourselves; for even if you should again strengthen yourselves, you shall again be conquered.

10 And whatsoever counsel you shall take, the Lord shall bring it to nought; and whatsoever word you shall speak, it shall not stand among you: for God is with us.

11 Thus says the Lord, With a strong hand they revolt from the course of the way of this people, saying,

12 Let them not say, It is hard, for whatsoever this people says, is hard: but fear not you their fear, neither be dismayed.

13 Sanctify you the Lord himself; and he shall be your fear.

14 And if you shall trust in him, he shall be to you for a sanctuary; and you shall not come against him as against a stumbling-stone, neither as against the falling of a rock: but the houses of Jacob are in a snare, and the dwellers in Jerusalem in a pit.

15 Therefore many among them shall be weak, and fall, and be crushed; and they shall draw nigh, and men shall be taken securely.

16 Then shall those who seal themselves that they may not learn the law be made manifest.

17 And one shall say, I will wait for God, who has turned away his face from the house of Jacob, and I will trust in him.

18 Behold I and the children which God has given me: and they shall be for signs and wonders in the house of Israel from the Lord of hosts, who dwells in mount Zion.

19 And if they should say to you, Seek those who have in them a divining spirit, and them that speak out of the earth, them that speak vain words, who speak out of their belly: shall not a nation diligently seek to their God? why do they seek to the dead concerning the living?

20 For he has given the law for a help, that they should not speak according to this word, concerning which there are no gifts to give for it.

21 And famine shall come sorely upon you, and it shall come to pass, that when you shall be hungry, you shall be grieved, and you shall speak ill of the prince and your fathers' ordinances: and they shall look up to heaven above,

22 and they shall look on the earth below, and behold severe distress, and darkness, affliction, and anguish, and darkness so that one cannot see; and he that is in anguish shall not be distressed only for a time.

23 Drink this first. Act quickly, O land of Zebulun, land of Nephthalim, and the rest inhabiting the sea-coast, and the land beyond Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles.

Chapter 9

1 O people walking in darkness, behold a great light: you that dwell in the region and shadow of death, a light shall shine upon you.

2 The multitude of the people which you have brought down in your joy, they shall even rejoice before you as they that rejoice in harvest, and as they that divide the spoil.

3 Because the yoke that was laid upon them has been taken away, and the rod that was on their neck: for he has broken the rod of the exactors, as in the day of Midian.

4 For they shall compensate for every garment that has been acquired by deceit, and all raiment with restitution; and they shall be willing, even if they were burnt with fire.

5 For a child is born to us, and a son is given to us, whose government is upon his shoulder: and his name is called the Messenger of great counsel: for I will bring peace upon the princes, and health to him.

6 His government shall be great, and of his peace there is no end: it shall be upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom, to establish it, and to support it with judgment and with righteousness, from henceforth and for ever. The zeal of the Lord of hosts shall perform this.

7 The Lord has sent death upon Jacob, and it has come upon Israel.

8 And all the people of Ephraim, and they that dwelt in Samaria shall know, who say in their pride and lofty heart,

9 The bricks are fallen down, but come, let us hew stones, and cut down sycamores and cedars, and let us build for ourselves a tower.

10 And God shall dash down them that rise up against him on mount Zion, and shall scatter his enemies;

11 even Syria from the rising of the sun, and the Greeks from the setting of the sun, who devour Israel with open mouth. For all this his anger is not turned away, but still his hand is exalted.

12 But the people turned not until they were smitten, and they sought not the Lord.

13 So the Lord took away from Israel the head and tail, great and small, in one day:

14 the old man, and them that respect persons, this is the head; and the prophet teaching unlawful things, he is the tail.

15 And they that pronounce this people blessed shall mislead them; and they mislead them that they may devour them.

16 Therefore the Lord shall not take pleasure in their young men, neither shall he have pity on their orphans or on their widows: for they are all transgressors and wicked, and every mouth speaks unjustly. For all this his anger is not turned away, but his hand is yet exalted.

17 And iniquity shall burn as fire, and shall be devoured by fire as dry grass: and it shall burn in the thickets of the wood, and shall devour all that is round about the hills.

18 The whole earth is set on fire because of the fierce anger of the Lord, and the people shall be as men burnt by fire: no man shall pity his brother.

19 But one shall turn aside to the right hand, for he shall be hungry; and shall eat on the left, and a man shall by no means be satisfied with eating the flesh of his own arm.

20 For Manasseh shall eat the flesh of Ephraim, and Ephraim the flesh of Manasseh; for they shall besiege Judah together. For all this his anger is not turned away, but his hand is yet exalted.

Chapter 10

1 Woe to them that write wickedness; for when they write they do write wickedness,

2 perverting the cause of the poor, violently wresting the judgment of the needy ones of my people, that the widow may be a prey to them, and the orphan a spoil.

3 And what will they do in the day of visitation? for affliction shall come to you from afar: and to whom will you flee for help? and where will you leave your glory,

4 that you may not fall into captivity? For all this his wrath is not turned away, but his hand is yet exalted.

5 Woe to the Assyrians; the rod of my wrath, and anger are in their hands.

6 I will send my wrath against a sinful nation, and I will charge my people to take plunder and spoil, and to trample the cities, and to make them dust.

7 But he meant not thus, neither did he devise thus in his soul: but his mind shall change, and that to destroy nations not a few.

8 And if they should say to him, You alone art ruler;

9 then shall he say, Have I not taken the country above Babylon and Chalanes, where the tower was built? and have I not taken Arabia, and Damascus, and Samaria?

10 As I have taken them, I will also take all the kingdoms: howl, you idols in Jerusalem, and in Samaria.

11 For as I did to Samaria and her idols, so will I do also to Jerusalem and her idols.

12 And it shall come to pass, when the Lord shall have finished doing all things on mount Zion and Jerusalem, that I will visit upon the proud heart, even upon the ruler of the Assyrians, and upon the boastful haughtiness of his eyes.

13 For he said, I will act in strength, and in the wisdom of my understanding I will remove the boundaries of nations, and will spoil their strength.

14 And I will shake the inhabited cities: and I will take with my hand all the world as a nest: and I will even take them as eggs that have been left; and there is none that shall escape me, or contradict me.

15 Shall the axe glorify itself without him that hews with it? or shall the saw lift up itself without him that uses it, as if one should lift a rod or staff? but it shall not be so;

16 but the Lord of hosts shall send dishonour upon yours honour, and burning fire shall be kindled upon your glory.

17 And the light of Israel shall be for a fire, and he shall sanctify him with burning fire, and it shall devour the wood as grass.

18 In that day the mountains shall be consumed, and the hills, and the forests, and fire shall devour both soul and body: and he that flees shall be as one fleeing from burning flame.

19 And they that are left of them shall be a small number, and a child shall write them.

20 And it shall come to pass in that day that the remnant of Israel shall no more join themselves with, and the saved of Jacob shall no more trust in, them that injured them; but they shall trust in the Holy God of Israel, in truth.

21 And the remnant of Jacob shall trust on the mighty God.

22 And though the people of Israel be as the sand of the sea, a remnant of them shall be saved.

23 He will finish the work, and cut it short in righteousness: because the Lord will make a short work in all the world.

24 Therefore thus says the Lord of hosts, Be not afraid, my people who dwell in Zion, of the Assyrians, because he shall smite you with a rod: for I am bringing a stroke upon you, that you may see the way of Egypt.

25 For yet a little while, and the indignation shall cease: but my wrath shall be against their council.

26 And God will stir up enemies against them, according to the stroke of Midian in the place of affliction: and his

wrath shall be by the way of the sea, even to the way that leads to Egypt.

27 And it shall come to pass in that day, that his yoke shall be taken away from your shoulder, and his fear from you, and the yoke shall be destroyed from off your shoulders.

28 For he shall arrive at the city of Angai, and shall pass on to Maggedo, and shall lay up his stores in Machmas.

29 And he shall pass by the valley, and shall arrive at Angai: fear shall seize upon Ramah, the city of Saul.

30 The daughter of Gallim shall flee; Laisa shall hear; one shall hear in Anathoth.

31 Madebena also is amazed, and the inhabitants of Gibbir.

32 Exhort you them to-day to remain in the way: exhort you beckoning with the hand the mountain, the daughter of Zion, even you hills that are in Jerusalem.

33 Behold, the Lord, the Lord of hosts, will mightily confound the glorious ones; and the haughty in pride shall be crushed, and the lofty shall be brought low:

34 and the lofty ones shall fall by the sword, and Lebanon shall fall with his lofty ones.

Chapter 11

1 And there shall come forth a rod out of the root of Jesse, and a blossom shall come up from his root:

2 and the Spirit of God shall rest upon him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and strength, the spirit of knowledge and godliness shall fill him;

3 the spirit of the fear of God. He shall not judge according to appearance, nor reprove according to report:

4 but he shall judge the cause of the lowly, and shall reprove the lowly of the earth: and he shall smite the earth with the word of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips shall he destroy the ungodly one.

5 And he shall have his loins girt with righteousness, and his sides clothed with truth.

6 And the wolf shall feed with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the kid; and the young calf and bull and lion shall feed together; and a little child shall lead them.

7 And the ox and bear shall feed together; and their young shall be together: and the lion shall eat straw like the ox.

8 And an infant shall put his hand on the holes of asps, and on the nest of young asps.

9 And they shall not hurt, nor shall they at all be able to destroy any one on my holy mountain: for the whole world is filled with the knowledge of the Lord, as much water covers the seas.

10 And in that day there shall be a root of Jesse, and he that shall arise to rule over the Gentiles; in him shall the Gentiles trust, and his rest shall be glorious.

11 And it shall be in that day, that the Lord shall again shew his hand, to be zealous for the remnant that is left of the people, which shall be left by the Assyrians, and that from Egypt, and from the country of Babylon, and from Ethiopia, and from the Elamites, and from the rising of the sun, and out of Arabia.

12 And he shall lift up a standard for the nations, and he shall gather the lost ones of Israel, and he shall gather the dispersed of Judah from the four corners of the earth.

13 And the envy of Ephraim shall be taken away, and the enemies of Judah shall perish: Ephraim shall not envy Judah, and Judah shall not afflict Ephraim.

14 And they shall fly in the ships of the Philistines: they shall at the same time spoil the sea, and them that come from the east, and Edom: and they shall lay their hands on Moab first; but the children of Ammon shall first obey them.

15 And the Lord shall make desolate the sea of Egypt; and he shall lay his hand on the river with a strong wind, and he shall smite the seven channels, so that men shall pass through it dry-shod.

16 And there shall be a passage for my people that is left in Egypt: and it shall be to Israel as the day when he came forth out of the land of Egypt.

Chapter 12

1 And in that day you shall say, I will bless you, O Lord; for you were angry with me, but you have turned aside your wrath, and have pitied me.

2 Behold, my God is my Saviour; I will trust in him, and not be afraid: for the Lord is my glory and my praise, and is become my salvation.

3 Draw you therefore water with joy out of the wells of salvation.

4 And in that day you shall say, Sing to the Lord, call aloud upon his name, proclaim his glorious deeds among the Gentiles; make mention that his name is exalted.

5 Sing praise to the name of the Lord; for he has done great things: declare this in all the earth.

6 Exalt and rejoice, you that dwell in Zion: for the Holy One of Israel is exalted in the midst of her.

Chapter 13

1 THE VISION WHICH ESAIAS SON OF AMOS SAW AGAINST BABYLON.

2 Lift up a standard on the mountain of the plain, exalt the voice to them, beckon with the hand, open the gates, you rulers.

3 I give command, and I bring them: giants are coming to fulfil my wrath, rejoicing at the same time and insulting.

4 A voice of many nations on the mountains, even like to that of many nations; a voice of kings and nations gathered together: the Lord of hosts has given command to a war-like nation,

5 to come from a land afar off, from the utmost foundation of heaven; the Lord and his warriors are coming to destroy all the world.

6 Howl you, for the day of the Lord is near, and destruction from God shall arrive.

7 Therefore every hand shall become powerless, and every soul of man shall be dismayed.

8 The elders shall be troubled, and pangs shall seize them, as of a woman in travail: and they shall mourn one to another, and shall be amazed, and shall change their countenance as a flame.

9 For behold! the day of the Lord is coming which cannot be escaped, a day of wrath and anger, to make the world desolate, and to destroy sinners out of it.

10 For the stars of heaven, and Orion, and all the host of heaven, shall not give their light; and it shall be dark at sunrise, and the moon shall not give her light.

11 And I will command evils for the whole world, and will visit their sins on the ungodly: and I will destroy the pride of transgressors, and will bring low the pride of the haughty.

12 And they that are left shall be more precious than gold tried in the fire; and a man shall be more precious than the stone that is in Suphir.

13 For the heaven shall be enraged, and the earth shall be shaken from her foundation, because of the fierce anger of the Lord of hosts, in the day in which his wrath shall come on.

14 And they that are left shall be as a fleeing fawn, and as a stray sheep, and there shall be none to gather them: so that a man shall turn back to his people, and a man shall flee to his own land.

15 For whosoever shall be taken shall be overcome; and they that are gathered together shall fall by the sword.

16 And they shall dash their children before their eyes; and they shall spoil their houses, and shall take their wives.

17 Behold, I will stir up against you the Medes, who do not regard silver, neither have they need of gold.

18 They shall break the bows of the young men; and they shall have no mercy on your children; nor shall their eyes spare your children.

19 And Babylon, which is called glorious by the king of the Chaldeans, shall be as when God overthrew Sodom and Gomorrah.

20 It shall never be inhabited, neither shall any enter into it for many generations: neither shall the Arabians pass through it; nor shall shepherds at all rest in it.

21 But wild beasts shall rest there; and the houses shall be filled with howling; and monsters shall rest there, and devils shall dance there,

22 and satyrs shall dwell there; and hedgehogs shall make their nests in their houses. It will come soon, and will not tarry.

Chapter 14

1 And the Lord will have mercy on Jacob, and will yet choose Israel, and they shall rest on their land: and the stranger shall be added to them, yea, shall be added to the house of Jacob.

2 And the Gentiles shall take them, and bring them into their place: and they shall inherit them, and they shall be multiplied upon the land for servants and handmaidens: and they that took them captives shall become captives to them; and they that had lordship over them shall be under their rule.

3 And it shall come to pass in that day, that the Lord shall give you rest from your sorrow and vexation, and from your hard servitude wherein you did serve them.

4 And you shall take up this lamentation against the king of Babylon, How has the extortioner ceased, and the taskmaster ceased!

5 The Lord has broken the yoke of sinners, the yoke of princes.

6 Having smitten a nation in wrath, with an incurable plague, smiting a nation with a wrathful plague, which spared them not, he rested in quiet.

7 All the earth cries aloud with joy:

8 the trees also of Lebanon rejoice against you, and the cedar of Lebanon, saying, From the time that you have been laid low, no one has come up to cut us down.

9 Hell from beneath is provoked to meet you: all the great ones that have ruled over the earth have risen up together against you, they that have raised up from their thrones all the kings of the nations.

10 All shall answer and say to you, You also have been taken, even as we; and you are numbered amongst us.

11 Your glory has come down to Hades, and your great mirth: under you they shall spread corruption, and the worm shall be your covering.

12 How has Lucifer, that rose in the morning, fallen from heaven! He that sent orders to all the nations is crushed to the earth.

13 But you saidst in yours heart, I will go up to heaven, I will set my throne above the stars of heaven: I will sit on a lofty mount, on the lofty mountains toward the north:

14 I will go up above the clouds; I will be like the Most High.

15 But now you shall go down to hell, even to the foundations of the earth.

16 They that see you shall wonder at you, and say, This is the man that troubled the earth, that made kings to shake;

17 that made the whole world desolate, and destroyed its cities; he loosed not those who were in captivity.

18 All the kings of the nations lie in honour, every man in his house.

19 But you shall be cast forth on the mountains, as a loathed carcase, with many dead who have been pierced with swords, going down to the grave.

20 As a garment defiled with blood shall not be pure, so neither shall you be pure; because you have destroyed my land, and have slain my people: you shall not endure for ever,—you an evil seed.

21 Prepare your children to be slain for the sins of their father; that they arise not, and inherit the earth, nor fill the earth with wars.

22 And I will rise up against them, says the Lord of hosts, and I will destroy their name, and remnant, and seed: thus says the Lord.

23 And I will make the region of Babylon desert, so that hedgehogs shall dwell there, and it shall come to nothing: and I will make it a pit of clay for destruction.

24 Thus says the Lord of hosts, As I have said, so it shall be: and as I have purposed, so the matter shall remain:

25 even to destroy the Assyrians upon my land, and upon my mountains: and they shall be for trampling; and their yoke shall be taken away from them, and their glory shall be taken away from their shoulders.

26 This is the purpose which the Lord has purposed upon the whole earth: and this the hand that is uplifted against all the nations.

27 For what the Holy God has purposed, who shall frustrate? and who shall turn back his uplifted hand?

28 In the year in which king Ahaz died this word came.

29 Rejoice not, all you Philistines, because the yoke of him that smote you is broken: for out of the seed of the serpent shall come forth the young of asps, and their young shall come forth flying serpents.

30 And the poor shall be fed by him, and poor men shall rest in peace: but he shall destroy your seed with hunger, and shall destroy your remnant.

31 Howl, you gates of cities; let the cities be troubled and cry, even all the Philistines: for smoke is coming from the north, and there is no possibility of living.

32 And what shall the kings of the nations answer? That the Lord has founded Zion, and by him the poor of the people shall be saved.

Chapter 15

1 THE WORD AGAINST THE LAND OF MOAB. By night the land of Moab shall be destroyed; for by night the wall of the land of Moab shall be destroyed.

2 Grieve for yourselves; for even Debon, where your altar is, shall be destroyed: thither shall you go up to weep, over Nabau of the land of Moab: howl you: baldness shall be on every head, and all arms shall be wounded.

3 Gird yourselves with sackcloth in her streets: and lament upon her roofs, and in her streets, and in her ways; howl all of you with weeping.

4 For Heshbon and Eleale have cried: their voice was heard to Jassa: therefore the loins of the region of Moab cry aloud; her soul shall know.

5 The heart of the region of Moab cries within her to Zoar; for it is as a heifer of three years old: and on the ascent of Luith they shall go up to you weeping by the way of Aroniim: she cries, Destruction, and trembling.

6 The water of Nemerim shall be desolate, and the grass thereof shall fail: for there shall be no green grass.

7 Shall Moab even thus be delivered? for I will bring the Arabians upon the valley, and they shall take it.

8 For the cry has reached the border of the region of Moab, even of Agalim; and her howling has gone as far as the well of Ælim.

9 And the water of Dimon shall be filled with blood: for I will bring Arabians upon Dimon, and I will take away the seed of Moab, and Ariel, and the remnant of Adama.

Chapter 16

1 I will send as it were reptiles on the land: is not the mount of the daughter of Zion a desolate rock?

2 For you shall be as a young bird taken away from a bird that has flown: even you shall be so, daughter of Moab: and then do you, O Arnon,

3 take farther counsel, and continually make you a shelter from grief: they flee in darkness at mid-day; they are amazed; be not you led captive.

4 The fugitives of Moab shall sojourn with you; they shall be to you a shelter from the face of the pursuer: for your alliance has been taken away, and the oppressing ruler has perished from off the earth.

5 And a throne shall be established with mercy; and one shall sit upon it with truth in the tabernacle of David, judging, and earnestly seeking judgments, and hasting righteousness.

6 We have heard of the pride of Moab; he is very proud. I have cut off his pride: your prophecy shall not be thus, no not thus.

7 Moab shall howl; for all shall howl in the land of Moab: but you shall care for them that dwell in Seth, and you shall not be ashamed.

8 The plains of Heshbon shall mourn, the vine of Sebama: swallowing up the nations, trample you her vines, even to Jazer: you shall not come together; wander you in the desert: they that were sent are deserted, for they have gone over to the sea.

9 Therefore will I weep as with the weeping of Jazer for the vine of Sebama; Heshbon and Eleale have cast down your trees; for I will trample on your harvest and on your vintages, and all your plants shall fall.

10 And gladness and rejoicing shall be taken away from the vineyards; and they shall not rejoice at all in your vineyards; and they shall not at all tread wine into the vats; for the vintage has ceased.

11 Therefore my belly shall sound as a harp for Moab, and you have repaired my inward parts as a wall.

12 And it shall be to your shame, (for Moab is wearied at the altars,) that he shall go in to the idols thereof to pray, but they shall not be at all able to deliver him.

13 This is the word which the Lord spoke against Moab, when he spoke.

14 And now I say, In three years, of the years of an hireling, the glory of Moab shall be dishonoured with all his great wealth; and he shall be left few in number, and not honoured.

Chapter 17

1 THE WORD AGAINST DAMASCUS. Behold, Damascus shall be taken away from among cities, and shall become a ruin;

2 abandoned for ever, to be a fold and resting-place for flocks, and there shall be none to go after them.

3 And she shall no longer be a strong place for Ephraim to flee to, and there shall no longer be a kingdom in Damascus, or a remnant of Syrians; for you are no better than the children of Israel, even than their glory; thus says the Lord of hosts.

4 There shall be in that day a failure of the glory of Jacob, and the riches of his glory shall be shaken.

5 And it shall be as if one should gather standing corn, and reap the grain of the ears; and it shall be as if one should gather ears in a rich valley;

6 and as if there should be left stubble therein, or as it were the berries of an olive tree, two or three on the topmost bough, or as if four or five should be left on their branches; thus says the Lord, the God of Israel.

7 In that day a man shall trust in him that made him, and his eyes shall have respect to the Holy One of Israel.

8 And they shall not at all trust in their altars, nor in the works of their hands, which their fingers made; and they shall not look to the trees, nor to their abominations.

9 In that day your cities shall be deserted, as the Amorites and the Evæans deserted theirs, because of the children of Israel; and they shall be desolate.

10 Because you have forsaken God your Saviour, and have not been mindful of the Lord your helper; therefore shall you plant a false plant, and a false seed.

11 In the day wherein you shall plant you shall be deceived; but if you sow in the morning, the seed shall spring up for a crop in the day wherein you shall obtain an inheritance, and as a man's father, you shall obtain an inheritance for your sons.

12 Woe to the multitude of many nations, as the swelling sea, so shall you be confounded; and the force of many nations shall sound like water;

13 many nations like much water, as when much water rushes violently: and they shall drive him away, and pursue him afar, as the dust of chaff when men winnow before the wind, and as a storm whirling the dust of the wheel.

14 Toward evening, and there shall be grief; before the morning, and he shall not be. This is the portion of them that spoiled you, and the inheritance to them that robbed you of your inheritance.

Chapter 18

1 Woe to you, you wings of the land of ships, beyond the rivers of Ethiopia.

2 He sends messengers by the sea, and paper letters on the water: for swift messengers shall go to a lofty nation, and to a strange and harsh people. Who is beyond it? a nation not looked for, and trodden down.

3 Now all the rivers of the land shall be inhabited as an inhabited country; their land shall be as when a signal is raised from a mountain; it shall be audible as the sound of a trumpet.

4 For thus said the Lord to me, There shall be security in my city, as the light of noonday heat, and it shall be as a cloud of dew in the day of harvest.

5 Before the reaping time, when the flower has been completely formed, and the unripe grape has put forth its flower and blossomed, then shall he take away the little clusters with pruning-hooks, and shall take away the small branches, and cut them off;

6 and he shall leave them together to the birds of the sky, and to the wild beasts of the earth: and the fowls of the sky shall be gathered upon them, and all the beasts of the land shall come upon him.

7 In that time shall presents be brought to the Lord of hosts from a people afflicted and peeled, and from a people great from henceforth and for ever; a nation hoping and yet trodden down, which is in a part of a river of his land, to the place where is the name of the Lord of hosts, the mount Zion.

Chapter 19

1 THE VISION OF EGYPT. Behold, the Lord sits on a swift cloud, and shall come to Egypt: and the idols of Egypt shall be moved at his presence, and their heart shall faint within them.

2 And the Egyptians shall be stirred up against the Egyptians: and a man shall fight against his brother, and a man against his neighbour, city against city, and law against law.

3 And the spirit of the Egyptians shall be troubled within them; and I will frustrate their counsel: and they shall enquire of their gods and their images, and them that speak out of the earth, and them that have in them a divining spirit.

4 And I will deliver Egypt into the hands of men, of cruel lords; and cruel kings shall rule over them: thus says the Lord of hosts.

5 And the Egyptians shall drink the water that is by the sea, but the river shall fail, and be dried up.

6 And the streams shall fail, and the canals of the river; and every reservoir of water shall be dried up, in every marsh also of reed and papyrus.

7 And all the green herbage round about the river, and everything sown by the side of the river, shall be blasted with the wind and dried up.

8 And the fishermen shall groan, and all that cast a hook into the river shall groan; they also that cast nets, and the anglers shall mourn.

9 And shame shall come upon them that work fine flax, and them that make fine linen.

10 And they that work at them shall be in pain, and all that make beer shall be grieved, and be pained in their souls.

11 And the princes of Tanis shall be fools: as for the king's wise counsellors, their counsel shall be turned into folly: how will you say to the king, We are sons of wise men, sons of ancient kings?

12 Where are now your wise men? and let them declare to you, and say, What has the Lord of hosts purposed upon Egypt?

13 The princes of Tanis have failed, and the princes of Memphis are lifted up with pride, and they shall cause Egypt to wander by tribes.

14 For the Lord has prepared for them a spirit of error, and they have caused Egypt to err in all their works, as one staggers who is drunken and vomits also.

15 And there shall be no work to the Egyptians, which shall make head or tail, or beginning or end.

16 But in that day the Egyptians shall be as women, in fear and in trembling because of the hand of the Lord of hosts, which he shall bring upon them.

17 And the land of the Jews shall be for a terror to the Egyptians: whosoever shall name it to them, they shall fear, because of the counsel which the Lord of hosts has purposed concerning it.

18 In that day there shall be five cities in Egypt speaking the language of Canaan, and swearing by the name of the Lord of hosts; one city shall be called the city of Asedec.

19 In that day there shall be an altar to the Lord in the land of the Egyptians, and a pillar to the Lord by its border.

20 And it shall be for a sign to the Lord for ever in the land of Egypt: for they shall presently cry to the Lord by reason of them that afflict them, and he shall send them a man who shall save them; he shall judge and save them.

21 And the Lord shall be known to the Egyptians, and the Egyptians shall know the Lord in that day; and they shall offer sacrifices, and shall vow vows to the Lord, and pay them.

22 And the Lord shall smite the Egyptians with a stroke, and shall completely heal them: and they shall return to the Lord, and he shall hear them, and thoroughly heal them.

23 In that day there shall be a way from Egypt to the Assyrians, and the Assyrians shall enter into Egypt, and the Egyptians shall go to the Assyrians, and the Egyptians shall serve the Assyrians.

24 In that day shall Israel be third with the Egyptians and the Assyrians, blessed in the land which the Lord of hosts has blessed,

25 saying, Blessed be my people that is in Egypt, and that is among the Assyrians, and Israel mine inheritance.

Chapter 20

1 In the year when Tanathan came to Ashdod, when he was sent by Arna king of the Assyrians, and warred against Ashdod, and took it;

2 then the Lord spoke to Isaiah the son of Amos, saying, Go and take the sackcloth off your loins, and loose your sandals from off your feet, and do thus, going naked and barefoot.

3 And the Lord said, As my servant Isaiah has walked naked and barefoot three years, there shall be three years for signs and wonders to the Egyptians and Ethiopians;

4 for thus shall the king of the Assyrians lead the captivity of Egypt and the Ethiopians, young men and old, naked and barefoot, having the shame of Egypt exposed.

5 And the Egyptians being defeated shall be ashamed of the Ethiopians, in whom they had trusted; for they were their glory.

6 And they that dwell in this island shall say in that day, Behold, we trusted to flee to them for help, who could not save themselves from the king of the Assyrians: and how shall we be saved?

Chapter 21

1 THE VISION OF THE DESERT. As though a whirlwind should pass through the desert, coming from a desert, even from such a land,

2 so a fearful and a grievous vision was declared to me: he that is treacherous deals treacherously, the transgressor transgresses. The Elamites are upon me, and the ambassadors of the Persians come against me: now will I groan and comfort myself.

3 Therefore are my loins filled with feebleness, and pangs have seized me as a travailing woman: I dealt wrongfully that I might not hear; I hasted that I might not see.

4 My heart wanders, and transgression overwhelms me; my soul is occupied with fear.

5 Prepare the table, eat, drink: arise, you princes, and prepare your shields.

6 For thus said the Lord to me, Go and station a watchman for yourself, and declare whatever you shall see.

7 And I saw two mounted horsemen, and a rider on an ass, and a rider on a camel.

8 Hearken with great attention, and call you Urias to the watch-tower: the Lord has spoken. I stood continually during the day, and I stood in the camp all the night:

9 and, behold, he comes riding in a chariot and pair: and he answered and said, Babylon is fallen, is fallen; and all her images and her idols have been crushed to the ground.

10 Hear, you that are left, and you that are in pain, hear what things I have heard of the Lord of hosts which the God of Israel has declared to us.

11 THE VISION OF IDUMEA. Call to me out of Seir; guard you the bulwarks.

12 I watch in the morning and the night: if you would enquire, enquire, and dwell by me.

13 You may lodge in the forest in the evening, or in the way of Dædan.

14 You that dwell in the country of Thæman, bring water to meet him that is thirsty;

15 meet the fugitives with bread, because of the multitude of the slain, and because of the multitude of them that lose their way, and because of the multitude of swords, and because of the multitude of bent bows, and because of the multitude of them that have fallen in war.

16 For thus said the Lord to me, Yet a year, as the year of an hireling, and the glory of the sons of Kedar shall fail:

17 and the remnant of the strong bows of the sons of Kedar shall be small: for the Lord God of Israel has spoken it.

Chapter 22

1 THE WORD OF THE VALLEY OF SION. What has happened to you, that now you are all gone up to the housetops which help you not?

2 The city is filled with shouting men: your slain are not slain with swords, nor are your dead those who have died in battle.

3 All your princes have fled, and your captives are tightly bound, and the mighty men in you have fled far away.

4 Therefore I said, Let me alone, I will weep bitterly; labour not to comfort me for the breach of the daughter of my people.

5 For it is a day of trouble, and of destruction, and of treading down, and there is perplexity sent from the Lord of hosts: they wander in the valley of Zion; they wander from the least to the greatest on the mountains.

6 And the Elamites took their quivers, and there were men mounted on horses, and there was a gathering for battle.

7 And it shall be that your choice valleys shall be filled with chariots, and horsemen shall block up your gates.

8 And they shall uncover the gates of Judah, and they shall look in that day on the choice houses of the city.

9 And they shall uncover the secret places of the houses of the citadel of David: and they saw that they were many, and that one had turned the water of the old pool into the city;

10 and that they had pulled down the houses of Jerusalem, to fortify the wall of the city.

11 And you procured to yourselves water between the two walls within the ancient pool: but you looked not to him that made it from the beginning, and regarded not him that created it.

12 And the Lord, the Lord of hosts, called in that day for weeping, and lamentation, and baldness, and for girding with sackcloth:

13 but they engaged in joy and gladness, slaying calves, and killing sheep, so as to eat flesh, and drink wine; saying, Let us eat and drink; for to-morrow we die.

14 And these things are revealed in the ears of the Lord of hosts: for this sin shall not be forgiven you, until you die.

15 Thus says the Lord of hosts, Go into the chamber, to Somnas the treasurer, and say to him, Why are you here?

16 and what have you to do here, that you have here hewn yourself a sepulchre, and made yourself a sepulchre on high, and have graven for yourself a dwelling in the rock?

17 Behold now, the Lord of hosts casts forth and will utterly destroy such a man, and will take away your robe and your glorious crown,

18 and will cast you into a great and unmeasured land, and there you shall die: and he will bring your fair chariot to shame, and the house of your prince to be trodden down.

19 And you shall be removed from your stewardship, and from your place.

20 And it shall come to pass in that day, that I will call my servant Eliakim the son of Chelcias:

21 and I will put on him your robe, and I will grant him your crown with power, and I will give your stewardship into his hands: and he shall be as a father to them that dwell in Jerusalem, and to them that dwell in Judah.

22 And I will give him the glory of David; and he shall rule, and there shall be none to speak against him: and I will give him the key of the house of David upon his shoulder; and he shall open, and there shall be none to shut; and he shall shut, and there shall be none to open.

23 And I will make him a ruler in a sure place, and he shall be for a glorious throne of his father's house.

24 And every one that is glorious in the house of his father shall trust in him, from the least to the greatest; and they shall depend upon him in that day.

25 Thus says the Lord of hosts, The man that is fastened in the sure place shall be removed and be taken away, and shall fall; and the glory that is upon him shall be utterly destroyed: for the Lord has spoken it.

Chapter 23

1 THE WORD CONCERNING TYRE. Howl, you ships of Carthage; for she has perished, and men no longer arrive from the land of the Citians: she is led captive.

2 To whom are the dwellers in the island become like, the merchants of Phœnice, passing over the sea

3 in great waters, a generation of merchants? as when the harvest is gathered in, so are these traders with the nations.

4 Be ashamed, O Sidon: the sea has said, yea, the strength of the sea has said, I have not travailed, nor brought forth, nor have I brought up young men, nor reared virgins.

5 Moreover when it shall be heard in Egypt, sorrow shall seize them for Tyre.

6 Depart you to Carthage; howl, you that dwell in this island.

7 Was not this your pride from the beginning, before she was given up?

8 Who has devised this counsel against Tyre? Is she inferior? or has she no strength? her merchants were the glorious princes of the earth.

9 The Lord of hosts has purposed to bring down all the pride of the glorious ones, and to disgrace every glorious thing on the earth.

10 Till your land; for ships no more come out of Carthage.

11 And your hand prevails no more by sea, which troubled kings: the Lord of hosts has given a command concerning Canaan, to destroy the strength thereof.

12 And men shall say, You shall no longer at all continue to insult and injure the daughter of Sidon: and if you depart to the Citians, neither there shall you have rest.

13 And if you depart to the land of the Chaldeans, this also is laid waste by the Assyrians, for her wall is fallen.

14 Howl, you ships of Carthage: for your strong hold is destroyed.

15 And it shall come to pass in that day, that Tyre shall be left seventy years, as the time of a king, as the time of a man: and it shall come to pass after seventy years, that Tyre shall be as the song of a harlot.

16 Take a harp, go about, O city, you harlot that have been forgotten; play well on the harp, sing many songs, that you may be remembered.

17 And it shall come to pass after the seventy years, that God will visit Tyre, and she shall be again restored to her primitive state, and she shall be a mart for all the kingdoms of the world on the face of the earth.

18 And her trade and her gain shall be holiness to the Lord: it shall not be gathered for them, but for those that dwell before the Lord, even all her trade, to eat and drink and be filled, and for a covenant and a memorial before the Lord.

Chapter 24

1 Behold, the Lord is about to lay waste the world, and will make it desolate, and will lay bare the surface of it, and scatter them that dwell therein.

2 And the people shall be as the priest, and the servant as the lord, and the maid as the mistress; the buyer shall be as the seller, the lender as the borrower, and the debtor as his creditor.

3 The earth shall be completely laid waste, and the earth shall be utterly spoiled: for the mouth of the Lord has spoken these things.

4 The earth mourns, and the world is ruined, the lofty ones of the earth are mourning.

5 And she has sinned by reason of her inhabitants; because they have transgressed the law, and changed the ordinances, even the everlasting covenant.

6 Therefore a curse shall consume the earth, because the inhabitants thereof have sinned: therefore the dwellers in the earth shall be poor, and few men shall be left.

7 The wine shall mourn, the vine shall mourn, all the merry-hearted shall sigh.

8 The mirth of timbrels has ceased, the sound of the harp has ceased.

9 They are ashamed, they have not drunk wine; strong drink has become bitter to them that drink it.

10 All the city has become desolate: one shall shut his house so that none shall enter.

11 There is a howling for the wine everywhere; all the mirth of the land has ceased, all the mirth of the land has departed.

12 And cities shall be left desolate, and houses being left shall fall to ruin.

13 All this shall be in the land in the midst of the nations, as if one should strip an olive tree, so shall they strip them; but when the vintage is done,

14 these shall cry aloud; and they that are left on the land shall rejoice together in the glory of the Lord: the water of the sea shall be troubled.

15 Therefore shall the glory of the Lord be in the isles of the sea; the name of the Lord shall be glorious.

16 O Lord God of Israel, from the ends of the earth we have heard wonderful things, and there is hope to the godly: but they shall say, Woe to the despisers, that despise the law.

17 Fear, and a pit, and a snare, are upon you that dwell on the earth.

18 And it shall come to pass, that he that flees from the fear shall fall into the pit; and he that comes up out of the pit shall be caught by the snare: for windows have been opened in heaven, and the foundations of the earth shall be shaken,

19 the earth shall be utterly confounded, and the earth shall be completely perplexed.

20 It reels as a drunkard and one oppressed with wine, and the earth shall be shaken as a storehouse of fruits; for iniquity has prevailed upon it, and it shall fall, and shall not be able to rise.

21 And God shall bring his hand upon the host of heaven, and upon the kings of the earth.

22 And they shall gather the multitude thereof into prisons, and they shall shut them into a strong hold: after many generations they shall be visited.

23 And the brick shall decay, and the wall shall fall; for the Lord shall reign from out of Zion, and out of Jerusalem, and shall be glorified before his elders.

Chapter 25

1 O Lord God, I will glorify you, I will sing to your name; for you have done wonderful things, even an ancient and faithful counsel. So be it.

2 For you have made cities a heap, even cities made strong that their foundations should not fall: the city of ungodly men shall not be built for ever.

3 Therefore shall the poor people bless you, and cities of injured men shall bless you.

4 For you have been a helper to every lowly city, and a shelter to them that were disheartened by reason of poverty: you shall deliver them from wicked men: you have been a shelter of them that thirst, and a refreshing air to injured men.

5 We were as faint-hearted men thirsting in Zion, by reason of ungodly men to whom you did deliver us.

6 And the Lord of hosts shall make a feast for all the nations: on this mount they shall drink gladness, they shall drink wine:

7 they shall anoint themselves with ointment in this mountain. Impart you all these things to the nations; for this is God's counsel upon all the nations.

8 Death has prevailed and swallowed men up; but again the Lord God has taken away every tear from every face. He has taken away the reproach of his people from all the earth: for the mouth of the Lord has spoken it.

9 And in that day they shall say, Behold our God in whom we have trusted, and he shall save us: this is the Lord; we have waited for him, and we have exulted, and will rejoice in our salvation.

10 God will give rest on this mountain, and the country of Moab shall be trodden down, as they tread the floor with waggons.

11 And he shall spread forth his hands, even as he also brings down man to destroy him: and he shall bring low his pride in regard to the thing on which he has laid his hands.

12 And he shall bring down the height of the refuge of the wall, and it shall come down even to the ground.

Chapter 26

1 In that day they shall sing this song in the land of Judea; Behold a strong city; and he shall make salvation its wall and bulwark.

2 Open you the gates, let the nation enter that keeps righteousness, and keeps truth,

3 supporting truth, and keeping peace: for on you, O Lord,

4 they have trusted with confidence for ever, the great, the eternal God;

5 who have humbled and brought down them that dwell on high, you shall cast down strong cities, and bring them to the ground.

6 And the feet of the meek and lowly shall trample them.

7 The way of the godly is made straight: the way of the godly is also prepared.

8 For the way of the Lord is judgment: we have hoped in your name, and on the remembrance of you,

9 which our soul longs for: my spirit seeks you very early in the morning, O God, for your commandments are a light on the earth: learn righteousness, you that dwell upon the earth.

10 For the ungodly one is put down: no one who will not learn righteousness on the earth, shall be able to do the truth: let the ungodly be taken away, that he see not the glory of the Lord.

11 O Lord, your arm is exalted, yet they knew it not: but when they know they shall be ashamed: jealousy shall seize upon an untaught nation, and now fire shall devour the adversaries.

12 O Lord our God, give us peace: for you have rendered to us all things.

13 O Lord our God, take possession of us: O Lord, we know not any other beside you: we name your name.

14 But the dead shall not see life, neither shall physicians by any means raise them up: therefore you have brought wrath upon them, and slain them, and have taken away every male of them. Bring more evils upon them, O Lord;

15 bring more evils on the glorious ones of the earth.

16 Lord, in affliction I remembered you; your chastening was to us with small affliction.

17 And as a woman in travail draws nigh to be delivered, and cries out in her pain; so have we been to your beloved.

18 We have conceived, O Lord, because of your fear, and have been in pain, and have brought forth the breath of your salvation, which we have wrought upon the earth: we shall not fall, but all that dwell upon the land shall fall.

19 The dead shall rise, and they that are in the tombs shall be raised, and they that are in the earth shall rejoice: for the dew from you is healing to them: but the land of the ungodly shall perish.

20 Go, my people, enter into your closets, shut your door, hide yourself for a little season, until the anger of the Lord have passed away.

21 For, behold, the Lord is bringing wrath from his holy place upon the dwellers on the earth: the earth also shall disclose her blood, and shall not cover her slain.

Chapter 27

1 In that day God shall bring his holy and great and strong sword upon the dragon, even the serpent that flees, upon the dragon, the crooked serpent: he shall destroy the dragon.

2 In that day there shall be a fair vineyard, and a desire to commence a song concerning it.

3 I am a strong city, a city in a siege: in vain shall I water it; for it shall be taken by night, and by day the wall shall fall.

4 There is no woman that has not taken hold of it; who will set me to watch stubble in the field? because of this enemy I have set her aside; therefore on this account the Lord has done all that he appointed.

5 I am burnt up; they that dwell in her shall cry, Let us make peace with him, let us make peace,

6 they that are coming are the children of Jacob. Israel shall bud and blossom, and the world shall be filled with his fruit.

7 Shall he himself be thus smitten, even as he smote? and as he slew, shall he be thus slain?

8 Fighting and reproaching he will dismiss them; did you not meditate with a harsh spirit, to slay them with a wrathful spirit?

9 Therefore shall the iniquity of Jacob be taken away; and this is his blessing, when I shall have taken away his sin; when they shall have broken to pieces all the stones of the altars as fine dust, and their trees shall not remain, and their idols shall be cut off, as a thicket afar off.

10 The flock that dwelt there shall be left, as a deserted flock; and the ground shall be for a long time for pasture, and there shall flocks lie down to rest.

11 And after a time there shall be in it no green thing because of the grass being parched. Come hither, you women that come from a sight; for it is a people of no understanding; therefore he that made them shall have no pity upon them, and he that formed them shall have no mercy upon them.

12 And it shall come to pass in that day that God shall fence men off from the channel of the river as far as Rhinocorura; but do you gather one by one the children of Israel.

13 And it shall come to pass in that day, that they shall blow the great trumpet, and the lost ones in the land of the Assyrians shall come, and the lost ones in Egypt, and shall worship the Lord on the holy mountain in Jerusalem.

Chapter 28

1 Woe to the crown of pride, the hirelings of Ephraim, the flower that has fallen from the glory of the top of the fertile mountain, they that are drunken without wine.

2 Behold, the anger of the Lord is strong and severe, as descending hail where there is no shelter, violently descending; as a great body of water sweeping away the soil, he shall make rest for the land.

3 The crown of pride, the hirelings of Ephraim, shall be beaten down with the hands and with the feet.

4 And the fading flower of the glorious hope on the top of the high mountain shall be as the early fig; he that sees it, before he takes it into his hand, will desire to swallow it down.

5 In that day the Lord of hosts shall be the crown of hope, the woven crown of glory, to the remnant of the people.

6 They shall be left in the spirit of judgment for judgment, and for the strength of them that hinder slaying.

7 For these have trespassed through wine; they have erred through strong drink: the priest and the prophet are mad through strong drink, they are swallowed up by reason of wine, they have staggered through drunkenness; they have erred: this is their vision.

8 A curse shall devour this counsel, for this is their counsel for the sake of covetousness.

9 To whom have we reported evils? and to whom have we reported a message? even to those that are weaned from the milk, who are drawn from the breast.

10 Expect you affliction on affliction, hope upon hope: yet a little, and yet a little,

11 by reason of the contemptuous words of the lips, by means of another language: for they shall speak to this people, saying to them,

12 This is the rest to him that is hungry, and this is the calamity: but they would not hear.

13 Therefore the oracle of God shall be to them affliction on affliction, hope on hope, yet a little, and yet a little, that they may go and fall backward; and they shall be crushed and shall be in danger, and shall be taken.

14 Therefore hear you the word of the Lord, you afflicted men, and you princes of this people that is in Jerusalem.

15 Because you have said, We have made a covenant with Hades, and agreements with death; if the rushing storm should pass, it shall not come upon us: we have made falsehood our hope, and by falsehood shall we be protected:

16 therefore thus says the Lord, even the Lord, Behold, I lay for the foundations of Zion a costly stone, a choice, a corner-stone, a precious stone, for its foundations; and he that believes on him shall by no means be ashamed.

17 And I will cause judgment to be for hope, and my compassion shall be for just measures, and you that trust vainly in falsehood shall fall: for the storm shall by no means pass by you,

18 except it also take away your covenant of death, and your trust in Hades shall by no means stand: if the rushing storm should come upon you, you shall be beaten down by it.

19 Whenever it shall pass by, it shall take you; morning by morning it shall pass by in the day, and in the night there shall be an evil hope. Learn to hear,

20 you that are distressed; we cannot fight, but we are ourselves too weak for you to be gathered.

21 The Lord shall rise up as a mountain of ungodly men, and shall be in the valley of Gibeon; he shall perform his works with wrath, even a work of bitterness, and his wrath shall deal strangely, and his destruction shall be strange.

22 Therefore do not you rejoice, neither let your bands be made strong; for I have heard of works finished and cut short by the Lord of hosts, which he will execute upon all the earth.

23 Hearken, and hear my voice; attend, and hear my words.

24 Will the ploughman plough all the day? or will he prepare the seed beforehand, before he tills the ground?

25 Does he not, when he has levelled the surface thereof, then sow the small black poppy, or cumin, and afterward sow wheat, and barley, and millet, and bread-corn in your borders?

26 So you shall be chastened by the judgment of your God, and shall rejoice.

27 For the black poppy is not cleansed with harsh treatment, nor will a waggon-wheel pass over the cumin; but the black poppy is threshed with a rod, and the cumin shall be eaten with bread;

28 for I will not be wroth with you for ever, neither shall the voice of my anger crush you.

29 And these signs came forth from the Lord of hosts. Take counsel, exalt vain comfort.

Chapter 29

1 Alas for the city Ariel, which David besieged. Gather you fruits year by year; eat you, for you shall eat with Moab.

2 For I will grievously afflict Ariel: and her strength and her wealth shall be mine.

3 And I will compass you about like David, and will raise a mound about you, and set up towers round you.

4 And your words shall be brought down to the earth, and your words shall sink down to the earth, and your voice shall be as they that speak out of the earth, and your voice shall be lowered to the ground.

5 But the wealth of the ungodly shall be as dust from a wheel, and the multitude of them that oppress you as flying chaff, and it shall be suddenly as a moment,

6 from the Lord of hosts: for there shall be a visitation with thunder, and earthquake, and a loud noise, a rushing tempest, and devouring flame of fire.

7 And the wealth of all the nations together, as many as have fought against Ariel, and all they that war against Jerusalem, and all who are gathered against her, and they that distress her, shall be as one that dreams in sleep by night.

8 And as men drink and eat in sleep, and when they have arisen, the dream is vain: and as a thirsty man dreams as if he drank, and having arisen is still thirsty, and his soul has desired in vain: so shall be the wealth of all the nations, as many as have fought against the mount Zion.

9 Faint you, and be amazed, and be overpowered, not with strong drink nor with wine.

10 For the Lord has made you to drink a spirit of deep sleep; and he shall close their eyes, and the eyes of their prophets and of their rulers, who see secret things.

11 And all these things shall be to you as the words of this sealed book, which if they shall give to a learned man, saying, Read this, he shall then say, I cannot read it, for it is sealed.

12 And this book shall be given into the hands of a man that is unlearned, and one shall say to him, Read this; and he shall say, I am not learned.

13 And the Lord has said, This people draw nigh to me with their mouth, and they honour me with their lips, but their heart is far from me: but in vain do they worship me, teaching the commandments and doctrines of men.

14 Therefore behold I will proceed to remove this people, and I will remove them: and I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and will hide the understanding of the prudent.

15 Woe to them that deepen their counsel, and not by the Lord. Woe to them that take secret counsel, and whose works are in darkness, and they say, Who has seen us? and who shall know us, or what we do?

16 Shall you not be counted as clay of the potter? Shall the thing formed say to him that formed it, You did not form me? or the work to the maker, You have not made me wisely?

17 Is it not yet a little while, and Lebanon shall be changed as the mountain of Chermel, and Chermel shall be reckoned as a forest?

18 And in that day the deaf shall hear the words of the book, and they that are in darkness, and they that are in mist: the eyes of the blind shall see,

19 and the poor shall rejoice with joy because of the Lord, and they that had no hope among men shall be filled with joy.

20 The lawless man has come to nought, and the proud man has perished, and they that transgress mischievously have been utterly destroyed:

21 and they that cause men to sin by a word: and men shall make all that reprove in the gates an offence, because they have unjustly turned aside the righteous.

22 Therefore thus says the Lord concerning the house of Jacob, whom he set apart from Abraam, Jacob shall not now be ashamed, neither shall he now change countenance.

23 But when their children shall have seen my works, they shall sanctify my name for my sake, and they shall sanctify the Holy One of Jacob, and shall fear the God of Israel.

24 And they that erred in spirit shall know understanding, and the murmurers shall learn obedience, and the stammering tongues shall learn to speak peace.

Chapter 30

1 Woe to the apostate children, says the Lord: you have framed counsel, not by me, and covenants not by my Spirit, to add sins to sins:

2 even they that proceed to go down into Egypt, but they have not enquired of me, that they might be helped by Pharaoh, and protected by the Egyptians.

3 For the protection of Pharaoh shall be to you a disgrace, and there shall be a reproach to them that trust in Egypt.

4 For there are princes in Tanes, evil messengers.

5 In vain shall they labour in seeking to a people, which shall not profit them for help, but shall be for a shame and reproach.

6 THE VISION OF THE QUADRUPEDS IN THE DESERT. In affliction and distress, where are the lion and

lion's whelp, thence come also asps, and the young of flying asps, there shall they be who bore their wealth on asses and camels to a nation which shall not profit them.

7 The Egyptians shall help you utterly in vain: tell them, This your consolation is vain.

8 Now then sit down and write these words on a tablet, and in a book; for these things shall be for many long days, and even for ever.

9 For the people is disobedient, false children, who would not hear the law of God:

10 who say to the prophets, Report not to us; and to them that see visions, Speak them not to us, but speak and report to us another error;

11 and turn us aside from this way; remove from us this path, and remove from us the oracle of Israel.

12 Therefore thus says the Holy One of Israel, Because you have refused to obey these words, and have trusted in falsehood; and because you have murmured, and been confident in this respect:

13 therefore shall this sin be to you as a wall suddenly falling when a strong city has been taken, of which the fall is very near at hand.

14 And the fall thereof shall be as the breaking of an earthen vessel, as small fragments of a pitcher, so that you should not find among them a sherd, with which you might take up fire, and with which you should draw a little water.

15 Thus says the Lord, the Holy Lord of Israel; When you shall turn and mourn, then you shall be saved; and you shall know where you were, when you did trust in vanities: then your strength became vain, yet you would not hearken:

16 but you said, We will flee upon horses; therefore shall you flee: and, We will be aided by swift riders; therefore shall they that pursue you be swift.

17 A thousand shall flee because of the voice of one, and many shall flee on account of the voice of five; until you be left as a signal-post upon a mountain, and as one bearing an ensign upon a hill.

18 And the Lord will again wait, that he may pity you, and will therefore be exalted that he may have mercy upon you: because the Lord your God is a judge: blessed are they that stay themselves upon him.

19 For the holy people shall dwell in Zion: and whereas Jerusalem has wept bitterly, saying, Pity me; he shall pity you: when he perceived the voice of your cry, he hearkened to you.

20 And though the Lord shall give you the bread of affliction and scant water, yet they that cause you to err shall no more at all draw nigh to you; for your eyes shall see those that cause you to err,

21 and your ears shall hear the words of them that went after you to lead you astray, who say, This is the way, let us walk in it, whether to the right or to the left.

22 And you shall pollute the plated idols, and you shall grind to powder the gilt ones, and shall scatter them as the water of a removed woman, and you shall thrust them forth as dung.

23 Then shall there be rain to the seed of your land; and the bread of the fruit of your land shall be plenteous and rich: and your cattle shall feed in that day in a fertile and spacious place.

24 Your bulls and your oxen that till the ground, shall eat chaff mixed with winnowed barley.

25 And there shall be upon every lofty mountain and upon every high hill, water running in that day, when many shall perish, and when the towers shall fall.

26 And the light of the moon shall be as the light of the sun, and the light of the sun shall be sevenfold in the day when the Lord shall heal the breach of his people, and shall heal the pain of your wound.

27 Behold, the name of the Lord comes after a long time, burning wrath: the word of his lips is with glory, a word full of anger, and the anger of his wrath shall devour as fire.

28 And his breath, as rushing water in a valley, shall reach as far as the neck, and be divided, to confound the nations for their vain error: error also shall pursue them, and overtake them.

29 Must you always rejoice, and go into my holy places continually, as they that keep a feast? and must you go with a pipe, as those that rejoice, into the mountain of the Lord, to the God of Israel?

30 And the Lord shall make his glorious voice to be heard, and the wrath of his arm, to make a display with wrath and anger and devouring flame: he shall lighten terribly, and his wrath shall be as water and violent hail.

31 For by the voice of the Lord the Assyrians shall be overcome, even by the stroke wherewith he shall smite them.

32 And it shall happen to him from every side, that they from whom their hope of assistance was, in which he trusted, themselves shall war against him in turn with drums and with harp.

33 For you shall be required before your time: has it been prepared for you also to reign? nay, God has prepared for you a deep trench, wood piled, fire and much wood: the wrath of the Lord shall be as a trench kindled with sulphur.

Chapter 31

1 Woe to them that go down to Egypt for help, who trust in horses and chariots, for they are many; and in horses, which are a great multitude; and have not trusted in the Holy One of Israel, and have not sought the Lord.

2 Therefore he has wisely brought evils upon them, and his word shall not be frustrated; and he shall rise up against the houses of wicked men, and against their vain hope,

3 even an Egyptian, a man, and not God; the flesh of horses, and there is no help in them: but the Lord shall bring his hand upon them, and the helpers shall fail, and all shall perish together.

4 For thus said the Lord to me, As a lion would roar, or a lion's whelp over prey which he has taken, and cry over it, until the mountains are filled with his voice, and the animals are awe-struck and tremble at the fierceness of his wrath: so the Lord of hosts shall descend to fight upon the mount Zion, even upon her mountains.

5 As birds flying, so shall the Lord of hosts defend; he shall defend Jerusalem, and he shall rescue, and save and deliver.

6 Turn, you children of Israel, who devise a deep and sinful counsel.

7 For in that day men shall renounce their silver idols and their golden idols, which their hands made.

8 And the Assyrian shall fall: not the sword of a great man, nor the sword of a mean man shall devour him; neither shall he flee from the face of the sword: but the young men shall be overthrown:

9 for they shall be compassed with rocks as with a trench, and shall be worsted; and he that flees shall be taken. Thus says the Lord, Blessed is he that has a seed in Zion, and household friends in Jerusalem.

Chapter 32

1 For, behold, a righteous king shall reign, and princes shall govern with judgment.

2 And a man shall hide his words, and be hidden, as from rushing water, and shall appear in Zion as a rushing river, glorious in a thirsty land.

3 And they shall no more trust in men, but they shall incline their ears to hear.

4 And the heart of the weak ones shall attend to hear, and the stammering tongues shall soon learn to speak peace.

5 And they shall no more at all tell a fool to rule, and your servants shall no more at all say, Be silent.

6 For the fool shall speak foolish words, and his heart shall meditate vanities, and to perform lawless deeds and to speak error against the Lord, to scatter hungry souls, and he will cause the thirsty souls to be empty.

7 For the counsel of the wicked will devise iniquity, to destroy the poor with unjust words, and ruin the cause of the poor in judgment.

8 But the godly have devised wise measures, and this counsel shall stand.

9 Rise up, you rich women, and hear my voice; you confident daughters, hearken to my words.

10 Remember for a full year in pain, yet with hope: the vintage has been cut off, it has ceased, it shall by no means come again.

11 Be amazed, be pained, you confident ones: strip you, bare yourselves, gird your loins;

12 and beat on your breasts, because of the pleasant field, and the fruit of the vine.

13 As for the land of my people, the thorn and grass shall come upon it, and joy shall be removed from every house.

14 As for the rich city, the houses are deserted; they shall abandon the wealth of the city, and the pleasant houses: and the villages shall be caves for ever, the joy of wild asses, shepherds' pastures;

15 until the Spirit shall come upon you from on high, and Chermel shall be desert, and Chermel shall be counted for a forest.

16 Then judgment shall abide in the wilderness, and righteousness shall dwell in Carmel.

17 And the works of righteousness shall be peace; and righteousness shall ensure rest, and the righteous shall be confident for ever.

18 And his people shall inhabit a city of peace, and dwell in it in confidence, and they shall rest with wealth.

19 And if the hail should come down, it shall not come upon you; and they that dwell in the forests shall be in confidence, as those in the plain country.

20 Blessed are they that sow by every water, where the ox and ass tread.

Chapter 33

1 Woe to them that afflict you; but no one makes you miserable: and he that deals perfidiously with you does not deal perfidiously: they that deal perfidiously shall be taken and given up, and as a moth on a garment, so shall they be spoiled.

2 Lord, have mercy upon us; for we have trusted in you: the seed of the rebellious is gone to destruction, but our deliverance was in a time of affliction.

3 By reason of the terrible sound the nations were dismayed for fear of you, and the heathen were scattered.

4 And now shall the spoils of your small and great be gathered: as if one should gather locusts, so shall they mock you.

5 The God who dwells on high is holy: Zion is filled with judgment and righteousness.

6 They shall be delivered up to the law: our salvation is our treasure: there are wisdom and knowledge and piety toward the Lord; these are the treasures of righteousness.

7 Behold now, these shall be terrified with fear of you: those whom you feared shall cry out because of you: messengers shall be sent, bitterly weeping, entreating for peace.

8 For the ways of these shall be made desolate: the terror of the nations has been made to cease, and the covenant with these is taken away, and you shall by no means deem them men.

9 The land mourns; Lebanon is ashamed: Sharon is become marshes; Galilee shall be laid bare, and Chermel.

10 Now will I arise, says the Lord, now will I be glorified; now will I be exalted.

11 Now shall you see, now shall you perceive; the strength of your breath shall be vain; fire shall devour you.

12 And the nations shall be burnt up; as a thorn in the field cast out and burnt up.

13 They that are afar off shall hear what I have done; they that draw nigh shall know my strength.

14 The sinners in Zion have departed; trembling shall seize the ungodly. Who will tell you that a fire is kindled? Who will tell you of the eternal place?

15 He that walks in righteousness, speaking rightly, hating transgression and iniquity, and shaking his hands from gifts, stopping his ears that he should not hear the judgment of blood, shutting his eyes that he should not see injustice;

16 he shall dwell in a high cave of a strong rock: bread shall be given him, and his water shall be sure.

17 You shall see a king with glory: your eyes shall behold a land from afar.

18 Your soul shall meditate terror. Where are the scribes? where are the counsellors, where is he that numbers them that are growing up,

19 even the small and great people? with whom he took not counsel, neither did he understand a people of deep speech, so that a despised people should not hear, and there is no understanding to him that hears.

20 Behold the city Zion, our refuge: your eyes shall behold Jerusalem, a rich city, tabernacles which shall not be shaken, neither shall the pins of her tabernacle be moved for ever, neither shall her cords be at all broken:

21 for the name of the Lord is great to you: you shall have a place, even rivers and wide and spacious channels: you shall not go this way, neither a vessel with oars go thereby.

22 For my God is great: the Lord our judge shall not pass me by: the Lord is our prince, the Lord is our king; the Lord, he shall save us.

23 Your cords are broken, for they had no strength: your mast has given way, it shall not spread the sails, it shall not bear a signal, until it be given up for plunder; therefore shall many lame men take spoil.

24 And the people dwelling among them shall by no means say, I am in pain: for their sin shall be forgiven them.

Chapter 34

1 Draw near, you nations; and hearken, you princes; let the earth hear, and they that are in it; the world, and the people that are therein.

2 For the wrath of the Lord is upon all nations, and his anger upon the number of them, to destroy them, and give them up to slaughter.

3 And their slain shall be cast forth, and their corpses; and their ill savour shall come up, and the mountains shall be made wet with their blood.

4 And all the powers of the heavens shall melt, and the sky shall be rolled up like a scroll: and all the stars shall fall like leaves from a vine, and as leaves fall from a fig-tree.

5 My sword has been made drunk in heaven: behold, it shall come down upon Edom, and with judgment upon the people doomed to destruction.

6 The sword of the Lord is filled with blood, it is glutted with fat, with the blood of goats and lambs, and with the fat of goats and rams: for the Lord has a sacrifice in Bosor, and a great slaughter in Edom.

7 And the mighty ones shall fall with them, and the rams and the bulls; and the land shall be soaked with blood, and shall be filled with their fat.

8 For it is the day of the judgment of the Lord, and the year of the recompence of Zion in judgment.

9 And her valleys shall be turned into pitch, and her land into sulphur; and her land shall be as pitch burning night and day;

10 and it shall never be quenched, and her smoke shall go up: it shall be made desolate throughout her generations,

11 and for a long time birds and hedgehogs, and ibises and ravens shall dwell in it: and the measuring line of desolation shall be cast over it, and satyrs shall dwell in it.

12 Her princes shall be no more; for her kings and her great men shall be destroyed.

13 And thorns shall spring up in their cities, and in her strong holds: and they shall be habitations of monsters, and a court for ostriches.

14 And devils shall meet with satyrs, and they shall cry one to the other: there shall satyrs rest, having found for themselves a place of rest.

15 There has the hedgehog made its nest, and the earth has safely preserved its young: there have the deer met, and seen one another's faces.

16 They passed by in full number, and not one of them perished: they sought not one another; for the Lord commanded them, and his Spirit gathered them.

17 And he shall cast lots for them, and his hand has portioned out their pasture, saying, You shall inherit the land for ever: they shall rest on it through all generations.

Chapter 35

1 Be glad, you thirsty desert: let the wilderness exult, and flower as the lily.

2 And the desert places of Jordan shall blossom and rejoice; the glory of Lebanon has been given to it, and the honour of Carmel; and my people shall see the glory of the Lord, and the majesty of God.

3 Be strong, you relaxed hands and palsied knees.

4 Comfort one another, you faint-hearted; be strong, fear not; behold, our God renders judgment, and he will render it; he will come and save us.

5 Then shall the eyes of the blind be opened, and the ears of the deaf shall hear.

6 Then shall the lame man leap as an hart, and the tongue of the stammerers shall speak plainly; for water has burst forth in the desert, and a channel of water in a thirsty land.

7 And the dry land shall become pools, and a fountain of water shall be poured into the thirsty land; there shall there be a joy of birds, ready habitations and marshes.

8 There shall be there a pure way, and it shall be called a holy way; and there shall not pass by there any unclean person, neither shall there be there an unclean way; but the dispersed shall walk on it, and they shall not go astray.

9 And there shall be no lion there, neither shall any evil beast go up upon it, nor at all be found there; but the redeemed and gathered on the Lord's behalf, shall walk in it,

10 and shall return, and come to Zion with joy, and everlasting joy shall be over their head; for on their head shall be praise and exultation, and joy shall take possession of them: sorrow and pain, and groaning have fled away.

Chapter 36

1 Now it came to pass in the fourteenth year of the reign of Hezekiah, that Sennacherim, king of the Assyrians, came up against the strong cities of Judea, and took them.

2 And the king of the Assyrians sent Rabsaces out of Laches to Jerusalem to king Hezekiah with a large force: and he stood by the conduit of the upper pool in the way of the fuller's field.

3 And there went forth to him Heliakim the steward, the son of Chelcias, and Somnas the scribe, and Joach the son of Asaph, the recorder.

4 And Rabsaces said to them, Say to Hezekiah, Thus says the great king, the king of the Assyrians, Why are you secure?

5 Is war carried on with counsel and mere words of the lips? and now on whom do you trust, that you rebel against me?

6 Behold, you trust on this bruised staff of reed, on Egypt: as soon as a man leans upon it, it shall go into his hand, and pierce it: so is Pharaoh king of Egypt and all that trust in him.

7 But if you say, We trust in the Lord our God;

8 yet now make an agreement with my lord the king of the Assyrians, and I will give you two thousand horses, if you shall be able to set riders upon them.

9 And how can you then turn to the face of the satraps? They that trust on the Egyptians for horse and rider are our servants.

10 And now, Have we come up against this land to fight against it without the Lord? The Lord said to me, Go up against this land, and destroy it.

11 Then Eliakim and Somnas and Joach said to him, Speak to your servants in the Syrian tongue; for we understand it: and speak not to us in the Jewish tongue: and wherefore speak you in the ears of the men on the wall?

12 And Rabsaces said to them, Has my lord sent me to your lord or to you, to speak these words? has he not sent me to the men that sit on the wall, that they may eat dung, and drink their water together with you?

13 And Rabsaces stood, and cried with a loud voice in the Jewish language, and said, Hear you the words of the great king, the king of the Assyrians:

14 thus says the king, Let not Hezekiah deceive you with words: he will not be able to deliver you.

15 And let not Hezekiah say to you, That God will deliver you, and this city will not at all be delivered into the hand of the king of the Assyrians.

16 Hearken not to Hezekiah: thus says the king of the Assyrians, If you wish to be blessed, come out to me: and

you shall eat every one of his vine and his fig-trees, and you shall drink water out of your own cisterns;

17 until I come and take you to a land, like your own land, a land of corn and wine, and bread and vineyards.

18 Let not Hezekiah deceive you, saying, God will deliver you. Have the gods of the nations delivered each one his own land out of the hand of the king of the Assyrians?

19 Where is the god of Emath, and Arphath? and where is the god of Eppharuaim? have they been able to deliver Samaria out of my hand?

20 Which is the god of all these nations, that has delivered his land out of my hand, that God should deliver Jerusalem out of my hand?

21 And they were silent, and none answered him a word; because the king had commanded that none should answer.

22 And Heliakim the son of Chelcias, the steward, and Somnas the military scribe, and Joach the son of Asaph, the recorder, came in to Hezekiah, having their garments rent, and they reported to him the words of Rabsaces.

Chapter 37

1 And it came to pass, when king Hezekiah heard it, that he rent his clothes, and put on sackcloth, and went up to the house of the Lord.

2 And he sent Heliakim the steward, and Somnas the scribe, and the elders of the priests clothed with sackcloth, to Isaiah the son of Amos, the prophet. And they said to him, Thus says Hezekiah,

3 To-day is a day of affliction, and reproach, and rebuke, and anger: for the pangs are come upon the travailing woman, but she has not strength to bring forth.

4 May the Lord your God hear the words of Rabsaces, which the king of the Assyrians has sent, to reproach the living God, even to reproach with the words which the Lord your God has heard: therefore you shall pray to your Lord for these that are left.

5 So the servants of king Hezekiah came to Isaiah.

6 And Isaiah said to them, Thus shall you say to your master, Thus says the Lord, Be not you afraid at the words which you have heard, wherewith the ambassadors of the king of the Assyrians have reproached me.

7 Behold, I will send a blast upon him, and he shall hear a report, and return to his own country, and he shall fall by the sword in his own land.

8 So Rabsaces returned, and found the king of the Assyrians besieging Lobna: for he had heard that he had departed from Lachis.

9 And Tharaca king of the Ethiopians went forth to attack him. And when he heard it, he turned aside, and sent messengers to Hezekiah, saying,

10 Thus shall you say to Hezekiah king of Judea, Let not your God, in whom you trust, deceive you, saying, Jerusalem shall not be delivered into the hand of the king of the Assyrians.

11 Have you not heard what the kings of the Assyrians have done, how they have destroyed the whole earth? and shall you be delivered?

12 Have the gods of the nations which my fathers destroyed delivered them, both Gozan, and Haran, and Rapheth, which are in the land of Theemath?

13 Where are the kings of Emath? and where is the king of Arphath? and where is the king of the city of Eppharuaim, and of Anagugana?

14 And Hezekiah received the letter from the messengers, and read it, and went up to the house of the Lord, and opened it before the Lord.

15 And Hezekiah prayed to the Lord, saying,

16 O Lord of hosts, God of Israel, who sit upon the cherubs, you alone art the God of every kingdom of the world: you have made heaven and earth.

17 Incline your ear, O Lord, hearken, O Lord; open your eyes, O Lord, look, O Lord: and behold the words of Sennacherim, which he has sent to reproach the living God.

18 For of a truth, Lord, the kings of the Assyrians have laid waste the whole world, and the countries thereof,

19 and have cast their idols into the fire: for they were no gods, but the work of men's hands, wood and stone; and they have cast them away.

20 But now, O Lord our God, deliver us from his hands, that every kingdom of the earth may know that you are God alone.

21 And Isaiah the son of Amos was sent to Hezekiah, and said to him, Thus says the Lord, the God of Israel, I have heard your prayer to me concerning Sennacherim king of the Assyrians.

22 This is the word which God has spoken concerning him; The virgin daughter of Zion has despised you, and mocked you; the daughter of Jerusalem has shaken her head at you.

23 Whom have you reproached and provoked? and against whom have you lifted up your voice? and have you not lifted up your eyes on high against the Holy One of Israel?

24 For you have reproached the Lord by messengers; for you have said, With the multitude of chariots have I ascended to the height of mountains, and to the sides of Lebanon; and I have cropped the height of his cedars and

the beauty of his cypresses; and I entered into the height of the forest region:

25 and I have made a bridge, and dried up the waters, and every pool of water.

26 Have you not heard of these things which I did of old? I appointed them from ancient times; but now have I manifested my purpose of desolating nations in their strong holds, and them that dwell in strong cities.

27 I weakened their hands, and they withered; and they became as dry grass on the house-tops, and as grass.

28 But now I know your rest, and your going out, and your coming in.

29 And your wrath wherewith you have been enraged, and your rancour has come up to me; therefore I will put a hook in your nose, and a bit in your lips, and will turn you back by the way by which you came.

30 And this shall be a sign to you, Eat this year what you have sown; and the second year that which is left: and the third year sow, and reap, and plant vineyards, and eat the fruit of them.

31 And they that are left in Judea shall take root downward, and bear fruit upward:

32 for out of Jerusalem there shall be a remnant, and the saved ones out of mount Zion: the zeal of the Lord of hosts shall perform this.

33 Therefore thus says the Lord concerning the king of the Assyrians, He shall not enter into this city, nor cast a weapon against it, nor bring a shield against it, nor make a rampart round it.

34 But by the way by which he came, by it shall he return, and shall not enter into this city: thus says the Lord.

35 I will protect this city to save it for my own sake, and for my servant David's sake.

36 And the angel of the Lord went forth, and slew out of the camp of the Assyrians a hundred and eighty-five thousand: and they arose in the morning and found all these bodies dead.

37 And Sennacherim king of the Assyrians turned and departed, and dwelt in Nineveh.

38 And while he was worshipping Nasarach his country's god in the house, Adramelech and Sarasar his sons smote him with swords; and they escaped into Armenia: and Asordan his son reigned in his stead.

Chapter 38

1 And it came to pass at that time, that Hezekiah was sick even to death. And Isaiah the prophet the son of Amos came to him, and said to him, Thus says the Lord, Give orders concerning your house: for you shall die, and not live.

2 And Hezekiah turned his face to the wall, and prayed to the Lord, saying,

3 Remember, O Lord, how I have walked before you in truth, with a true heart, and have done that which was pleasing in your sight. And Hezekiah wept bitterly.

4 And the word of the Lord came to Isaiah, saying, Go, and say to Hezekiah,

5 Thus says the Lord, the God of David your father, I have heard your prayer, and seen your tears: behold, I will add to your time fifteen years.

6 And I will deliver you and this city out of the hand of the king of the Assyrians: and I will defend this city.

7 And this shall be a sign to you from the Lord, that God will do this thing;

8 behold, I will turn back the shadow of the degrees of the dial by which ten degrees on the house of your father the sun has gone down—I will turn back the sun the ten degrees; so the sun went back the ten degrees by which the shadow had gone down.

9 THE PRAYER OF EZEKIAS KING OF JUDEA, WHEN HE HAD BEEN SICK, AND WAS

10 I said in the end of my days, I shall go to the gates of the grave: I shall part with the remainder of my years.

11 I said, I shall no more at all see the salvation of God in the land of the living: I shall no more at all see the salvation of Israel on the earth: I shall no more at all see man.

12 My life has failed from among my kindred: I have parted with the remainder of my life: it has gone forth and departed from me, as one that having pitched a tent takes it down again: my breath was with me as a weaver's web, when she that weaves draws nigh to cut off the thread.

13 In that day I was given up as to a lion until the morning: so has he broken all my bones: for I was so given up from day even to night.

14 As a swallow, so will I cry, and as a dove, so do I mourn: for mine eyes have failed with looking to the height of heaven to the Lord, who has delivered me,

15 and removed the sorrow of my soul.

16 Yea, O Lord, for it was told you concerning this; and you have revived my breath; and I am comforted, and live.

17 For you have chosen my soul, that it should not perish: and you have cast all my sins behind me.

18 For they that are in the grave shall not praise you, neither shall the dead bless you, neither shall they that are in Hades hope for your mercy.

19 The living shall bless you, as I also do: for from this day shall I beget children, who shall declare your righteousness,

20 O God of my salvation; and I will not cease blessing you with the psaltery all the days of my life before the house of God.

21 Now Isaiah had said to Hezekiah; Take a cake of figs, and mash them, and apply them as a plaister, and you shall be well.

22 And Hezekiah said, This is a sign to Hezekiah, that I shall go up to the house of God.

Chapter 39

1 At that time Marodach Baladan, the son of Baladan, the king of Babylonia, sent letters and ambassadors and gifts to Hezekiah: for he had heard that he had been sick even to death, and was recovered.

2 And Hezekiah was glad of their coming, and he shewed them the house of his spices, and of silver, and gold, and myrrh, and incense, and ointment, and all the houses of his treasures, and all that he had in his stores: and there was nothing in his house, nor in all his dominion, which Hezekiah did not shew.

3 And Isaiah the prophet came to king Hezekiah, and said to him, What say these men? and whence came they to you? and Hezekiah said, They are come to me from a land afar off, from Babylon.

4 And Isaiah said, What have they seen in yours house? and Hezekiah said, They have seen everything in my house; and there is nothing in my house which they have not seen: yea, also the possessions in my treasuries.

5 And Isaiah said to him, Hear the word of the Lord of hosts:

6 Behold, the days come, when they shall take all the things that are in yours house, and all that your fathers have gathered until this day, shall go to Babylon; and they shall not leave anything at all: and God has said,

7 that they shall take also of your children whom you shall beget; and they shall make them eunuchs in the house of the king of the Babylonians.

8 And Hezekiah said to Isaiah, Good is the word of the Lord, which he has spoken: let there, I pray, be peace and righteousness in my days.

Chapter 40

1 Comfort you, comfort you my people, says God.

2 Speak, you priests, to the heart of Jerusalem; comfort her, for her humiliation is accomplished, her sin is put away: for she has received of the Lord's hand double the amount of her sins.

3 The voice of one crying in the wilderness, Prepare you the way of the Lord, make straight the paths of our God.

4 Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be brought low: and all the crooked ways shall become straight, and the rough places plains.

5 And the glory of the Lord shall appear, and all flesh shall see the salvation of God: for the Lord has spoken it.

6 The voice of one saying, Cry; and I said, What shall I cry? All flesh is grass, and all the glory of man as the flower of grass.

7 The grass withers, and the flower fades:

8 but the word of our God abides for ever.

9 O you that bring glad tidings to Zion, go up on the high mountain; lift up your voice with strength, you that bring glad tidings to Jerusalem; lift it up, fear not; say unto the cities of Judah, Behold your God!

10 Behold the Lord! The Lord is coming with strength, and his arm is with power: behold, his reward is with him, and his work before him.

11 He shall tend his flock as a shepherd, and he shall gather the lambs with his arm, and shall soothe them that are with young.

12 Who has measured the water in his hand, and the heaven with a span, and all the earth in a handful? Who has weighed the mountains in scales, and the forests in a balance?

13 Who has known the mind of the Lord? and who has been his counsellor, to instruct him?

14 Or with whom has he taken counsel, and he has instructed him? or who has taught him judgment, or who has taught him the way of understanding;

15 since all the nations are counted as a drop from a bucket, and as the turning of a balance, and shall be counted as spittle?

16 And Lebanon is not enough to burn, nor all beasts enough for a whole-burnt offering:

17 and all the nations are as nothing, and counted as nothing.

18 To whom have you compared the Lord? and with what likeness have you compared him?

19 Has not the artificer made an image, or the goldsmith having melted gold, gilt it over, and made it a similitude?

20 For the artificer chooses out a wood that will not rot, and will wisely enquire how he shall set up his image, and that so that it should not be moved.

21 Will you not know? will you not hear? has it not been told you of old? Have you not known the foundations of the earth?

22 It is he that comprehends the circle of the earth, and the inhabitants in it are as grasshoppers; he that set up the heaven as a chamber, and stretched it out as a tent to dwell in:

23 he that appoints princes to rule as nothing, and has made the earth as nothing.

24 For they shall not plant, neither shall they sow, neither shall their root be fixed in the ground: he has blown upon them, and they are withered, and a storm shall carry them away like sticks.

25 Now then to whom have you compared me, that I may be exalted? says the Holy One.

26 Lift up your eyes on high, and see, who has displayed all these things? even he that brings forth his host by number: he shall call them all by name by means of his great glory, and by the power of his might: nothing has escaped you.

27 For say not you, O Jacob, and why have you spoken, Israel, saying, My way is hid from God, and my God has taken away my judgment, and has departed?

28 And now, have you not known? have you not heard? the eternal God, the God that formed the ends of the earth, shall not hunger, nor be weary, and there is no searching of his understanding.

29 He gives strength to the hungry, and sorrow to them that are not suffering.

30 For the young men shall hunger, and the youths shall be weary, and the choice men shall be powerless:

31 but they that wait on God shall renew their strength; they shall put forth new feathers like eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; they shall walk, and not hunger.

Chapter 41

1 Hold a feast to me, you islands: for the princes shall renew their strength: let them draw nigh and speak together: then let them declare judgment.

2 Who raised up righteousness from the east, and called it to his feet, so that it should go? shall appoint it an adversary of Gentiles, and shall dismay kings, and bury their swords in the earth, and cast forth their bows and arrows as sticks?

3 And he shall pursue them; the way of his feet shall proceed in peace.

4 Who has wrought and done these things? he has called it who called it from the generations of old; I God, the first and to all futurity, I AM.

5 The nations saw, and feared; the ends of the earth drew nigh, and came together,

6 every one judging for his neighbour and that to assist his brother: and one will say,

7 The artificer has become strong, and the coppersmith that smites with the hammer, and forges also: sometimes he will say, It is a piece well joined: they have fastened them with nails; they will fix them, and they shall not be moved.

8 But you, Israel, art my servant Jacob, and he whom I have chosen, the seed of Abraam, whom I have loved:

9 whom I have taken hold of from the ends of the earth, and from the high places of it I have called you, and said to you, You are my servant; I have chosen you, and I have not forsaken you.

10 Fear not; for I am with you: wander not; for I am your God, who have strengthened you; and I have helped you, and have established you with my just right hand.

11 Behold, all your adversaries shall be ashamed and confounded; for they shall be as if they were not: and all your opponents shall perish.

12 You shall seek them, and you shall not find the men who shall insolently rage against you: for they shall be as if they were not, and they that war against you shall not be.

13 For I am your God, who holds your right hand, who says to you,

14 Fear not, Jacob, and you Israel few in number; I have helped you, says your God, he that redeems you, O Israel.

15 Behold, I have made you as new saw-shaped threshing wheels of a waggon; and you shall thresh the mountains, and beat the hills to powder, and make them as chaff:

16 and you shall winnow them, and the wind shall carry them away, and a tempest shall scatter them: but you shall rejoice in the holy ones of Israel.

17 And the poor and the needy shall exult; for when they shall seek water, and there shall be none, and their tongue is parched with thirst, I the Lord God, I the God of Israel will hear, and will not forsake them:

18 but I will open rivers on the mountains, and fountains in the midst of plains: I will make the desert pools of water, and a thirsty land watercourses.

19 I will plant in the dry land the cedar and box, the myrtle and cypress, and white poplar:

20 that they may see, and know, and perceive, and understand together, that the hand of the Lord has wrought these works, and the Holy One of Israel has displayed them.

21 Your judgment draws nigh, says the Lord God; your counsels have drawn nigh, says the King of Jacob.

22 Let them draw nigh, and declare to you what things shall come to pass; or tell us what things were of old, and we will apply our understanding, and we shall know what are the last and the future things:

23 tell us, declare you to us the things that are coming on at the last time, and we shall know that you are gods: do good, and do evil, and we shall wonder, and see at the same time

24 whence you are, and whence is your work: they have chosen you an abomination out of the earth.

25 But I have raised up him that comes from the north, and him that comes from the rising of the sun: they shall be called by my name: let the princes come, and as potter's clay, and as a potter treading clay, so shall you be trodden down.

26 For who will declare the things from the beginning, that we may know also the former things, and we will say that they are true? there is no one that speaks beforehand, nor any one that hears your words.

27 I will give dominion to Zion, and will comfort Jerusalem by the way.

28 For from among the nations, behold, there was no one; and of their idols there was none to declare anything: and if I should ask them, Whence are you? they could not answer me.

29 For these are your makers, as you think, and they that cause you to err in vain.

Chapter 42

1 Jacob is my servant, I will help him: Israel is my chosen, my soul has accepted him; I have put my Spirit upon him; he shall bring forth judgment to the Gentiles.

2 He shall not cry, nor lift up his voice, nor shall his voice be heard without.

3 A bruised reed shall he not break, and smoking flax shall he not quench; but he shall bring forth judgment to truth.

4 He shall shine out, and shall not be discouraged, until he have set judgment on the earth: and in his name shall the Gentiles trust.

5 Thus says the Lord God, who made the heaven, and established it; who settled the earth, and the things in it, and gives breath to the people on it, and spirit to them that tread on it:

6 I the Lord God have called you in righteousness, and will hold yours hand, and will strengthen you: and I have given you for the covenant of a race, for a light of the Gentiles;

7 to open the eyes of the blind, to bring the bound and them that sit in darkness out of bonds and the prison-house.

8 I am the Lord God: that is my name: I will not give my glory to another, nor my praises to graven images.

9 Behold, the ancient things have come to pass, and so will the new things which I tell you: yea, before I tell them they are made known to you.

10 Sing a new hymn to the Lord: you who are his dominion, glorify his name from the end of the earth: you that go down to the sea, and sail upon it; the islands, and they that dwell in them.

11 Rejoice, you wilderness, and the villages thereof, the hamlets, and the dwellers in Kedar: the inhabitants of the rock shall rejoice, they shall shout from the top of the mountains.

12 They shall give glory to God, and shall proclaim his praises in the islands.

13 The Lord God of hosts shall go forth, and crush the war: he shall stir up jealousy, and shall shout mightily against his enemies.

14 I have been silent: shall I also always be silent and forbear? I have endured like a travailing woman: I will now amaze and wither at once.

15 I will make desolate mountains and hills, and will dry up all their grass; and I will make the rivers islands, and dry up the pools.

16 And I will bring the blind by a way that they knew not, and I will cause them to tread paths which they have not known: I will turn darkness into light for them, and crooked things into straight. These things will I do, and will not forsake them.

17 But they are turned back: be you utterly ashamed that trust in graven images, who say to the molten images, You are our gods.

18 Hear, you deaf, and look up, you blind, to see.

19 And who is blind, but my servants? and deaf, but they that rule over them? yea, the servants of God have been made blind.

20 You have often seen, and have not taken heed; your ears have been opened, and you have not heard.

21 The Lord God has taken counsel that he might be justified, and might magnify his praise.

22 And I beheld, and the people were spoiled and plundered: for there is a snare in the secret chambers everywhere, and in the houses also, where they have hidden them: they became a spoil, and there was no one that delivered the prey, and there was none who said, Restore.

23 Who is there among you that will give ear to these things? hearken you to the things which are coming to pass.

24 For what did he give Jacob up to spoil, and Israel to them that plundered him? Did not God do it against whom they sinned? and they would not walk in his ways, nor hearken to his law.

25 So he brought upon them the fury of his wrath; and the war, and those that burnt round about them, prevailed

against them; yet no one of them knew it, neither did they lay it to heart.

Chapter 43

1 And now thus says the Lord God that made you, O Jacob, and formed you, O Israel, Fear not: for I have redeemed you, I have called you by your name; you are mine.

2 And if you pass through water, I am with you; and the rivers shall not overflow you: and if you go through fire, you shall not be burned; the flame shall not burn you.

3 For I am the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, that saves you: I have made Egypt and Ethiopia your ransom, and given Soene for you.

4 Since you became precious in my sight, you have become glorious, and I have loved you: and I will give men for you, and princes for your life.

5 Fear not; for I am with you: I will bring your seed from the east, and will gather you from the west.

6 I will say to the north, Bring; and to the south, Keep not back; bring my sons from the land afar off, and my daughters from the ends of the earth;

7 even all who are called by my name: for I have prepared him for my glory, and I have formed him, and have made him:

8 and I have brought forth the blind people; for their eyes are alike blind, and they that have ears are deaf.

9 All the nations are gathered together, and princes shall be gathered out of them: who will declare these things? or who will declare to you things from the beginning? let them bring forth their witnesses, and be justified; and let them hear, and declare the truth.

10 Be you my witnesses, and I too am a witness, says the Lord God, and my servant whom I have chosen: that you may know, and believe, and understand that I am he: before me there was no other God, and after me there shall be none.

11 I am God; and beside me there is no Saviour.

12 I have declared, and have saved; I have reproached, and there was no strange god among you: you are my witnesses, and I am the Lord God,

13 even from the beginning; and there is none that can deliver out of my hands: I will work, and who shall turn it back?

14 Thus says the Lord God that redeems you, the Holy One of Israel; For your sakes I will send to Babylon, and I will stir up all that flee, and the Chaldeans shall be bound in ships.

15 I am the Lord God, your Holy One, who have appointed for Israel your king.

16 Thus says the Lord, who makes a way in the sea, and a path in the mighty water;

17 who brought forth chariots and horse, and a mighty multitude: but they have lain down, and shall not rise: they are extinct, as quenched flax.

18 Remember you not the former things, and consider not the ancient things.

19 Behold, I will do new things, which shall presently spring forth, and you shall know them: and I will make a way in the wilderness, and rivers in the dry land.

20 The beasts of the field shall bless me, the owls and young ostriches; for I have given water in the wilderness, and rivers in the dry land, to give drink to my chosen race,

21 even my people whom I have preserved to tell forth my praises.

22 I have not now called you, O Jacob; neither have I made you weary, O Israel.

23 You have not brought me the sheep of your whole-burnt-offering; neither have you glorified me with your sacrifices. I have not caused you to serve with sacrifices, neither have I wearied you with frankincense.

24 Neither have you purchased for me victims for silver, neither have I desired the fat of your sacrifices: but you did stand before me in your sins, and in your iniquities.

25 I, even I, am he that blots out your transgressions for mine own sake, and your sins; and I will not remember them.

26 But do you remember, and let us plead together: do you first confess your transgressions, that you may be justified.

27 Your fathers first, and your princes have transgressed against me.

28 And the princes have defiled my sanctuaries: so I gave Jacob to enemies to destroy, and Israel to reproach.

Chapter 44

1 But now hear, Jacob my servant; and Israel, whom I have chosen.

2 Thus says the Lord God that made you, and he that formed you from the womb; You shall yet be helped: fear not, my servant Jacob; and beloved Israel, whom I have chosen.

3 For I will give water to the thirsty that walk in a dry land: I will put my Spirit upon your seed, and my blessings upon your children:

4 and they shall spring up as grass between brooks, and as willows on the banks of running water.

5 One shall say, I am God's; and another shall call himself by the name of Jacob; and another shall write with his hand, I am God's, and shall call himself by the name of Israel.

6 Thus says God the King of Israel, and the God of hosts that delivered him; I am the first, and I am hereafter: beside me there is no God.

7 Who is like me? let him stand, and call, and declare, and prepare for me from the time that I made man for ever; and let them tell you the things that are coming before they arrive.

8 Hide not yourselves, nor go astray: have you not heard from the beginning, and have not I told you? you are witnesses if there is a God beside me.

9 But they that framed false gods did not then hearken; and they that graved images are all vain, performing their own desires, which shall not profit them, but they shall be ashamed

10 that form a god, and all that grave worthless things:

11 and all by whom they were made are withered: yea, let all the deaf be gathered from among men, and let them stand together; and let them be ashamed and confounded together:

12 For the artificer sharpens the iron; he fashions the idol with an axe, and fixes it with an awl, and fashions it with the strength of his arm: and he will be hungry and weak, and will drink no water.

13 The artificer having chosen a piece of wood, marks it out with a rule, and fits it with glue, and makes it as the form of a man, and as the beauty of a man, to set it up in the house.

14 He cuts wood out of the forest, which the Lord planted, even a pine tree, and the rain made it grow,

15 that it might be for men to burn: and having taken part of it he warms himself; yea, they burn part of it, and bake loaves thereon; and of the rest they make for themselves gods, and they worship them.

16 Half thereof he burns in the fire, and with half of it he bakes loaves on the coals; and having roasted flesh on it he eats, and is satisfied, and having warmed himself he says, I am comfortable, for I have warmed myself, and have seen the fire.

17 And the rest he makes a graven god, and worships, and prays, saying, Deliver me; for you are my God.

18 They have no understanding to perceive; for they have been blinded so that they should not see with their eyes, nor perceive with their heart.

19 And one has not considered in his mind, nor known in his understanding, that he has burnt up half of it in the fire, and baked loaves on the coals thereof and has roasted and eaten flesh, and of the rest of it he has made an abomination, and they worship it.

20 Know you that their heart is ashes, and they err, and no one is able to deliver his soul: see, you will not say, There is a lie in my right hand.

21 Remember these things, O Jacob and Israel; for you are my servant; I have formed you to be my servant: and do you, Israel, not forget me.

22 For behold, I have blotted out as a cloud your transgressions, and your sin as darkness: turn to me, and I will redeem you.

23 Rejoice, you heavens; for God has had mercy upon Israel: sound the trumpet, you foundations of the earth: you mountains, shout with joy, you hills, and all the trees therein: for God has redeemed Jacob, and Israel shall be glorified.

24 Thus says the Lord that redeems you, and who formed you from the womb, I am the Lord that performs all things: I stretched out the heaven alone, and established the earth.

25 Who else will frustrate the tokens of those that have divining spirits, and prophecies from the heart of man? turning the wise back, and making their counsel foolishness;

26 and confirming the word of his servant, and verifying the counsel of his messengers: who says to Jerusalem, You shall be inhabited; and to the cities of Edom, You shall be built, and her desert places shall spring forth.

27 Who says to the deep, You shall be dried up, and I will dry up the rivers.

28 Who bids Cyrus be wise, and he shall perform all my will: who says to Jerusalem, You shall be built, and I will lay the foundation of my holy house.

Chapter 45

1 Thus says the Lord God to my anointed Cyrus, whose right hand I have held, that nations might be obedient before him; and I will break through the strength of kings; I will open doors before him, and cities shall not be closed.

2 I will go before you, and will level mountains: I will break to pieces brazen doors, and will burst iron bars.

3 And I will give you the treasures of darkness, I will open to you hidden, unseen treasures, that you may know that I, the Lord your God, that call you by name, am the God of Israel.

4 For the sake of my servant Jacob, and Israel mine elect, I will call you by your name, and accept you: but you have not known me.

5 For I am the Lord God, and there is no other God beside me; I strengthened you, and you have not known me.

6 That they that come from the east and they that come from the west may know that there is no God but me. I am the Lord God, and there is none beside.

7 I am he that prepared light, and formed darkness; who make peace, and create evil; I am the Lord God, that does all these things.

8 Let the heaven rejoice from above, and let the clouds rain righteousness: let the earth bring forth, and blossom with mercy, and bring forth righteousness likewise: I am the Lord that created you.

9 What excellent thing have I prepared as clay of the potter? Will the ploughman plough the earth all day? shall the clay say to the potter, What are you doing that you do not work, nor have hands? shall the thing formed answer him that formed it?

10 As though one should say to his father, What will you beget me? and to his mother, What are you bringing forth?

11 For thus says the Lord God, the Holy One of Israel, who has formed the things that are to come, Enquire of me concerning my sons, and concerning the works of my hands command me.

12 I have made the earth, and man upon it: I with my hand have established the heaven; I have given commandment to all the stars.

13 I have raised him up to be a king with righteousness, and all his ways are right: he shall build my city, and shall turn the captivity of my people, not for ransoms, nor for rewards, says the Lord of hosts.

14 Thus says the Lord of hosts, Egypt has laboured for you; and the merchandise of the Ethiopians, and the Sabeans, men of stature, shall pass over to you, and shall be your servants; and they shall follow after you bound in fetters, and shall pass over to you, and shall do obeisance to you, and make supplication to you: because God is in you; and there is no God beside you, O Lord.

15 For you are God, yet we knew it not, the God of Israel, the Saviour.

16 All that are opposed to him shall be ashamed and confounded, and shall walk in shame: you isles, keep a feast to me.

17 Israel is saved by the Lord with an everlasting salvation: they shall not be ashamed nor confounded for evermore.

18 Thus says the Lord that made the heaven, this God that created the earth, and made it; he marked it out, he made it not in vain, but formed it to be inhabited: I am the Lord, and there is none beside.

19 I have not spoken in secret, nor in a dark place of the earth: I said not to the seed of Jacob, Seek vanity: I, even I, am the Lord, speaking righteousness, and proclaiming truth.

20 Assemble yourselves and come; take counsel together, you that escape of the nations: they that set up wood, even their graven image, have no knowledge, nor they who pray to gods that do not save.

21 If they will declare, let them draw nigh, that they may know together, who has caused these things to be heard from the beginning: then was it told you. I am God, and there is not another beside me; a just God and a Saviour; there is none but me.

22 Turn you to me, and you shall be saved, you that come from the end of the earth: I am God, and there is none other.

23 By myself I swear, righteousness shall surely proceed out of my mouth; my words shall not be frustrated; that to me every knee shall bend, and every tongue shall swear by God,

24 saying, Righteousness and glory shall come to him: and all that remove them from their borders shall be ashamed.

25 By the Lord shall they be justified, and in God shall all the seed of the children of Israel be glorified.

Chapter 46

1 Bel has fallen, Nabo is broken to pieces, their graven images are gone to the wild beasts and the cattle: you take them packed up as a burden to the weary, exhausted, hungry, and at the same time helpless man;

2 who will not be able to save themselves from war, but they themselves are led away captive.

3 Hear me, O house of Jacob, and all the remnant of Israel, who are borne by me from the womb, and taught by me from infancy, even to old age:

4 I am he; and until you shall have grown old, I am he: I bear you, I have made, and I will relieve, I will take up and save you.

5 To whom have you compared me? see, consider, you that go astray.

6 They that furnish gold out of a purse, and silver by weight, will weigh it in a scale, and they hire a goldsmith and make idols, and bow down, and worship them.

7 They bear it upon the shoulder, and go; and if they put it upon its place, it remains, it cannot move: and whosoever shall cry to it, it cannot hear; it cannot save him from trouble.

8 Remember you these things, and groan: repent, you that have gone astray, return in your heart;

9 and remember the former things that were of old: for I am God, and there is none other beside me,

10 telling beforehand the latter events before they come to pass, and they are accomplished together: and I said, All my

counsel shall stand, and I will do all things that I have planned:

11 calling a bird from the east, and from a land afar off, for the things which I have planned: I have spoken, and brought him; I have created and made him; I have brought him, and prospered his way.

12 Hearken to me, you senseless ones, that are far from righteousness:

13 I have brought near my righteousness, and I will not be slow with the salvation that is from me: I have given salvation in Zion to Israel for glory.

Chapter 47

1 Come down, sit on the ground, O virgin daughter of Babylon: sit on the ground, O daughter of the Chaldeans: for you shall no more be called tender and luxurious.

2 Take a millstone, grind meal: remove your veil, uncover your white hairs, make bare the leg, pass through the rivers.

3 Your shame shall be uncovered, your reproaches shall be brought to light: I will exact of you due vengeance, I will no longer deliver you to men.

4 Your deliverer is the Lord of hosts, the Holy One of Israel is his name.

5 Sit you down pierced with woe, go into darkness, O daughter of the Chaldeans: you shall no more be called the strength of a kingdom.

6 I have been provoked with my people; you have defiled mine inheritance: I gave them into your hand, but you did not extend mercy to them: you made the yoke of the aged man very heavy,

7 and saidst, I shall be a princess for ever: you did not perceive these things in yours heart, nor did you remember the latter end.

8 But now hear these words, you luxurious one, who are the one that sits at ease, that is secure, that says in her heart, I am, and there is not another; I shall not sit a widow, neither shall I know bereavement.

9 But now these two things shall come upon you suddenly in one day, the loss of children and widowhood shall come suddenly upon you, for your sorcery, for the strength of your enchantments,

10 for your trusting in wickedness: for you saidst, I am, and there is not another: know you, the understanding of these things and your harlotry shall be your shame; for you saidst in your heart, I am, and there is not another.

11 And destruction shall come upon you, and you shall not be aware; there shall be a pit, and you shall fall into it: and grief shall come upon you, and you shall not be able to be clear; and destruction shall come suddenly upon you, and you shall not know.

12 Stand now with your enchantments, and with the abundance of your sorcery, which you have learned from your youth; if you can be profited.

13 You are wearied in your counsels. Let now the astrologers of the heaven stand and deliver you, let them that see the stars tell you what is about to come upon you.

14 Behold, they all shall be burnt up as sticks in the fire; neither shall they at all deliver their life from the flame. Because you have coals of fire, sit you upon them;

15 these shall be your help. You have wearied yourself with traffic from your youth: every man has wandered to his own home, but you shall have no deliverance.

Chapter 48

1 Hear these words, you house of Jacob, who are called by the name of Israel, and have come forth out of Judah, who swear by the name of the Lord God of Israel, making mention of it, but not with truth, nor with righteousness;

2 maintaining also the name of the holy city, and staying themselves on the God of Israel: the Lord of hosts is his name. The former things I have already declared;

3 and they have proceeded out of my mouth, and it became well known; I wrought suddenly, and the events came to pass.

4 I know that you are stubborn, and your neck is an iron sinew, and your forehead brazen.

5 And I told you of old what should be before it came upon you; I made it known to you, lest you should say, My idols have done it for me; and should say, My graven and molten images have commanded me.

6 You have heard all this, but you have not known: yet I have made known to you the new things from henceforth, which are coming to pass, and you saidst not,

7 Now they come to pass, and not formerly: and you heard not of them in former days: say not you, Yea, I know them.

8 You have neither known, nor understood, neither from the beginning have I opened your ears: for I knew that you would surely deal treacherously, and would be called a transgressor even from the womb.

9 For mine own sake will I shew you my wrath, and will bring before you my glorious acts, that I may not utterly destroy you.

10 Behold, I have sold you, but not for silver; but I have rescued you from the furnace of affliction.

11 For mine own sake I will do this for you, because my name is profaned; and I will not give my glory to another.

12 Hear me, O Jacob, and Israel whom I call; I am the first, and I endure for ever.

13 My hand also has founded the earth, and my right hand has fixed the sky: I will call them, and they shall stand together.

14 And all shall be gathered, and shall hear: who has told them these things? Out of love to you I have fulfilled your desire on Babylon, to abolish the seed of the Chaldeans.

15 I have spoken, I have called, I have brought him, and made his way prosperous.

16 Draw nigh to me, and hear you these words; I have not spoken in secret from the beginning: when it took place, there was I, and now the Lord, even the Lord, and his Spirit, has sent me.

17 Thus says the Lord that delivered you, the Holy One of Israel; I am your God, I have shewn you how you should find the way wherein you should walk.

18 And if you had hearkened to my commandments, then would your peace have been like a river, and your righteousness as a wave of the sea.

19 Your seed also would have been as the sand, and the offspring of your belly as the dust of the ground: neither now shall you by any means be utterly destroyed, neither shall your name perish before me.

20 Go forth of Babylon, you that flee from the Chaldeans: utter aloud a voice of joy, and let this be made known, proclaim it to the end of the earth; say you, The Lord has delivered his servant Jacob.

21 And if they shall thirst, he shall lead them through the desert; he shall bring forth water to them out of the rock: the rock shall be cloven, and the water shall flow forth, and my people shall drink.

22 There is no joy, says the Lord, to the ungodly.

Chapter 49

1 Hearken to me, you islands; and attend, you Gentiles; after a long time it shall come to pass, says the Lord: from my mother's womb he has called my name:

2 and he has made my mouth as a sharp sword, and he has hid me under the shadow of his hand; he has made me as a choice shaft, and he has hid me in his quiver;

3 and said to me, You are my servant, O Israel, and in you I will be glorified.

4 Then I said, I have laboured in vain, I have given my strength for vanity and for nothing: therefore is my judgment with the Lord, and my labour before my God.

5 And now, thus says the Lord that formed me from the womb to be his own servant, to gather Jacob to him and Israel. I shall be gathered and glorified before the Lord, and my God shall be my strength.

6 And he said to me, It is a great thing for you to be called my servant, to establish the tribes of Jacob, and to recover the dispersion of Israel: behold, I have given you for the covenant of a race, for a light of the Gentiles, that you should be for salvation to the end of the earth.

7 Thus says the Lord that delivered you, the God of Israel, Sanctify him that despises his life, him that is abhorred by the nations that are the servants of princes: kings shall behold him, and princes shall arise, and shall worship him, for the Lord's sake: for the Holy One of Israel is faithful, and I have chosen you.

8 Thus says the Lord, In an acceptable time have I heard you, and in a day of salvation have I succoured you: and I have formed you, and given you for a covenant of the nations, to establish the earth, and to cause to inherit the desert heritages:

9 saying to them that are in bonds, Go forth; and bidding them that are in darkness shew themselves. They shall be fed in all the ways, and in all the paths shall be their pasture.

10 They shall not hunger, neither shall they thirst; neither shall the heat nor the sun smite them; but he that has mercy on them shall comfort them, and by fountains of waters shall he lead them.

11 And I will make every mountain a way, and every path a pasture to them.

12 Behold, these shall come from far: and these from the north and the west, and others from the land of the Persians.

13 Rejoice, you heavens; and let the earth be glad: let the mountains break forth with joy; for the Lord has had mercy on his people, and has comforted the lowly ones of his people.

14 But Zion said, The Lord has forsaken me, and, The Lord has forgotten me.

15 Will a woman forget her child, so as not to have compassion upon the offspring of her womb? but if a woman should even forget these, yet I will not forget you, says the Lord.

16 Behold, I have painted your walls on my hands, and you are continually before me.

17 And you shall soon be built by those by whom you were destroyed, and they that made you desolate shall go forth of you.

18 Lift up your eyes round about, and look on them all; behold, they are gathered together, and are come to you. As I live, says the Lord, you shall clothe yourself with them all as with an ornament, and put them on as a bride her attire.

19 For your desert and marred and ruined places shall now be too narrow by reason of the inhabitants, and they that devoured you shall be removed far from you.

20 For your sons whom you have lost shall say in your ears, The place is too narrow for me: make room for me that I may dwell.

21 And you shall say in yours heart, Who has begotten me these? whereas I was childless, and a widow; but who has brought up these for me? and I was left alone; but whence came these to me?

22 Thus says the Lord, even the Lord, Behold, I lift up mine hand to the nations, and I will lift up my signal to the islands: and they shall bring your sons in their bosom, and shall bear your daughters on their shoulders.

23 And kings shall be your nursing-fathers, and their princesses your nurses, they shall bow down to you on the face of the earth, and shall lick the dust of your feet; and you shall know that I am the Lord, and they that wait on me shall not be ashamed.

24 Will any one take spoils from a giant? and if one should take a man captive unjustly, shall he be delivered?

25 For thus says the Lord, If one should take a giant captive, he shall take spoils, and he who takes them from a mighty man shall be delivered: for I will plead your cause, and I will deliver your children.

26 And they that afflicted you shall eat their own flesh; and they shall drink their own blood as new wine, and shall be drunken: and all flesh shall perceive that I am the Lord that delivers you, and that upholds the strength of Jacob.

Chapter 50

1 Thus says the Lord, Of what kind is your mother's bill of divorcement, by which I put her away? or to which debtor have I sold you? Behold, you are sold for your sins, and for your iniquities have I put your mother away.

2 Why did I come, and there was no man? why did I call, and there was none to hearken? Is not my hand strong to redeem? or can I not deliver? behold, by my rebuke I will dry up the sea, and make rivers a wilderness; and their fish shall be dried up because there is no water, and shall die for thirst.

3 I will clothe the sky with darkness, and will make its covering as sackcloth.

4 The Lord even God gives me the tongue of instruction, to know when it is fit to speak a word: he has appointed for me early, he has given me an ear to hear:

5 and the instruction of the Lord, even the Lord, opens mine ears, and I do not disobey, nor dispute.

6 I gave my back to scourges, and my cheeks to blows; and I turned not away my face from the shame of spitting:

7 but the Lord God became my helper; therefore I was not ashamed, but I set my face as a solid rock; and I know that I shall never be ashamed,

8 for he that has justified me draws near; who is he that pleads with me? let him stand up against me at the same time: yea, who is he that pleads with me? let him draw nigh to me.

9 Behold, the Lord, the Lord, will help me; who will hurt me? behold, all you shall wax old as a garment, and a moth shall devour you.

10 Who is among you that fears the Lord? let him hearken to the voice of his servant: you that walk in darkness, and have no light, trust in the name of the Lord, and stay upon God.

11 Behold, you all kindle a fire, and feed a flame: walk in the light of your fire, and in the flame which you have kindled. This has happened to you for my sake; you shall lie down in sorrow.

Chapter 51

1 Hearken to me, you that follow after righteousness, and seek the Lord: look to the solid rock, which you have hewn, and to the hole of the pit which you have dug.

2 Look to Abraam your father, and to Sarrha that bore you: for he was alone when I called him, and blessed him, and loved him, and multiplied him.

3 And now I will comfort you, O Zion: and I have comforted all her desert places; and I will make her desert places as a garden, and her western places as the garden of the Lord; they shall find in her gladness and exultation, thanksgiving and the voice of praise.

4 Hear me, hear me, my people; and you kings, hearken to me: for a law shall proceed from me, and my judgment shall be for a light of the nations.

5 My righteousness speedily draws nigh, and my salvation shall go forth as light, and on mine arm shall the Gentiles trust: the isles shall wait for me, and on mine arm shall they trust.

6 Lift up your eyes to the sky, and look on the earth beneath: for the sky was darkened like smoke, and the earth shall wax old like a garment, and the inhabitants shall die in like manner: but my righteousness shall not fail.

7 Hear me, you that know judgment, the people in whose heart is my law: fear not the reproach of men, and be not overcome by their contempt.

8 For as a garment will be devoured by time, and as wool will be devoured by a moth, so shall they be consumed; but my righteousness shall be for ever, and my salvation for all generations.

9 Awake, awake, O Jerusalem, and put on the strength of your arm; awake as in the early time, as the ancient generation.

10 Are you not it that dried the sea, the water, even the abundance of the deep; that made the depths of the sea a way of passage for the delivered and redeemed?

11 for by the help of the Lord they shall return, and come to Zion with joy and everlasting exultation, for praise and joy shall come upon their head: pain, and grief, and groaning, have fled away.

12 I, even I, am he that comforts you: consider who you are, that you were afraid of mortal man, and of the son of man, who are withered as grass.

13 And you have forgotten God who made you, who made the sky and founded the earth; and you were continually afraid because of the wrath of him that afflicted you: for whereas he counselled to take you away, yet now where is the wrath of him that afflicted you?

14 For in your deliverance he shall not halt, nor tarry;

15 for I am your God, that troubles the sea, and causes the waves thereof to roar: the Lord of hosts is my name.

16 I will put my words into your mouth, and I will shelter you under the shadow of mine hand, with which I fixed the sky, and founded the earth: and the Lord shall say to Zion, You are my people.

17 Awake, awake, stand up, O Jerusalem, that have drunk at the hand of the Lord the cup of his fury: for you have drunk out and drained the cup of calamity, the cup of wrath:

18 and there was none to comfort you of all the children whom you bore; and there was none to take hold of yours hand, not even of all the children whom you have reared.

19 Wherefore these things are against you; who shall sympathise with you in your grief? downfall, and destruction, famine, and sword: who shall comfort you?

20 Your sons are the perplexed ones, that sleep at the top of every street as a half-boiled beet; they that are full of the anger of the Lord, caused to faint by the Lord God.

21 Therefore hear, you afflicted one, and drunken, but not with wine;

22 thus says the Lord God that judges his people, Behold, I have taken out of yours hand the cup of calamity, the cup of my wrath; and you shall not drink it any more.

23 And I will give it into the hands of them that injured you, and them that afflicted you; who said to your soul, Bow down, that we may pass over: and you did level your body with the ground to them passing by without.

Chapter 52

1 Awake, awake, Zion; put on your strength, O Zion; and do you put on your glory, Jerusalem the holy city: there shall no more pass through you the uncircumcised and unclean.

2 Shake off the dust and arise; sit down, Jerusalem: put off the band of your neck, captive daughter of Zion.

3 For thus says the Lord, You have been sold for nought; and you shall not be ransomed with silver.

4 Thus says the Lord, My people went down before to Egypt to sojourn there; and were carried away forcibly to the Assyrians.

5 And now why are you here? Thus says the Lord, Because my people was taken for nothing, wonder you and howl. Thus says the Lord, On account of you my name is continually blasphemed among the Gentiles.

6 Therefore shall my people know my name in that day, for I am he that speaks: I am present,

7 as a season of beauty upon the mountains, as the feet of one preaching glad tidings of peace, as one preaching good news: for I will publish your salvation, saying, O Zion, your God shall reign.

8 For the voice of them that guard you is exalted, and with the voice together they shall rejoice: for eyes shall look to eyes, when the Lord shall have mercy upon Zion.

9 Let the waste places of Jerusalem break forth in joy together, because the Lord has had mercy upon her, and has delivered Jerusalem.

10 And the Lord shall reveal his holy arm in the sight of all the nations; and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation that comes from our God.

11 Depart you, depart, go out from thence, and touch not the unclean thing; go you out from the midst of her; separate yourselves, you that bear the vessels of the Lord.

12 For you shall not go forth with tumult, neither go by flight: for the Lord shall go first in advance of you; and the God of Israel shall be he that brings up your rear.

13 Behold, my servant shall understand, and be exalted, and glorified exceedingly.

14 As many shall be amazed at you, so shall your face be without glory from men, and your glory shall not be honoured by the sons of men.

15 Thus shall many nations wonder at him; and kings shall keep their mouths shut: for they to whom no report was brought concerning him, shall see; and they who have not heard, shall consider.

Chapter 53

1 O Lord, who has believed our report? and to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed?

2 We brought a report as of a child before him; he is as a root in a thirsty land: he has no form nor comeliness; and we saw him, but he had no form nor beauty.

3 But his form was ignoble, and inferior to that of the children of men; he was a man in suffering, and acquainted with the bearing of sickness, for his face is turned from us: he was dishonoured, and not esteemed.

4 He bears our sins, and is pained for us: yet we accounted him to be in trouble, and in suffering, and in affliction.

5 But he was wounded on account of our sins, and was bruised because of our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and by his bruises we were healed.

6 All we as sheep have gone astray; every one has gone astray in his way; and the Lord gave him up for our sins.

7 And he, because of his affliction, opens not his mouth: he was led as a sheep to the slaughter, and as a lamb before the shearer is dumb, so he opens not his mouth.

8 In his humiliation his judgment was taken away: who shall declare his generation? for his life is taken away from the earth: because of the iniquities of my people he was led to death.

9 And I will give the wicked for his burial, and the rich for his death; for he practised no iniquity, nor craft with his mouth.

10 The Lord also is pleased to purge him from his stroke. If you can give an offering for sin, your soul shall see a long-lived seed:

11 the Lord also is pleased to take away from the travail of his soul, to shew him light, and to form him with understanding; to justify the just one who serves many well; and he shall bear their sins.

12 Therefore he shall inherit many, and he shall divide the spoils of the mighty; because his soul was delivered to death: and he was numbered among the transgressors; and he bore the sins of many, and was delivered because of their iniquities.

Chapter 54

1 Rejoice, you barren that bear not; break forth and cry, you that do not travail: for more are the children of the desolate than of her that has a husband: for the Lord has said,

2 Enlarge the place of your tent, and of your curtains: fix the pins, spare not, lengthen your cords, and strengthen your pins;

3 spread forth your tent yet to the right and the left: for your seed shall inherit the Gentiles, and you shall make the desolate cities to be inhabited.

4 Fear not, because you have been put to shame, neither be confounded, because you were reproached: for you shall forget your former shame, and shall no more at all remember the reproach of your widowhood.

5 For it is the Lord that made you; the Lord of hosts is his name: and he that delivered you, he is the God of Israel, and shall be called so by the whole earth.

6 The Lord has not called you as a deserted and faint-hearted woman, nor as a woman hated from her youth, says your God.

7 For a little while I left you: but with great mercy will I have compassion upon you.

8 In a little wrath I turned away my face from you; but with everlasting mercy will I have compassion upon you, says the Lord that delivers you.

9 From the time of the water of Noah this is my purpose: as I sware to him at that time, saying of the earth, I will no more be wroth with you, neither when you are threatened,

10 shall the mountains depart, nor shall your hills be removed: so neither shall my mercy fail you, nor shall the covenant of your peace be at all removed: for the Lord who is gracious to you has spoken it.

11 Afflicted and outcast you have not been comforted: behold, I will prepare carbuncle for your stones, and sapphire for your foundations;

12 and I will make your buttresses jasper, and your gates crystal, and your border precious stones.

13 And I will cause all your sons to be taught of God, and your children to be in great peace.

14 And you shall be built in righteousness: abstain from injustice, and you shall not fear; and trembling shall not come nigh you.

15 Behold, strangers shall come to you by me, and shall sojourn with you, and shall run to you for refuge.

16 Behold, I have created you, not as the coppersmith blowing coals, and bringing out a vessel fit for work; but I have created you, not for ruin, that I should destroy you.

17 I will not suffer any weapon formed against you to prosper; and every voice that shall rise up against you for judgment, you shall vanquish them all; and your adversaries shall be condemned thereby. There is an inheritance to them that serve the Lord, and you shall be righteous before me, says the Lord.

Chapter 55

1 You that thirst, go to the water, and all that have no money, go and buy; and eat and drink wine and fat without money or price.

2 Wherefore do you value at the price of money, and give your labour for that which will not satisfy? hearken to me, and you shall eat that which is good, and your soul shall feast itself on good things.

3 Give heed with your ears, and follow my ways: hearken to me, and your soul shall live in prosperity; and I will make with you an everlasting covenant, the sure mercies of David.

4 Behold, I have made him a testimony among the Gentiles, a prince and commander to the Gentiles.

5 Nations which know you not, shall call upon you, and peoples which are not acquainted with you, shall flee to you for refuge, for the sake of the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel; for he has glorified you.

6 Seek you the Lord, and when you find him, call upon him; and when he shall draw nigh to you,

7 let the ungodly leave his ways, and the transgressor his counsels: and let him return to the Lord, and he shall find mercy; for he shall abundantly pardon your sins.

8 For my counsels are not as your counsels, nor are my ways as your ways, says the Lord.

9 But as the heaven is distant from the earth, so is my way distant from your ways, and your thoughts from my mind.

10 For as rain shall come down, or snow, from heaven, and shall not return until it have saturated the earth, and it bring forth, and bud, and give seed to the sower, and bread for food:

11 so shall my word be, whatever shall proceed out of my mouth, it shall by no means turn back, until all the things which I willed shall have been accomplished; and I will make your ways prosperous, and will effect my commands.

12 For you shall go forth with joy, and shall be taught with gladness: for the mountains and the hills shall exult to welcome you with joy, and all the trees of the field shall applaud with their branches.

13 And instead of the bramble shall come up the cypress, and instead of the nettle shall come up the myrtle: and the Lord shall be for a name, and for an everlasting sign, and shall not fail.

Chapter 56

1 Thus says the Lord, Keep you judgment, and do justice: for my salvation is near to come, and my mercy to be revealed.

2 Blessed is the man that does these things, and the man that holds by them, and keeps the sabbaths from profaning them, and keeps his hands from doing unrighteousness.

3 Let not the stranger who attaches himself to the Lord, say, Surely the Lord will separate me from his people: and let not the eunuch say, I am a dry tree.

4 Thus says the Lord to the eunuchs, as many as shall keep my sabbaths, and choose the things which I take pleasure in, and take hold of my covenant;

5 I will give to them in my house and within my walls an honourable place, better than sons and daughters: I will give them an everlasting name, and it shall not fail.

6 And I will give it to the strangers that attach themselves to the Lord, to serve him, and to love the name of the Lord, to be to him servants and handmaids; and as for all that keep my sabbaths from profaning them, and that take hold of my covenant;

7 I will bring them to my holy mountain, and gladden them in my house of prayer: their whole-burnt-offerings and their sacrifices shall be acceptable upon mine altar; for my house shall be called a house of prayer for all nations,

8 says the Lord that gathers the dispersed of Israel; for I will gather to him a congregation.

9 All you beasts of the field, come, devour, all you beasts of the forest.

10 See how they are all blinded: they have not known; they are dumb dogs that will not bark; dreaming of rest, loving to slumber.

11 Yea, they are insatiable dogs, that know not what it is to be filled, and they are wicked, having no understanding: all have followed their own ways, each according to his own will.

Chapter 57

1 See how the just man has perished, and no one lays it to heart: and righteous men are taken away, and no one considers: for the righteous has been removed out of the way of injustice.

2 His burial shall be in peace: he has been removed out of the way.

3 But draw you near hither, you lawless children, the seed of adulterers and the harlot.

4 Wherein have you been rioting? and against whom have you opened your mouth, and against whom have you loosed your tongue? are you not children of perdition? a lawless seed?

5 who call upon idols under the leafy trees, slaying your children in the valleys among the rocks?

6 That is your portion, this is your lot: and to them have you poured forth drink-offerings, and to these have you offered meat-offerings. Shall I not therefore be angry for these things?

7 On a lofty and high mountain, there is your bed, and thither you carriedst up your meat-offerings:

8 and behind the posts of your door you did place your memorials. Did you think that if you should depart from me, you would gain? you have loved those that lay with you;

9 and you have multiplied your whoredom with them, and you have increased the number of them that are far from you, and have sent ambassadors beyond your borders, and have been debased even to hell.

10 You have wearied yourself with your many ways; yet you saidst not, I will cease to strengthen myself: for you have done these things; therefore you have not supplicated me.

11 Through dread of whom have you feared, and lied against me, and have not remembered, nor considered me, nor regarded me, yea, though when I see you I pass you by, yet you have not feared me.

12 And I will declare your righteousness, and your sins, which shall not profit you.

13 When you cry out, let them deliver you in your affliction: for all these the wind shall take, and the tempest shall carry them away: but they that cleave to me shall possess the land, and shall inherit my holy mountain.

14 And they shall say, Clear the ways before him, and take up the stumbling-blocks out of the way of my people.

15 Thus says the Most High, who dwells on high for ever, Holy in the holies, is his name, the Most High resting in the holies, and giving patience to the faint-hearted, and giving life to the broken-hearted:

16 I will not take vengeance on you for ever, neither will I be always angry with you: for my Spirit shall go forth from me, and I have created all breath.

17 On account of sin for a little while I grieved him, and smote him, and turned away my face from him; and he was grieved, and he went on sorrowful in his ways.

18 I have seen his ways, and healed him, and comforted him, and given him true comfort;

19 peace upon peace to them that are far off, and to them that are nigh: and the Lord has said, I will heal them.

20 But the unrighteous shall be tossed as troubled waves, and shall not be able to rest.

21 There is no joy to the ungodly, said God.

Chapter 58

1 Cry aloud, and spare not; lift up your voice as with a trumpet, and declare to my people their sins, and to the house of Jacob their iniquities.

2 They seek me day by day, and desire to know my ways, as a people that had done righteousness, and had not forsaken the judgment of their God: they now ask of me righteous judgment, and desire to draw nigh to God,

3 saying, Why have we fasted, and you regard not? why have we afflicted our souls, and you did not know it? Nay, in the days of your fasts you find your pleasures, and all them that are under your power you wound.

4 If you fast for quarrels and strifes, and smite the lowly with your fists, wherefore do you fast to me as you do this day, so that your voice may be heard in crying?

5 I have not chosen this fast, nor such a day for a man to afflict his soul; neither though you should bend down your neck as a ring, and spread under you sackcloth and ashes, neither thus shall you call a fast acceptable.

6 I have not chosen such a fast, says the Lord; but do you loose every burden of iniquity, do you untie the knots of hard bargains, set the bruised free, and cancel every unjust account.

7 Break your bread to the hungry, and lead the unsheltered poor to your house: if you see one naked, clothe him, and you shall not disregard the relations of your own seed.

8 Then shall your light break forth as the morning, and your health shall speedily spring forth: and your righteousness shall go before you, and the glory of God shall compass you.

9 Then shall you cry, and God shall hearken to you; while you are yet speaking he will say, Behold, I am here. If you remove from you the band, and the stretching forth of the hands, and murmuring speech;

10 and if you give bread to the hungry from your heart, and satisfy the afflicted soul; then shall your light spring up in darkness, and your darkness shall be as noon-day:

11 and your God shall be with you continually, and you shall be satisfied according as your soul desires; and your bones shall be made fat, and shall be as a well-watered garden, and as a fountain from which the water has not failed.

12 And your old waste desert places shall be built up, and your foundations shall last through all generations; and you shall be called a repairer of breaches, and you shall cause your paths between to be in peace.

13 If you turn away your foot from the sabbath, so as not to do your pleasure on the holy days, and shall call the sabbaths delightful, holy to God; if you shall not lift up your foot to work, nor speak a word in anger out of your mouth,

14 then shall you trust on the Lord; and he shall bring you up to the good places of the land, and feed you with the heritage of Jacob your father: for the mouth of the Lord has spoken this.

Chapter 59

1 Has the hand of the Lord no power to save? or has he made his ear heavy, so that he should not hear?

2 Nay, your iniquities separate between you and God, and because of your sins has he turned away his face from you, so as not to have mercy upon you.

3 For your hands are defiled with blood, and your fingers with sins; your lips also have spoken iniquity, and your tongue meditates unrighteousness.

4 None speaks justly, neither is there true judgment: they trust in vanities, and speak empty words; for they conceive trouble, and bring forth iniquity.

5 They have hatched asps' eggs, and weave a spider's web: and he that is going to eat of their eggs, having crushed an addled egg, has found also in it a basilisk.

6 Their web shall not become a garment, nor shall they at all clothe themselves with their works; for their works are works of iniquity.

7 And their feet run to wickedness, swift to shed blood; their thoughts also are thoughts of murder; destruction and misery are in their ways;

8 and the way of peace they know not, neither is there judgment in their ways; for their paths by which they go are crooked, and they know not peace.

9 Therefore has judgment departed from them, and righteousness shall not overtake them: while they waited for light, darkness came upon them; while they waited for brightness, they walked in perplexity.

10 They shall feel for the wall as blind men, and shall feel for it as if they had no eyes: and they shall feel at noon-day as at midnight; they shall groan as dying men.

11 They shall proceed together as a bear and as a dove: we have waited for judgment, and there is no salvation, it is gone far from us.

12 For our iniquity is great before you, and our sins have risen up against us: for our iniquities are in us, and we know our unrighteous deeds.

13 We have sinned, and dealt falsely, and revolted from our God: we have spoken unrighteous words, and have been disobedient; we have conceived and uttered from our heart unrighteous words.

14 And we have turned judgment back, and righteousness has departed afar off: for truth is consumed in their ways, and they could not pass by a straight path.

15 And truth has been taken away, and they have turned aside their mind from understanding. And the Lord saw it, and it pleased him not that there was no judgment.

16 And he looked, and there was no man, and he observed, and there was none to help: so he defended them with his arm, and stablished them with his mercy.

17 And he put on righteousness as a breast-plate, and placed the helmet of salvation on his head; and he clothed himself with the garment of vengeance, and with his cloak,

18 as one about to render a recompence, even reproach to his adversaries.

19 So shall they of the west fear the name of the Lord, and they that come from the rising of the sun his glorious name: for the wrath of the Lord shall come as a mighty river, it shall come with fury.

20 And the deliverer shall come for Zion's sake, and shall turn away ungodliness from Jacob.

21 And this shall be my covenant with them, said the Lord; My Spirit which is upon you, and the words which I have put in your mouth, shall never fail from your mouth, nor from the mouth of your seed, for the Lord has spoken it, henceforth and for ever.

Chapter 60

1 Be enlightened, be enlightened, O Jerusalem, for your light is come, and the glory of the Lord is risen upon you.

2 Behold, darkness shall cover the earth, and there shall be gross darkness on the nations: but the Lord shall appear upon you, and his glory shall be seen upon you.

3 And kings shall walk in your light, and nations in your brightness.

4 Lift up your eyes round about, and behold your children gathered: all your sons have come from far, and your daughters shall be borne on men's shoulders.

5 Then shall you see, and fear, and be amazed in yours heart; for the wealth of the sea shall come round to you, and of nations and peoples; and herds of camels shall come to you,

6 and the camels of Midian and Gæpha shall cover you: all from Saba shall come bearing gold, and shall bring frankincense, and they shall publish the salvation of the Lord.

7 And all the flocks of Kedar shall be gathered, and the rams of Nabæoth shall come; and acceptable sacrifices shall be offered on my altar, and my house of prayer shall be glorified.

8 Who are these that fly as clouds, and as doves with young ones to me?

9 The isles have waited for me, and the ships of Tarshish among the first, to bring your children from afar, and their silver and their gold with them, and that for the sake of the holy name of the Lord, and because the Holy One of Israel is glorified.

10 And strangers shall build your walls, and their kings shall wait upon you: for by reason of my wrath I smote you, and by reason of mercy I loved you.

11 And your gates shall be opened continually; they shall not be shut day nor night; to bring in to you the power of the Gentiles, and their kings as captives.

12 For the nations and the kings which will not serve you shall perish; and those nations shall be made utterly desolate.

13 And the glory of Lebanon shall come to you, with the cypress, and pine, and cedar together, to glorify my holy place.

14 And the sons of them that afflicted you, and of them that provoked you, shall come to you in fear; and you shall be called Zion, the city of the Holy One of Israel.

15 Because you have become desolate and hated, and there was no helper, therefore I will make you a perpetual gladness, a joy of many generations.

16 And you shall suck the milk of the Gentiles, and shall eat the wealth of kings: and shall know that I am the Lord that saves you and delivers you, the Holy One of Israel.

17 And for brass I will bring you gold, and for iron I will bring you silver, and instead of wood I will bring you brass, and instead of stones, iron; and I will make your princes peaceable, and your overseers righteous.

18 And injustice shall no more be heard in your land, nor destruction nor misery in your coasts; but your walls shall be called Salvation, and your gates Sculptured Work.

19 And you shall no more have the sun for a light by day, nor shall the rising of the moon lighten your night; but the Lord shall be your everlasting light, and God your glory.

20 For the sun shall no more set, nor shall the moon be eclipsed; for the Lord shall be your everlasting light, and the days of your mourning shall be completed.

21 Your people also shall be all righteous; they shall inherit the land for ever, preserving that which they have planted, even the works of their hands, for glory.

22 The little one shall become thousands, and the least a great nation; I the Lord will gather them in due time.

Chapter 61

1 The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me; he has sent me to preach glad tidings to the poor, to heal the broken in heart, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and recovery of sight to the blind;

2 to declare the acceptable year of the Lord, and the day of recompence; to comfort all that mourn;

3 that there should be given to them that mourn in Zion glory instead of ashes, the oil of joy to the mourners, the garment of glory for the spirit of heaviness: and they shall be called generations of righteousness, the planting of the Lord for glory.

4 And they shall build the old waste places, they shall raise up those that were before made desolate, and shall renew the desert cities, even those that had been desolate for many generations.

5 And strangers shall come and feed your flocks, and aliens shall be your ploughmen and vine-dressers.

6 But you shall be called priests of the Lord, the ministers of God: you shall eat the strength of nations, and shall be admired because of their wealth.

7 Thus shall they inherit the land a second time, and everlasting joy shall be upon their head.

8 For I am the Lord who love righteousness, and hate robberies of injustice; and I will give their labour to the just, and will make an everlasting covenant with them.

9 And their seed shall be known among the Gentiles, and their offspring in the midst of peoples: every one that sees them shall take notice of them, that they are a seed blessed of God;

10 and they shall greatly rejoice in the Lord. Let my soul rejoice in the Lord; for he has clothed me with the robe of salvation, and the garment of joy: he has put a mitre on me as on a bridegroom, and adorned me with ornaments as a bride.

11 And as the earth putting forth her flowers, and as a garden its seed; so shall the Lord, even the Lord, cause righteousness to spring forth, and exultation before all nations.

Chapter 62

1 For Zion's sake I will not hold my peace, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest, until her righteousness go forth as light, and my salvation burn as a torch.

2 And the Gentiles shall see your righteousness, and kings your glory: and one shall call you by a new name, which the Lord shall name.

3 And you shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the Lord, and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.

4 And you shall no more be called Forsaken; and your land shall no more be called Desert: for you shall be called My Pleasure, and your land Inhabited: for the Lord has taken pleasure in you, and your land shall be inhabited.

5 And as a young man lives with a virgin, so shall your sons dwell in you: and it shall come to pass that as a bridegroom will rejoice over a bride, so will the Lord rejoice over you.

6 And on your walls, O Jerusalem, have I set watchmen all day and all night, who shall never cease making mention of the Lord.

7 For there is none like you, when he shall have established, and made Jerusalem a praise on the earth.

8 For the Lord has sworn by his glory, and by the might of his arm, I will no more give your corn and your provisions to your enemies; nor shall strangers any more drink your wine, for which you have laboured.

9 But they that have gathered them shall eat them, and they shall praise the Lord; and they that have gathered the grapes shall drink thereof in my holy courts.

10 Go through my gates, and make a way for my people; and cast the stones out of the way; lift up a standard for the Gentiles.

11 For behold, the Lord has proclaimed to the end of the earth, say you to the daughter of Zion, Behold, your Saviour has come to you, having his reward and his work before his face.

12 And one shall call them the holy people, the redeemed of the Lord: and you shall be called a city sought out, and not forsaken.

Chapter 63

1 Who is this that is come from Edom, with red garments from Bosor? thus fair in his apparel, with mighty strength? I speak of righteousness and saving judgment.

2 Wherefore are your garments red, and your raiment as if fresh from a trodden wine-press?

3 I am full of trodden grape, and of the nations there is not a man with me; and I trampled them in my fury, and dashed them to pieces as earth, and brought down their blood to the earth.

4 For the day of recompence has come upon them, and the year of redemption is at hand.

5 And I looked, and there was no helper; and I observed, and none upheld: therefore my arm delivered them, and mine anger drew nigh.

6 And I trampled them in mine anger, and brought down their blood to the earth.

7 I remembered the mercy of the Lord, the praises of the Lord in all things wherein he recompenses us. The Lord is a good judge to the house of Israel; he deals with us according to his mercy, and according to the abundance of his righteousness.

8 And he said, Is it not my people? the children surely will not be rebellious: and he became to them deliverance

9 out of all their affliction: not an ambassador, nor a messenger, but himself saved them, because he loved them and spared them: he himself redeemed them, and took them up, and lifted them up all the days of old.

10 But they disobeyed, and provoked his Holy Spirit: so he turned to be an enemy, he himself contended against them.

11 Then he remembered the ancient days, saying, Where is he that brought up from the sea the shepherd of the sheep? where is he that put his Holy Spirit in them?

12 who led Moses with his right hand, the arm of his glory? he forced the water to separate from before him, to make himself an everlasting name.

13 He led them through the deep, as a horse through the wilderness, and they fainted not,

14 and as cattle through a plain: the Spirit came down from the Lord, and guided them: thus you led your people, to make yourself a glorious name.

15 Turn from heaven, and look from your holy habitation and from your glory: where is your zeal and your strength? where is the abundance of your mercy and of your compassions, that you have withholden yourself from us?

16 For you are our Father; for though Abraham knew us not, and Israel did not acknowledge us, yet do you, O Lord, our Father, deliver us: your name has been upon us from the beginning.

17 Why have you caused us to err, O Lord, from your way? and have hardened our hearts, that we should not fear you? Return for your servants' sake, for the sake of the tribes of your inheritance,

18 that we may inherit a small part of your holy mountain.

19 We are become as at the beginning, when you did not rule over us, and your name was not called upon us. If you would open the heaven, trembling will take hold upon the mountains from you, and they shall melt,

Chapter 64

1 as wax melts before the fire; and fire shall burn up the enemies, and your name shall be manifest among the adversaries: at your presence the nations shall be troubled,

2 whenever you shall work gloriously; trembling from you shall take hold upon the mountains.

3 From of old we have not heard, neither have our eyes seen a God beside you, and your works which you will perform to them that wait for mercy.

4 For these blessings shall happen to them that work righteousness, and they shall remember your ways: behold, you were angry and we have sinned; therefore we have erred,

5 and we are all become as unclean, and all our righteousness as a filthy rag: and we have fallen as leaves because of our iniquities; thus the wind shall carry us away.

6 And there is none that calls upon your name, or that remembers to take hold on you: for you have turned your face away from us, and have delivered us up because of our sins.

7 And now, O Lord, you are our Father, and we are clay, all of us the work of yours hands.

8 Be not very wroth with us, and remember not our sins for ever; but now look on us, for we are all your people.

9 The city of your holiness has become desolate, Zion has become as a wilderness, Jerusalem a curse.

10 The house, our sanctuary, and the glory which our fathers blessed, has been burnt with fire: and all our glorious things have gone to ruin.

11 And for all these things you, O Lord, have withholden yourself, and been silent, and have brought us very low.

Chapter 65

1 I became manifest to them that asked not for me; I was found of them that sought me not: I said, Behold, I am here, to a nation, who called not on my name.

2 I have stretched forth my hands all day to a disobedient and gainsaying people, to them that walked in a way that was not good, but after their sins.

3 This is the people that provokes me continually in my presence; they offer sacrifices in gardens, and burn incense on bricks to devils, which exist not.

4 They lie down to sleep in the tombs and in the caves for the sake of dreams, even they that eat swine's flesh, and the broth of their sacrifices: all their vessels are defiled:

5 who say, Depart from me, draw not nigh to me, for I am pure. This is the smoke of my wrath, a fire burns with it continually.

6 Behold, it is written before me: I will not be silent until I have recompensed into their bosom,

7 their sins and the sins of their fathers, says the Lord, who have burnt incense on the mountains, and reproached me on the hills: I will recompense their works into their bosom.

8 Thus says the Lord, As a grape-stone shall be found in the cluster, and they shall say, Destroy it not; for a blessing is in it: so will I do for the sake of him that serves me, for his sake I will not destroy them all.

9 And I will lead forth the seed that came of Jacob and of Judah, and they shall inherit my holy mountain: and mine elect and my servants shall inherit it, and shall dwell there.

10 And there shall be in the forest folds of flocks, and the valley of Achor shall be for a resting-place of herds for my people, who have sought me.

11 But you are they that have left me, and forget my holy mountain, and prepare a table for the devil, and fill up the drink-offering to Fortune.

12 I will deliver you up to the sword, you shall all fall by slaughter: for I called you, and you hearkened not; I spoke, and you refused to hear; and you did evil in my sight, and chose the things wherein I delighted not.

13 Therefore thus says the Lord, Behold, my servants shall eat, but you shall hunger: behold, my servants shall drink, but you shall thirst: behold, my servants shall rejoice, but you shall be ashamed:

14 behold, my servants shall exult with joy, but you shall cry for the sorrow of your heart, and shall howl for the vexation of your spirit.

15 For you shall leave your name for a loathing to my chosen, and the Lord shall destroy you: but my servants shall be called by a new name,

16 which shall be blessed on the earth; for they shall bless the true God: and they that swear upon the earth shall swear by the true God; for they shall forget the former affliction, and it shall not come into their mind.

17 For there shall be a new heaven and a new earth: and they shall not at all remember the former, neither shall they at all come into their mind.

18 But they shall find in her joy and exultation; for, behold, I make Jerusalem a rejoicing, and my people a joy.

19 And I will rejoice in Jerusalem, and will be glad in my people: and there shall no more be heard in her the voice of weeping, or the voice of crying.

20 Neither shall there be there any more a child that dies untimely, or an old man who shall not complete his time: for the youth shall be a hundred years old, and the sinner who dies at a hundred years shall also be accursed:

21 and they shall build houses, and themselves shall dwell in them; and they shall plant vineyards, and themselves shall eat the fruit thereof.

22 They shall by no means build, and others inhabit; and they shall by no means plant, and others eat: for as the days of the tree of life shall be the days of my people, they shall long enjoy the fruits of their labours.

23 My chosen shall not toil in vain, neither shall they beget children to be cursed; for they are a seed blessed of God, and their offspring with them.

24 And it shall come to pass, that before they call, I will hearken to them; while they are yet speaking, I will say, What is it?

25 Then wolves and lambs shall feed together, and the lion shall eat chaff like the ox, and the serpent earth as bread. They shall not injure nor destroy in my holy mountain, says the Lord.

Chapter 66

1 Thus says the Lord, Heaven is my throne, and the earth is my footstool: what kind of a house will you build me? and of what kind is to be the place of my rest?

2 For all these things are mine, says the Lord: and to whom will I have respect, but to the humble and meek, and the man that trembles at my words?

3 But the transgressor that sacrifices a calf to me, is as he that kills a dog; and he that offers fine flour, as one that offers swine's blood; he that gives frankincense for a memorial, is as a blasphemer. Yet they have chosen their own ways, and their soul has delighted in their abominations.

4 I also will choose their mockeries, and will recompense their sins upon them; because I called them, and they did not hearken to me; I spoke, and they heard not: and they did evil before me, and chose the things wherein I delighted not.

5 Hear the words of the Lord, you that tremble at his word; speak you, our brethren, to them that hate you and abominate you, that the name of the Lord may be glorified, and may appear their joy; but they shall be ashamed.

6 A voice of a cry from the city, a voice from the temple, a voice of the Lord rendering recompence to his adversaries.

7 Before she that travailed brought forth, before the travail-pain came on, she escaped it and brought forth a male.

8 Who has heard such a thing? and who has seen after this manner? Has the earth travailed in one day? or has even a nation been born at once, that Zion has travailed, and brought forth her children?

9 But I have raised this expectation, yet you have not remembered me, says the Lord: behold, have not I made the bearing and barren woman? says your God.

10 Rejoice, O Jerusalem, and all you that love her hold in her a general assembly: rejoice greatly with her, all that now mourn over her:

11 that you may suck, and be satisfied with the breast of her consolation; that you may milk out, and delight yourselves with the influx of her glory.

12 For thus says the Lord, Behold, I turn toward them as a river of peace, and as a torrent bringing upon them in a flood the glory of the Gentiles: their children shall be borne upon the shoulders, and comforted on the knees.

13 As if his mother should comfort one, so will I also comfort you; and you shall be comforted in Jerusalem.

14 And you shall see, and your heart shall rejoice, and your bones shall thrive like grass: and the hand of the Lord shall be known to them that fear him, and he shall threaten the disobedient.

15 For, behold, the Lord will come as fire, and his chariots as a storm, to render his vengeance with wrath, and his rebuke with a flame of fire.

16 For with the fire of the Lord all the earth shall be judged, and all flesh with his sword: many shall be slain by the Lord.

17 They that sanctify themselves and purify themselves in the gardens, and eat swine's flesh in the porches, and the abominations, and the mouse, shall be consumed together, says the Lord.

18 And I know their works and their imagination. I am going to gather all nations and tongues; and they shall come, and see my glory.

19 And I will leave a sign upon them, and I will send forth them that have escaped of them to the nations, to Tarshish, and Phud, and Lud, and Mosoch, and to Thobel, and to Greece, and to the isles afar off, to those who have not heard my name, nor seen my glory; and they shall declare my glory among the Gentiles.

20 And they shall bring your brethren out of all nations for a gift to the Lord with horses, and chariots, in litters drawn by mules with awnings, to the holy city Jerusalem, said the Lord, as though the children of Israel should bring their sacrifices to me with psalms into the house of the Lord.

21 And I will take of them priests and Levites, says the Lord.

22 For as the new heaven and the new earth, which I make, remain before me, says the Lord, so shall your seed and your name continue.

23 And it shall come to pass from month to month, and from sabbath to sabbath, that all flesh shall come to worship before me in Jerusalem, says the Lord.

24 And they shall go forth, and see the carcases of the men that have transgressed against me: for their worm shall not die, and their fire shall not be quenched; and they shall be a spectacle to all flesh.

Jeremiah

Chapter 1

1 THE word of God which came to Jeremiah the son of Chelcias, of the priests, who dwelt in Anathoth in the land of Benjamin:

2 accordingly as the word of God came to him in the days of Josiah son of Amos king of Judah, in the thirteenth year of his reign.

3 And it was in the days of Jehoiakim son of Josiah king of Judah, until the eleventh year of Zedekiah king of Judah, even until the captivity of Jerusalem in the fifth month.

4 And the word of the Lord came to him, saying,

5 Before I formed you in the belly, I knew you; and before you came forth from the womb, I sanctified you; I appointed you a prophet to the nations.

6 And I said, O Lord, you that are supreme Lord, behold, I know not how to speak, for I am a child.

7 And the Lord said to me, Say not, I am a child: for you shall go to all to whomsoever I shall send you, and according to all the words that I shall command you, you shall speak.

8 Be not afraid before them: for I am with you to deliver you, says the Lord.

9 And the Lord stretched forth his hand to me, and touched my mouth: and the Lord said to me, Behold, I have put my words into your mouth.

10 Behold, I have appointed you this day over nations and over kingdoms, to root out, and to pull down, and to destroy, and to rebuild, and to plant.

11 And the word of the Lord came to me, saying, What see you? And I said, A rod of an almond tree.

12 And the Lord said to me, You have well seen: for I have watched over my words to perform them.

13 And the word of the Lord came to me a second time, saying, What see you? And I said, A caldron on the fire; and the face of it is toward the north.

14 And the Lord said to me, From the north shall flame forth evils upon all the inhabitants of the land.

15 For, behold, I call together all the kingdoms of the earth from the north, says the Lord; and they shall come, and shall set each one his throne at the entrance of the gates of Jerusalem, and against all the walls round about her, and against all the cities of Judah.

16 And I will speak to them in judgment, concerning all their iniquity, forasmuch as they have forsaken me, and sacrificed to strange gods, and worshipped the works of their own hands.

17 And do you gird up your loins, and stand up, and speak all the words that I shall command you: be not afraid of their face, neither be you alarmed before them; for I am with you to deliver you, says the Lord.

18 Behold, I have made you this day as a strong city, and as a brazen wall, strong against all the kings of Judah, and the princes thereof, and the people of the land.

19 And they shall fight against you; but they shall by no means prevail against you; because I am with you, to deliver you, says the Lord.

Chapter 2

2 And he said, Thus says the Lord, I remember the kindness of your youth, and the love of your espousals, in following the Holy One of Israel, says the Lord.

3 Israel was the holy people to the Lord, and the first-fruits of his increase: all that devoured him shall offend; evils shall come upon them, says the Lord.

4 Hear the word of the Lord, O house of Jacob, and every family of the house of Israel.

5 Thus says the Lord, What trespass have your fathers found in me, that they have revolted far from me, and gone after vanities, and become vain?

6 And they said not, Where is the Lord, who brought us up out of the land of Egypt, who guided us in the wilderness, in an untried and trackless land, in a land which no man at all went through, and no man dwelt there?

7 And I brought you to Carmel, that you should eat the fruits thereof, and the good thereof; and you went in, and defiled my land, and made mine heritage an abomination.

8 The priests said not, Where is the Lord? and they that held by the law knew me not: the shepherds also sinned against me, and the prophets prophesied by Baal, and went after that which profited not.

9 Therefore I will yet plead with you, and will plead with your children's children.

10 For go to the isles of the Chettians, and see; and send to Kedar, and observe accurately, and see if such things have been done;

11 if the nations will change their gods, though they are not gods: but my people have changed their glory, for that from which they shall not be profited.

12 The heaven is amazed at this, and is very exceedingly horror-struck, says the Lord.

13 For my people has committed two faults, and evil ones: they have forsaken me, the fountain of water of life, and

hewn out for themselves broken cisterns, which will not be able to hold water.

14 Is Israel a servant, or a home-born slave? why has he become a spoil?

15 The lions roared upon him, and uttered their voice, which have made his land a wilderness: and his cities are broken down, that they should not be inhabited.

16 Also the children of Memphis and Tahpanhes have known you, and mocked you.

17 Has not your forsaking me brought these things upon you? says the Lord your God.

18 And now what have you to do with the way of Egypt, to drink the water of Geon? and what have you to do with the way of the Assyrians, to drink the water of rivers?

19 Your apostasy shall correct you, and your wickedness shall reprove you: know then, and see, that your forsaking me has been bitter to you, says the Lord your God; and I have taken no pleasure in you, says the Lord your God.

20 For of old you have broken your yoke, and plucked asunder your bands; and you have said, I will not serve you, but will go upon every high hill, and under every shady tree, there will I indulge in my fornication.

21 Yet I planted you a fruitful vine, entirely of the right sort: how are you a strange vine turned to bitterness!

22 Though you should wash yourself with nitre, and multiply to yourself soap, still you are stained by your iniquities before me, says the Lord.

23 How will you say, I am not polluted, and have not gone after Baal? behold your ways in the burial-ground, and know what you have done: her voice has howled in the evening:

24 she has extended her ways over the waters of the desert; she was hurried along by the lusts of her soul; she is given up to them, who will turn her back? none that seek her shall be weary; at the time of her humiliation they shall find her.

25 Withdraw your foot from a rough way, and your throat from thirst: but she said, I will strengthen myself: for she loved strangers, and went after them.

26 As is the shame of a thief when he is caught, so shall the children of Israel be ashamed; they, and their kings, and their princes, and their priests, and their prophets.

27 They said to a stock, You are my father; and to a stone, You have begotten me: and they have turned their backs to me, and not their faces: yet in the time of their afflictions they will say, Arise, and save us.

28 And where are your gods, which you made for yourself? will they arise and save in the time of your affliction? for according to the number of your cities were your gods, O Judah; and according to the number of the streets of Jerusalem they sacrificed to Baal.

29 Wherefore do you speak unto me? you all have been ungodly, and you all have transgressed against me, says the Lord.

30 In vain have I smitten your children; you have not received correction: a sword has devoured your prophets as a destroying lion; yet you feared not.

31 Hear you the word of the Lord: thus says the Lord, Have I been a wilderness or a dry land to Israel? wherefore has my people said, We will not be ruled over, and will not come to you any more?

32 Will a bride forget her ornaments, or a virgin her girdle? but my people has forgotten me days without number.

33 What fair device will you yet employ in your ways, so as to seek love? it shall not be so; moreover you have done wickedly in corrupting your ways;

34 and in yours hands has been found the blood of innocent souls; I have not found them in holes, but on every oak.

35 Yet you saidst, I am innocent: only let his wrath be turned away from me. Behold, I will plead with you, whereas you say, I have not sinned.

36 For you have been so exceedingly contemptuous as to repeat your ways; but you shall be ashamed of Egypt, as you were ashamed of Assur.

37 For you shall go forth thence also with yours hands upon yours head; for the Lord has rejected yours hope, and you shall not prosper in it.

Chapter 3

1 If a man put away his wife, and she depart from him, and become another man's, shall she return to him any more at all? shall not that woman be utterly defiled? yet you have gone a-whoring with many shepherds, and have returned to me, says the Lord.

2 Lift up your eyes to look straight forward, and see where you have not been utterly defiled. You have sat for them by the wayside as a deserted crow, and have defiled the land with your fornications and your wickedness.

3 And you did retain many shepherds for a stumbling-block to yourself: you had a whore's face, you did become shameless toward all.

4 Have you not called me as it were a home, and the father and guide of your virgin-time?

5 Will God's anger continue for ever, or be preserved to the end? Behold, you have spoken and done these bad things, and had power to do them.

6 And the Lord said to me in the days of Josiah the king, Have you seen what things the house of Israel has done to me? they have gone on every high mountain, and under every shady tree, and have committed fornication there.

7 And I said after she had committed all these acts of fornication, Turn again to me. Yet she returned not. And faithless Judah saw her faithlessness.

8 And I saw that (for all the sins of which she was convicted, wherein the house of Israel committed adultery, and I put her away, and gave into her hands a bill of divorcement,) yet faithless Judah feared not, but went and herself also committed fornication.

9 And her fornication was nothing accounted of; and she committed adultery with wood and stone.

10 And for all these things faithless Judah turned not to me with all her heart, but falsely.

11 And the Lord said to me, Israel has justified himself more than faithless Judah.

12 Go and read these words toward the north, and you shall say, Return to me, O house of Israel, says the Lord; and I will not set my face against you: for I am merciful, says the Lord, and I will not be angry with you for ever.

13 Nevertheless, know your iniquity, that you have sinned against the Lord your God, and have scattered your ways to strangers under every shady tree, but you did not hearken to my voice, says the Lord.

14 Turn, you children that have revolted, says the Lord; for I will rule over you: and I will take you one of a city, and two of a family, and I will bring you in to Zion:

15 and I will give you shepherds after my heart, and they shall certainly tend you with knowledge.

16 And it shall come to pass that when you are multiplied and increased upon the land, says the Lord, in those days they shall say no more, The ark of the covenant of the Holy One of Israel: it shall not come to mind; it shall not be named; neither shall it be visited; nor shall this be done any more.

17 In those days and at that time they shall call Jerusalem the throne of the Lord; and all the nations shall be gathered to it: and they shall not walk any more after the imaginations of their evil heart.

18 In those days the house of Judah shall come together to the house of Israel, and they shall come, together, from the land of the north, and from all the countries, to the land, which I caused their fathers to inherit.

19 And I said, So be it, Lord, for you saidst, I will set you among children, and will give you a choice land, the inheritance of the Almighty God of the Gentiles: and I said, You shall call me Father; and you shall not turn away from me.

20 But as a wife acts treacherously against her husband, so has the house of Israel dealt treacherously against me, says the Lord.

21 A voice from the lips was heard, even of weeping and supplication of the children of Israel: for they have dealt unrighteously in their ways, they have forgotten God their Holy One.

22 Turn, you children that are given to turning, and I will heal your bruises. Behold, we will be your servants; for you are the Lord our God.

23 Truly the hills and the strength of the mountains were a lying refuge: but by the Lord our God is the salvation of Israel.

24 But shame has consumed the labours of our fathers from our youth; their sheep and their calves, and their sons and their daughters.

25 We have lain down in our shame, and our disgrace has covered us: because we and our fathers have sinned before our God, from our youth until this day; and we have not hearkened to the voice of the Lord our God.

Chapter 4

1 If Israel will return to me, says the Lord, he shall return: and if he will remove his abominations out of his mouth, and fear before me, and swear,

2 The Lord lives, with truth, in judgment and righteousness, then shall nations bless by him, and by him they shall praise God in Jerusalem.

3 For thus says the Lord to the men of Judah, and to the inhabitants of Jerusalem, Break up fresh ground for yourselves, and sow not among thorns.

4 Circumcise yourselves to your God, and circumcise your hardness of heart, you men of Judah, and inhabitants of Jerusalem: lest my wrath go forth as fire, and burn, and there be none to quench it, because of the evil of your devices.

5 Declare you in Judah, and let it be heard in Jerusalem: say you, Sound the trumpet in the land; cry you aloud: say you, Gather yourselves together, and let us enter into the fortified cities.

6 Gather up your wares and flee to Zion: hasten, stay not: for I will bring evils from the north, and great destruction.

7 The lion is gone up from his lair, he has roused himself to the destruction of the nations, and has gone forth out of his place, to make the land desolate; and the cities shall be destroyed, so as to be without inhabitant.

8 For these things gird yourselves with sackclothes, and lament, and howl: for the anger of the Lord is not turned away from you.

9 And it shall come to pass in that day, says the Lord, that the heart of the king shall perish, and the heart of the princes; and the priests shall be amazed, and the prophets shall wonder.

10 And I said, O sovereign Lord, verily you have greatly deceived this people and Jerusalem, saying, There shall be peace; whereas behold, the sword has reached even to their soul.

11 At that time they shall say to this people and to Jerusalem, There is a spirit of error in the wilderness: the way of the daughter of my people is not to purity, nor to holiness.

12 But a spirit of full vengeance shall come upon me; and now I declare my judgments against them.

13 Behold, he shall come up as a cloud, and his chariots as a tempest: his horses are swifter than eagles. Woe unto us! for we are in misery.

14 Cleanse yours heart from wickedness, O Jerusalem, that you may be saved: how long will your grievous thoughts be within you?

15 For a voice of one publishing from Dan shall come, and trouble out of mount Ephraim shall be heard of.

16 Remind you the nations; behold, they are come: proclaim it in Jerusalem, that bands are approaching from a land afar off, and have uttered their voice against the cities of Judah.

17 As keepers of a field, they have surrounded her; because you, says the Lord, have neglected me.

18 Your ways and your devices have brought these things upon you; this is your wickedness, for it is bitter, for it has reached to your heart.

19 I am pained in my bowels, my bowels, and the sensitive powers of my heart; my soul is in great commotion, my heart is torn: I will not be silent, for my soul has heard the sound of a trumpet, the cry of war, and of distress: it calls on destruction;

20 for all the land is distressed: suddenly my tabernacle is distressed, my curtains have been rent asunder.

21 How long shall I see fugitives, and hear the sound of the trumpet?

22 For the princes of my people have not known me, they are foolish and unwise children: they are wise to do evil, but how to do good they have not known.

23 I looked upon the earth, and, behold, it was not; and to the sky, and there was no light in it.

24 I beheld the mountains, and they trembled, and I saw all the hills in commotion.

25 I looked, and, behold, there was no man, and all the birds of the sky were scared.

26 I saw, and, behold, Carmel was desert, and all the cities were burnt with fire at the presence of the Lord, and at the presence of his fierce anger they were utterly destroyed.

27 Thus says the Lord, The whole land shall be desolate; but I will not make a full end.

28 For these things let the earth mourn, and let the sky be dark above: for I have spoken, and I will not repent; I have purposed, and I will not turn back from it.

29 The whole land has recoiled from the noise of the horseman and the bent bow; they have gone into the caves, and have hidden themselves in the groves, and have gone up upon the rocks: every city was abandoned, no man dwelt in them.

30 And what will you do? Though you clothe yourself with scarlet, and adorn yourself with golden ornaments; though you adorn your eyes with stibium, your beauty will be in vain: your lovers have rejected you, they seek your life.

31 For I have heard your groaning as the voice of a woman in travail, as of her that brings forth her first child; the voice of the daughter of Zion shall fail through weakness, and she shall lose the strength of her hands, saying, Woe is me! for my soul faints because of the slain.

Chapter 5

1 Run you about in the streets of Jerusalem, and see, and know, and seek in her broad places, if you can find one, if there is any one that does judgment, and seeks faithfulness; and I will pardon them, says the Lord.

2 The Lord lives, they say; do they not therefore swear falsely?

3 O Lord, your eyes are upon faithfulness: you have scourged them, but they have not grieved; you have consumed them; but they would not receive correction: they have made their faces harder than a rock; and they would not return.

4 Then I said, It may be they are poor; for they are weak, for they know not the way of the Lord, or the judgment of God.

5 I will go to the rich men, and will speak to them; for they have known the way of the Lord, and the judgment of God: but, behold, with one consent they have broken the yoke, they have burst the bonds.

6 Therefore has a lion out of the forest smitten them, and a wolf has destroyed them even to their houses, and a leopard has watched against their cities: all that go forth from them shall be hunted: for they have multiplied their ungodliness, they have strengthened themselves in their revoltings.

7 In what way shall I forgive you for these things? Your sons have forsaken me, and sworn by them that are no

gods: and I fed them to the full, and they committed adultery, and lodged in harlots' houses.

8 They became as wanton horses: they neighed each one after his neighbour's wife.

9 Shall I not visit for these things? says the Lord: and shall not my soul be avenged on such a nation as this.

10 Go up upon her battlements, and break them down; but make not a full end: leave her buttresses; for they are the Lord's.

11 For the house of Israel have indeed dealt treacherously against me, says the Lord: the house of Judah also

12 have lied to their Lord, and they have said, These things are not so; no evils shall come upon us; and we shall not see sword or famine.

13 Our prophets became wind, and the word of the Lord was not in them.

14 Therefore thus says the Lord Almighty, Because you have spoken this word, behold, I have made my words in your mouth fire, and this people wood, and it shall devour them.

15 Behold, I will bring upon you a nation from far, O house of Israel, says the Lord; a nation the sound of whose language one shall not understand.

16 They are all mighty men:

17 and they shall devour your harvest, and your bread; and shall devour your sons, and your daughters; and they shall devour your sheep, and your calves, and devour your vineyards, and your fig-plantations, and your olive yards: and they shall utterly destroy your strong cities, wherein you trusted, with the sword.

18 And it shall come to pass in those days, says the Lord your God, that I will not utterly destroy you.

19 And it shall come to pass, when you shall say, Wherefore has the Lord our God done all these things to us? that you shall say to them, Because you served strange gods in your land, so shall you serve strangers in a land that is not yours.

20 Proclaim these things to the house of Jacob, and let them be heard in the house of Judah.

21 Hear you now these things, O foolish and senseless people; who have eyes, and see not; and have ears, and hear not:

22 will you not be afraid of me? says the Lord; and will you not fear before me, who have set the sand for a bound to the sea, as a perpetual ordinance, and it shall not pass it: yea, it shall rage, but not prevail; and its waves shall roar, but not pass over it.

23 But this people has a disobedient and rebellious heart; and they have turned aside and gone back:

24 and they have not said in their heart, Let us fear now the Lord our God, who gives us the early and latter rain, according to the season of the fulfilment of the ordinance of harvest, and has preserved it for us.

25 Your transgressions have turned away these things, and your sins have removed good things from you.

26 For among my people were found ungodly men; and they have set snares to destroy men, and have caught them.

27 As a snare which has been set is full of birds, so are their houses full of deceit: therefore have they grown great, and become rich:

28 and they have transgressed the rule of judgment; they have not judged the cause of the orphan, nor have they judged the cause of the widow.

29 Shall I not visit for these things? says the Lord: and shall not my soul be avenged on such a nation as this?

30 Shocking and horrible deeds have been done on the land;

31 the prophets utter unrighteous prophecies, and the priests have clapped their hands: and my people has loved to have it thus: and what will you do for the future?

Chapter 6

1 Strengthen yourselves, you children of Benjamin, to flee out of the midst of Jerusalem, and sound an alarm with the trumpet in Thecue, and set up a signal over Bæthacharma: for evil threatens from the north, and a great destruction is coming.

2 And your pride, O daughter of Zion, shall be taken away.

3 The shepherds and their flocks shall come to her; and they shall pitch their tents against her round about, and shall feed their flocks each with his hand.

4 Prepare yourselves for war against her; rise up, and let us go up against her at noon. Woe to us! for the day has gone down, for the shadows of the day fail.

5 Rise, and let us go up against her by night, and destroy her foundations.

6 For thus says the Lord, Hew down her trees, array a numerous force against Jerusalem. O false city; there is all oppression in her.

7 As a cistern cools water, so her wickedness cools her, ungodliness and misery shall be heard in her, as continually before her.

8 You shall be chastened, O Jerusalem, with pain and the scourge, lest my soul depart from you; lest I make you a desert land, which shall not be inhabited.

9 For thus says the Lord, Glean, glean thoroughly as a vine the remnant of Israel: turn back your hands as a grape-gatherer to his basket.

10 To whom shall I speak, and testify, that he may hearken? behold, your ears are uncircumcised, and they shall not be

able to hear: behold, the word of the Lord is become to them a reproach, they will not at all desire it.

11 And I allowed my wrath to come to the full, yet I kept it in, and did not utterly destroy them: I will pour it out on the children without, and on the assembly of young men together: for man and woman shall be taken together, the old man with him that is full of days.

12 And their houses shall be turned to others, with their fields and their wives together: for I will stretch out my hand upon the inhabitants of this land, says the Lord.

13 For from the least of them even to the greatest they have all committed iniquity; from the priest even to the false prophet they have all wrought falsely.

14 And they healed the breach of my people imperfectly, making light of it, and saying, Peace, peace: and where is peace?

15 They were ashamed because they failed; yet they were not ashamed as those who are truly ashamed, and they knew not their own disgrace: therefore shall they utterly fall when they do fall, and in the time of visitation shall they perish, said the Lord.

16 Thus says the Lord, Stand you in the ways, and see, and ask for the old paths of the Lord; and see what is the good way, and walk in it, and you shall find purification for your souls. But they said, We will not walk in them.

17 I have set watchmen over you, saying, Hear you the sound of the trumpet. But they said, We will not hear it.

18 Therefore have the nations heard, and they that feed their flocks.

19 Hear, O earth: behold, I will bring evils upon this people, even the fruit of their rebellions; for they have not heeded my words, and they have rejected my law.

20 Wherefore do you bring me frankincense from Saba, and cinnamon from a land afar off? your whole-burnt-offerings are not acceptable, and your sacrifices have not been pleasant to me.

21 Therefore thus says the Lord, Behold, I will bring weakness upon this people, and the fathers and sons shall be weak together; the neighbour and his friend shall perish.

22 Thus says the Lord, Behold, a people comes from the north, and nations shall be stirred up from the end of the earth.

23 They shall lay hold on bow and spear; the people is fierce, and will have no mercy; their voice is as the roaring sea; they shall array themselves for war against you as fire on horses and chariots, O daughter of Zion.

24 We have heard the report of them: our hands are weakened: anguish has seized us, the pangs as of a woman in travail.

25 Go not forth into the field, and walk not in the ways; for the sword of the enemy lingers round about.

26 O daughter of my people, gird yourself with sackcloth: sprinkle yourself with ashes; make for yourself pitiable lamentation, as the mourning for a beloved son: for misery will come suddenly upon you.

27 I have caused you to be tried among tried nations, and you shall know me when I have tried their way.

28 They are all disobedient, walking perversely: they are brass and iron; they are all corrupted.

29 The bellows have failed from the fire, the lead has failed: the silversmith works at his trade in vain; their wickedness is not consumed.

30 Call you them reprobate silver, because the Lord has rejected them.

Chapter 7

2 Hear you the word of the Lord, all Judea.

3 Thus says the Lord God of Israel, Correct your ways and your devices, and I will cause you to dwell in this place.

4 Trust not in yourselves with lying words, for they shall not profit you at all, saying, It is the temple of the Lord, the temple of the Lord.

5 For if you thoroughly correct your ways and your practices, and do indeed execute judgment between a man and his neighbour;

6 and oppress not the stranger, and the orphan, and the widow, and shed not innocent blood in this place, and go not after strange gods to your hurt:

7 then will I cause you to dwell in this place, in the land which I gave to your fathers of old and for ever.

8 But whereas you have trusted in lying words, whereby you shall not be profited;

9 and you murder, and commit adultery, and steal, and swear falsely, and burn incense to Baal, and are gone after strange gods whom you know not,

10 so that it is evil with you; yet have you come, and stood before me in the house, whereon my name is called, and you have said, We have refrained from doing all these abominations.

11 Is my house, whereon my name is called, a den of robbers in your eyes? And, behold, I have seen it, says the Lord.

12 For go you to my place which is in Shiloh, where I caused my name to dwell before, and see what I did to it because of the wickedness of my people Israel.

13 And now, because you have done all these deeds, and I spoke to you, but you hearkened not to me; and I called you, but you answered not;

14 therefore I also will do to the house whereon my name is called, wherein you trust, and to the place which I gave to you and to your fathers, as I did to Shiloh.

15 And I will cast you out of my sight, as I cast away your brethren, all the seed of Ephraim.

16 Therefore pray not you for this people, and intercede not for them to be pitied, yea, pray not, and approach me not for them: for I will not hearken unto you.

17 See you not what they do in the cities of Judah, and in the streets of Jerusalem?

18 Their children gather wood, and their fathers kindle a fire, and their women knead dough, to make cakes to the host of heaven; and they have poured out drink-offerings to strange gods, that they might provoke me to anger.

19 Do they provoke me to anger? says the Lord: do they not provoke themselves, that their faces may be ashamed?

20 Therefore thus says the Lord; Behold, my anger and wrath shall be poured out upon this place, and upon the men, and upon the cattle, and upon every tree of their field, and upon the fruits of the land; and it shall burn, and not be quenched.

21 Thus says the Lord, Gather your whole-burnt-offerings with your meat-offerings, and eat flesh.

22 For I spoke not to your fathers, and commanded them not in the day wherein I brought them up out of the land of Egypt, concerning whole-burnt-offerings and sacrifice:

23 but I commanded them this thing, saying, Hear you my voice, and I will be to you a God, and you shall be to me a people: and walk you in all my ways, which I shall command you, that it may be well with you.

24 But they hearkened not to me, and their ear gave no heed, but they walked in the imaginations of their evil heart, and went backward, and not forward;

25 from the day that their fathers went forth out of the land of Egypt, even until this day. And I sent to you all my servants, the prophets, by day and early in the morning: yea, I sent them,

26 but they hearkened not to me, and their ear gave no heed; and they made their neck harder than their fathers.

27 Therefore you shall speak this word to them;

28 This is the nation which has not hearkened to the voice of the Lord, nor received correction: truth has failed from their mouth.

29 Cut off yours hair, and cast it away, and take up a lamentation on your lips; for the Lord has reprobated and rejected the generation that does these things.

30 For the children of Judah have wrought evil before me, says the Lord; they have set their abominations in the house on which my name is called, to defile it.

31 And they have built the altar of Tapheth, which is in the valley of the son of Ennom, to burn their sons and their daughters with fire; which I did not command them to do, neither did I design it in my heart.

32 Therefore, behold, the days come, says the Lord, when they shall no more say, The altar of Tapheth, and the valley of the son of Ennom, but, The valley of the slain; and they shall bury in Tapheth, for want of room.

33 And the dead bodies of this people shall be for food to the birds of the sky, and to the wild beasts of the earth; and there shall be none to drive them away.

34 And I will destroy out of the cities of Judah, and the streets of Jerusalem, the voice of them that make merry, and the voice of them that rejoice, the voice of the bridegroom, and the voice of the bride; for the whole land shall become a desolation.

Chapter 8

1 At that time, says the Lord, they shall bring out the bones of the kings of Judah, and the bones of his princes, and the bones of the priests, and the bones of the prophets, and the bones of the inhabitants of Jerusalem, out of their graves;

2 and they shall spread them out to the sun, and the moon, and to all the stars, and to all the host of heaven, which they have loved, and which they have served, and after which they have walked, and to which they have held, and which they have worshipped; they shall not be mourned for, neither shall they be buried; but they shall be for an example on the face of the earth,

3 because they chose death rather than life, even to all the remnant that are left of that family, in every place whither I shall drive them out.

4 For thus says the Lord, Shall not he that falls arise? or he that turns away, shall he not turn back again?

5 Wherefore has this my people turned away with a shameless revolting, and strengthened themselves in their wilfulness, and refused to return?

6 Hearken, I pray you, and hear: will they not speak thus, There is no man that repents of his wickedness, saying, What have I done? the runner has failed from his course, as a tired horse in his neighing.

7 Yea, the stork in the heaven knows her time, also the turtle-dove and wild swallow; the sparrows observe the times of their coming in; but this my people knows not the judgments of the Lord.

8 How will you say, We are wise, and the law of the Lord is with us? In vain have the scribes used a false pen.

9 The wise men are ashamed, and alarmed, and taken; because they have rejected the word of the Lord; what wisdom is there in them?

10 Therefore will I give their wives to others, and their fields to new inheritors; and they shall gather their fruits, says the Lord.

13 There are no grapes on the vines, and there are no figs on the fig-trees, and the leaves have fallen off.

14 Why do we sit still? assemble yourselves, and let us enter into the strong cities, and let us be cast out there: for God has cast us out, and made us drink water of gall, because we have sinned before him.

15 We assembled for peace, but there was no prosperity; for a time of healing, but behold anxiety.

16 We shall hear the neighing of his swift horses out of Dan: the whole land quaked at the sound of the neighing of his horses; and he shall come, and devour the land and the fulness of it; the city, and them that dwell in it.

17 For, behold, I send forth against you deadly serpents, which cannot be charmed, and they shall bite you

18 mortally with the pain of your distressed heart.

19 Behold, there is a sound of the cry of the daughter of my people from a land afar off: Is not the Lord in Zion? is there not a king there? because they have provoked me with their graven images, and with strange vanities.

20 The summer is gone, the harvest is past, and we are not saved.

21 For the breach of the daughter of my people I have been saddened: in my perplexity pangs have seized upon me as of a woman in travail.

22 And is there no balm in Gilead, or is there no physician there? why has not the healing of the daughter of my people taken place?

23 Who will give water to my head, and a fountain of tears to my eyes? then would I weep for this my people day and night, even for the slain of the daughter of my people.

Chapter 9

1 Who would give me a most distant lodge in the wilderness, that I might leave my people, and depart from them? for they all commit adultery, an assembly of treacherous men.

2 And they have bent their tongue like a bow: falsehood and not faithfulness has prevailed upon the earth; for they have gone on from evil to evil, and have not known me, says the Lord.

3 Beware you each of his neighbour, and trust you not in your brethren: for every one will surely supplant, and every friend will walk craftily.

4 Every one will mock his friend; they will not speak truth: their tongue has learned to speak falsehoods; they have committed iniquity, they ceased not, so as to return.

5 There is usury upon usury, and deceit upon deceit: they would not know me, says the Lord.

6 Therefore thus says the Lord, Behold, I will try them with fire, and prove them; for I will do thus because of the wickedness of the daughter of my people.

7 Their tongue is a wounding arrow; the words of their mouth are deceitful: one speaks peaceably to his neighbour, but in himself retains enmity.

8 Shall I not visit for these things? says the Lord: and shall not my soul be avenged on such a people as this?

9 Take up a lamentation for the mountains, and a mournful dirge for the paths of the wilderness, for they are desolate for want of men; they heard not the sound of life from the birds of the sky, nor the cattle: they were amazed, they are gone.

10 And I will remove the inhabitants of Jerusalem, and make it a dwelling-place of dragons; and I will utterly waste the cities of Judah, so that they shall not be inhabited.

11 Who is the wise man, that he may understand this? and he that has the word of the mouth of the Lord addressed to him, let him tell you wherefore the land has been destroyed, has been ravaged by fire like a desert, so that no one passes through it.

12 And the Lord said to me, Because they have forsaken my law, which I set before them, and have not hearkened to my voice;

13 but went after the lusts of their evil heart, and after the idols which their fathers taught them to worship:

14 therefore thus says the Lord God of Israel, Behold, I will feed them with trouble and will cause them to drink water of gall:

15 and I will scatter them among the nations, to them whom neither they nor their fathers knew; and I will send a sword upon them, until I have consumed them with it.

16 Thus says the Lord, Call you the mourning women, and let them come; and send to the wise women, and let them utter their voice;

17 and let them take up a lamentation for you, and let your eyes pour down tears, and your eyelids drop water.

18 For a voice of lamentation has been heard in Zion, How are we become wretched! we are greatly ashamed, for we have forsaken the land, and have abandoned our tabernacles!

19 Hear now, you women, the word of God, and let your ears receive the words of his mouth, and teach your daughters lamentation, and every woman her neighbour a dirge.

20 For death has come up through your windows, it has entered into our land, to destroy the infants without, and the young men from the streets.

21 And the carcases of the men shall be for an example on the face of the field of your land, like grass after the mower, and there shall be none to gather them.

22 Thus says the Lord, Let not the wise man boast in his wisdom, and let not the strong man boast in his strength, and let not the rich man boast in his wealth;

23 but let him that boasts boast in this, the understanding and knowing that I am the Lord that exercise mercy, and judgment, and righteousness, upon the earth; for in these things is my pleasure, says the Lord.

24 Behold, the days come, says the Lord, when I will visit upon all the circumcised their uncircumcision;

25 on Egypt, and on Edom, and on Edom, and on the children of Ammon, and on the children of Moab, and on every one that shaves his face round about, even them that dwell in the wilderness; for all the Gentiles are uncircumcised in flesh, and all the house of Israel are uncircumcised in their hearts.

Chapter 10

1 Hear you the word of the Lord, which he has spoken to you, O house of Israel.

2 Thus says the Lord, Learn you not the ways of the heathen, and be not alarmed at the signs of the sky; for they are alarmed at them, falling on their faces.

3 For the customs of the nations are vain; it is a tree cut out of the forest, the work of the carpenter, or a molten image.

4 They are beautified with silver and gold, they fix them with hammers and nails;

5 they will set them up that they may not move; it is wrought silver, they will not walk,

9 it is forged silver brought from Tarshish, gold will come from Mophaz, and the work of goldsmiths: they are all the works of craftsmen, they will clothe themselves with blue and scarlet.

9a They must certainly be borne, for they cannot ride of themselves. Fear them not; for they cannot do any evil, and there is no good in them.

11 Thus shall you say to them, Let the gods which have not made heaven and earth perish from off the earth, and from under this sky.

12 It is the Lord that made the earth by his strength, who set up the world by his wisdom, and by his understanding stretched out the sky,

13 and set abundance of waters in the sky, and brought up clouds from the ends of the earth; he made lightnings for the rain, and brought forth light out of his treasures.

14 Every man is deprived of knowledge, every goldsmith is confounded because of his graven images; for he has cast false gods, there is no breath in them.

15 They are vain works, wrought in mockery; in the time of their visitation they shall perish.

16 Such is not the portion of Jacob; for he that formed all things, he is his inheritance; the Lord is his name.

17 He has gathered your substance from without that lodged in choice vessels.

18 For thus says the Lord, Behold, I will overthrow the inhabitants of this land with affliction, that your plague may be discovered.

19 Alas for your ruin! your plague is grievous: and I said, Surely this is your wound, and it has overtaken you.

20 Your tabernacle is in a ruinous state, it has perished; and all your curtains have been torn asunder: my children and my cattle are no more: there is no more any place for my tabernacle, nor place for my curtains.

21 For the shepherds have become foolish, and have not sought the Lord; therefore the whole pasture has failed, and the sheep have been scattered.

22 Behold, there comes a sound of a noise, and a great earthquake from the land of the north, to make the cities of Judah a desolation, and a resting-place for ostriches.

23 I know, O Lord, that man's way is not his own; neither shall a man go, and direct his going.

24 Chasten us, O Lord, but with judgment; and not in wrath, lest you make us few.

25 Pour out your wrath upon the nations that have not known you, and upon the families that have not called upon your name: for they have devoured Jacob, and consumed him, and have made his pasture desolate.

Chapter 11

1 The word that came to Jeremiah from the Lord, saying,

2 Hear you the words of this covenant, and you shall speak to the men of Judah, and to the dwellers in Jerusalem;

3 and you shall say to them, Thus says the Lord God of Israel, Cursed is the man, who shall not hearken to the words of this covenant,

4 which I commanded your fathers, in the day wherein I brought them up out of the land of Egypt, out of the iron furnace, saying, Hearken to my voice, and do all things that I shall command you; so shall you be to me a people, and I will be to you a God;

5 that I may confirm mine oath, which I sware to your fathers, to give them a land flowing with milk and honey, as it is this day. Then I answered and said, So be it, O Lord.

6 And the Lord said to me, Read these words in the cities of Judah, and in the streets of Jerusalem, saying, Hear you the words of this covenant, and do them.

8 But they did them not.

9 And the Lord said to me, A conspiracy is found among the men of Judah, and among the dwellers in Jerusalem.

10 They are turned aside to the iniquities of their fathers that were of old, who would not hearken to my words: and, behold, they go after strange gods, to serve them: and the house of Israel and the house of Judah have broken my covenant, which I made with their fathers.

11 Therefore thus says the Lord, Behold, I bring evils upon this people, out of which they shall not be able to come forth; and they shall presently cry to me, but I will not hearken to them.

12 And the cities of Judah and the dwellers in Jerusalem shall go, and cry to the gods to whom they burn incense; which shall not deliver them in the time of their troubles.

13 For according to the number of your cities were your gods, O Judah; and according to the number of the streets of Jerusalem have you set up altars to burn incense to Baal.

14 And you, pray not for this people, and intercede not for them in supplication and prayer: for I will not hear in the day in which they call upon me, in the day of their affliction.

15 Why has my beloved wrought abomination in my house? will prayers and holy offerings take away your wickedness from you, or shall you escape by these things?

16 The Lord called your name a fair olive tree, of a goodly shade in appearance, at the noise of its being lopped, fire was kindled against it; great is the affliction coming upon you: her branches are become good for nothing.

17 And the Lord that planted you has pronounced evils against you, because of the iniquity of the house of Israel and the house of Judah, whatsoever they have done against themselves to provoke me to anger by burning incense to Baal.

18 O Lord, teach me, and I shall know: then I saw their practices.

19 But I as an innocent lamb led to the slaughter, knew not: against me they devised an evil device, saying, Come and let us put wood into his bread, and let us utterly destroy him from off the land of the living, and let his name not be remembered any more.

20 O Lord, that judge righteously, trying the reins and hearts, let me see your vengeance taken upon them, for to you I have declared my cause.

21 Therefore thus says the Lord concerning the men of Anathoth, that seek my life, that say, You shall not prophesy at all in the name of the Lord, but if you do, you shall die by our hands:

22 behold, I will visit them: their young men shall die by the sword; and their sons and their daughters shall die of famine:

23 and there shall be no remnant left of them; for I will bring evil upon the dwellers in Anathoth, in the year of their visitation.

Chapter 12

1 Righteous are you, O Lord, that I may make my defence to you, yea, I will speak to you of judgments. Why is it that the way of ungodly men prospers? that all that deal very treacherously are flourishing?

2 You have planted them, and they have taken root; they have begotten children, and become fruitful; you are near to their mouth, and far from their reins.

3 But you, Lord, know me; you have proved my heart before you; purify them for the day of their slaughter.

4 How long shall the land mourn, and the grass of the field wither, for the wickedness of them that dwell in it? the beasts and birds are utterly destroyed; because the people said, God shall not see our ways.

5 Your feet run, and they cause you to faint; how will you prepare to ride upon horses? and you have been confident in the land of your peace? how will you do in the roaring of Jordan?

6 For even your brethren and the house of your father, even these have dealt treacherously with you; and they have cried out, they are gathered together in pursuit of you; trust not you in them, though they shall speak fair words to you.

7 I have forsaken mine house, I have left mine heritage; I have given my beloved one into the hands of her enemies.

8 My inheritance has become to me as a lion in a forest; she has uttered her voice against me; therefore have I hated her.

9 Is not my inheritance to me a hyæna's cave, or a cave round about her? Go you, gather together all the wild beasts of the field, and let them come to devour her.

10 Many shepherds have destroyed my vineyard, they have defiled my portion, they have made my desirable portion a trackless wilderness;

11 it is made a complete ruin: for my sake the whole land has been utterly ruined, because there is none that lays the matter to heart.

12 The ravagers are come to every passage in the wilderness: for the sword of the Lord will devour from one end of the land to the other: no flesh has any peace.

13 Sow wheat, and reap thorns; their portions shall not profit them: be ashamed of your boasting, because of reproach before the Lord.

14 For thus says the Lord concerning all the evil neighbours that touch mine inheritance, which I have divided to my people Israel; Behold, I will draw them away from their land, and I will cast out Judah from the midst of them.

15 And it shall come to pass, after I have cast them out, that I will return, and have mercy upon them, and will cause them to dwell every one in his inheritance, and every one in his land.

16 And it shall be, if they will indeed learn the way of my people, to swear by my name, saying, The Lord lives; as they taught my people to swear by Baal; then shall that nation be built in the midst of my people.

17 But if they will not return, then will I cut off that nation with utter ruin and destruction.

Chapter 13

1 Thus says the Lord, Go and procure for yourself a linen girdle, and put it about your loins, and let it not be put in water.

2 So I procured the girdle according to the word of the Lord, and put it about my loins.

3 And the word of the Lord came to me, saying,

4 Take the girdle that is upon your loins, and arise, and go to the Euphrates, and hide it there in a hole of the rock.

5 So I went, and hid it by the Euphrates, as the Lord commanded me.

6 And it came to pass after many days, that the Lord said to me, Arise, go to the Euphrates, and take thence the girdle, which I commanded you to hide there.

7 So I went to the river Euphrates, and dug, and took the girdle out of the place where I had buried it: and, behold, it was rotten, utterly good for nothing.

8 And the word of the Lord came to me, saying, Thus says the Lord,

9 Thus will I mar the pride of Judah, and the pride of Jerusalem;

10 even this great pride of the men that will not hearken to my words, and have gone after strange gods, to serve them, and to worship them: and they shall be as this girdle, which can be used for nothing.

11 For as a girdle cleaves about the loins of a man, so have I caused to cleave to myself the house of Israel, and the whole house of Judah; that they might be to me a famous people, and a praise, and a glory: but they did not hearken to me.

12 And you shall say to this people, Every bottle shall be filled with wine: and it shall come to pass, if they shall say to you, Shall we not certainly know that every bottle shall be filled with wine? that you shall say to them,

13 Thus says the Lord, Behold, I will fill the inhabitants of this land, and their kings the sons of David that sit upon their throne, and the priests, and the prophets, and Judah and all the dwellers in Jerusalem, with strong drink.

14 And I will scatter them a man and his brother, and their fathers and their sons together: I will not have compassion, says the Lord, and I will not spare, neither will I pity to save them from destruction.

15 Hear you, and give ear, and be not proud: for the Lord has spoken.

16 Give glory to the Lord your God, before he cause darkness, and before your feet stumble on the dark mountains, and you shall wait for light, and behold the shadow of death, and they shall be brought into darkness.

17 But if you will not hearken, your soul shall weep in secret because of pride, and your eyes shall pour down tears, because the Lord's flock is sorely bruised.

18 Say you to the king and the princes, Humble yourselves, and sit down; for your crown of glory is removed from your head.

19 The cities toward the south were shut, and there was none to open them: Judah is removed into captivity, they have suffered a complete removal.

20 Lift up your eyes, O Jerusalem, and behold them that come from the north; where is the flock that was given you, the sheep of your glory?

21 What will you say when they shall visit you, for you did teach them lessons for rule against yourself; shall not pangs seize you as a woman in travail?

22 And if you should say in yours heart, Wherefore have these things happened to me? Because of the abundance of your iniquity have your skirts been discovered, that yours heels might be exposed.

23 If the Ethiopian shall change his skin, or the leopardess her spots, then shall you be able to do good, having learnt evil.

24 So I scattered them as sticks carried by the wind into the wilderness.

25 Thus is your lot, and the reward of your disobedience to me, says the Lord; as you did forget me, and trust in lies,

26 I also will expose your skirts upon your face, and your shame shall be seen;

27 your adultery also, and your neighing, and the looseness of your fornication: on the hills and in the fields I have seen your abominations. Woe to you, O Jerusalem, for you have not been purified so as to follow me; how long yet shall it be?

Chapter 14

1 AND THE WORD OF THE LORD CAME TO JEREMIAS CONCERNING THE DROUGHT.

2 Judea has mourned, and her gates are emptied, and are darkened upon the earth; and the cry of Jerusalem is gone up.

3 And her nobles have sent their little ones to the water: they came to the wells, and found no water: and brought back their vessels empty.

4 And the labours of the land failed, because there was no rain: the husbandmen were ashamed, they covered their heads.

5 And hinds calved in the field, and forsook it, because there was no grass.

6 The wild asses stood by the forests, and snuffed up the wind; their eyes failed, because there was no grass.

7 Our sins have risen up against us: O Lord, do you for us for your own sake; for our sins are many before you; for we have sinned against you.

8 O Lord, you are the hope of Israel, and deliver us in time of troubles; why are you become as a sojourner upon the land, or as one born in the land, yet turning aside for a resting-place?

9 Will you be as a man asleep, or as a strong man that cannot save? yet you are among us, O Lord, and your name is called upon us; forget us not.

10 Thus says the Lord to this people, They have loved to wander, and they have not spared, therefore God has not prospered them; now will he remember their iniquity.

11 And the Lord said to me, Pray not for this people for their good:

12 for though they fast, I will not hear their supplication; and though they offer whole-burnt-offerings and sacrifices, I will take no pleasure in them: for I will consume them with sword, and with famine, and with pestilence.

13 And I said, O ever living Lord! behold, their prophets prophesy, and say, You shall not see a sword, nor shall famine be among you; for I will give truth and peace on the land, and in this place.

14 Then the Lord said to me, The prophets prophesy lies in my name: I sent them not, and I commanded them not, and I spoke not to them: for they prophesy to you false visions, and divinations, and auguries, and devices of their own heart.

15 Therefore thus says the Lord concerning the prophets that prophesy lies in my name, and I sent them not, who say, Sword and famine shall not be upon this land; they shall die by a grievous death, and the prophets shall be consumed by famine.

16 And the people to whom they prophesy, they also shall be cast out in the streets of Jerusalem, because of the sword and famine; and there shall be none to bury them: their wives also, and their sons, and their daughters shall die thus; and I will pour out their wickedness upon them.

17 And you shall speak this word to them; Let your eyes shed tears day and night, and let them not cease: for the daughter of my people has been sorely bruised, and her plague is very grievous.

18 If I go forth into the plain, then behold the slain by the sword! and if I enter into the city, then behold the distress of famine! for priest and prophet have gone to a land which they knew not.

19 Have you utterly rejected Judah? and has your soul departed from Zion? wherefore have you smitten us, and there is no healing for us? we waited for peace, but there was no prosperity; for a time of healing, and behold trouble!

20 We know, O Lord, our sins, and the iniquities of our fathers: for we have sinned before you.

21 Refrain for your name's sake, destroy not the throne of your glory: remember, break not your covenant with us.

22 Is there any one among the idols of the Gentiles that can give rain? and will the sky yield his fulness at their bidding? Art not you he? we will even wait on you, O Lord: for you have made all these things.

Chapter 15

1 And the Lord said to me, Though Moses and Samuel stood before my face, my soul could not be toward them: dismiss this people, and let them go forth.

2 And it shall be, if they say to you, Whither shall we go forth? then you shall say to them, Thus says the Lord; As many as are for death, to death; and as many as are for famine, to famine; and as many as are for the sword, to the sword; and as many as are for captivity, to captivity.

3 And I will punish them with four kinds of death, says the Lord, the sword to slay, and the dogs to tear, and the wild beasts of the earth, and the birds of the sky to devour and destroy.

4 And I will deliver them up for distress to all the kingdoms of the earth, because of Manasseh son of Hezekiah king of Judah, for all that he did in Jerusalem.

5 Who will spare you, O Jerusalem? and who will fear for you? or who will turn back to ask for your welfare?

6 You have turned away from me, says the Lord, you will go back: therefore I will stretch out my hand, and will destroy you, and will no more spare them.

7 And I will completely scatter them; in the gates of my people they are bereaved of children: they have destroyed my people because of their iniquities.

8 Their widows have been multiplied more than the sand of the sea: I have brought young men against the mother, even distress at noon-day: I have suddenly cast upon her trembling and anxiety.

9 She that bore seven is spent; her soul has fainted under trouble; her sun is gone down while it is yet noon; she is ashamed and disgraced: I will give the remnant of them to the sword before their enemies.

10 Woe is me, my mother! you have born me as some man of strife, and at variance with the whole earth; I have not helped others, nor has any one helped me; my strength has failed among them that curse me.

11 Be it so, Lord, in their prosperity; surely I stood before you in the time of their calamities, and in the time of their affliction, for their good against the enemy.

12 Will iron be known? whereas your strength is a brazen covering.

13 Yea, I will give your treasures for a spoil as a recompence, because of all your sins, and that in all your borders.

14 And I will enslave you to your enemies round about, in a land which you have not known; for a fire has been kindled out of my wrath; it shall burn upon you.

15 O Lord, remember me, and visit me, and vindicate me before them that persecute me; do not bear long with them; know how I have met with reproach for your sake, from those who set at nought your words;

16 consume them; and your word shall be to me for the joy and gladness of my heart: for your name has been called upon me, O Lord Almighty.

17 I have not sat in the assembly of them as they mocked, but I feared because of your power: I sat alone, for I was filled with bitterness.

18 Why do they that grieve me prevail against me? my wound is severe; whence shall I be healed? it is indeed become to me as deceitful water, that has no faithfulness.

19 Therefore thus says the Lord, If you will return, then will I restore you, and you shall stand before my face: and if you will bring forth the precious from the worthless, you shall be as my mouth: and they shall return to you; but you shall not return to them.

20 And I will make you to this people as a strong brazen wall; and they shall fight against you, but they shall by no means prevail against you;

21 for I am with you to save you, and to deliver you out of the hand of wicked men; and I will ransom you out of the hand of pestilent men.

Chapter 16

1 And you shall not take a wife, says the Lord God of Israel:

2 and there shall be no son born to you, nor daughter in this place.

3 For thus says the Lord concerning the sons and concerning the daughters that are born in this place, and concerning their mothers that have born them, and concerning their fathers that have begotten them in this land;

4 They shall die of grievous death; they shall not be lamented, nor buried; they shall be for an example on the face of the earth; and they shall be for the wild beasts of the land, and for the birds of the sky: they shall fall by the sword, and shall be consumed with famine.

5 Thus says the Lord, Enter not into their mourning feast, and go not to lament, and mourn not for them: for I have removed my peace from this people.

6 They shall not bewail them, nor make cuttings for them, and they shall not shave themselves for them:

7 and there shall be no bread broken in mourning for them for consolation over the dead: they shall not give one to drink a cup for consolation over his father or his mother.

8 You shall not enter into the banquet-house, to sit with them to eat and to drink.

9 For thus says the Lord God of Israel; Behold, I will make to cease out of this place before your eyes, and in your days, the voice of joy, and the voice of gladness, the voice of the bridegroom, and the voice of the bride.

10 And it shall come to pass, when you shall report to this people all these words, and they shall say to you, Wherefore has the Lord pronounced against us all these evils? what is our unrighteousness? and what is our sin which we have sinned before the Lord our God?

11 Then you shall say to them, Because your fathers forsook me, says the Lord, and went after strange gods and served them, and worshipped them, and forsook me, and kept not my law;

12 (and you sinned worse than your fathers; for, behold, you walk every one after the lusts of your own evil heart, so as not to hearken to me);

13 therefore I will cast you off from this good land into a land which neither you nor your fathers have known; and you shall serve there other gods, who shall have no mercy upon you.

14 Therefore, behold, the days come, says the Lord, when they shall no more say, The Lord lives, that brought up the children of Israel out of the land of Egypt;

15 but, The Lord lives, who brought up the house of Israel from the land of the north, and from all the countries

whither they were thrust out: and I will restore them to their own land, which I gave to their fathers.

16 Behold, I will send many fishers, says the Lord, and they shall fish them; and afterward I will send many hunters, and they shall hunt them upon every mountain, and upon every hill, and out of the holes of the rocks.

17 For mine eyes are upon all their ways; and their iniquities have not been hidden from mine eyes.

18 And I will recompense their mischiefs doubly, and their sins, whereby they have profaned my land with the carcases of their abominations, and with their iniquities, whereby they have trespassed against mine inheritance.

19 O Lord, you are my strength, and mine help, and my refuge in days of evil: to you the Gentiles shall come from the end of the earth, and shall say, How vain were the idols which our fathers procured to themselves, and there is no help in them.

20 Will a man make gods for himself, whereas these are no gods?

21 Therefore, behold, I will at this time manifest my hand to them, and will make known to them my power; and they shall know that my name is the Lord.

Chapter 17

5 Cursed is the man who trusts in man, and will lean his arm of flesh upon him, while his heart departs from the Lord.

6 And he shall be as the wild tamarisk in the desert: he shall not see when good comes; but he shall dwell in barren places, and in the wilderness, in a salt land which is not inhabited.

7 But blessed is the man who trusts in the Lord, and whose hope the Lord shall be.

8 And he shall be as a thriving tree by the waters, and he shall cast forth his root toward a moist place: he shall not fear when heat comes, and there shall be upon him shady branches: he shall not fear in a year of drought, and he shall not fail to bear fruit.

9 The heart is deep beyond all things, and it is the man, and who can know him?

10 I the Lord try the hearts, and prove the reins, to give to every one according to his ways, and according to the fruits of his devices.

11 The partridge utters her voice, she gathers eggs which she did not lay; so is a man gaining his wealth unjustly; in the midst of his days his riches shall leave him, and at his latter end he will be a fool.

12 An exalted throne of glory is our sanctuary.

13 O Lord, the hope of Israel, let all that have left you be ashamed, let them that have revolted be written on the earth, because they have forsaken the fountain of life, the Lord.

14 Heal me, O Lord, and I shall be healed; save me, and I shall be saved; for you are my boast.

15 Behold, they say to me, Where is the word of the Lord? let it come.

16 But I have not been weary of following you, nor have I desired the day of man; you know; the words that proceed out of my lips are before your face.

17 Be not to me a stranger, but spare me in the evil day.

18 Let them that persecute me be ashamed, but let me not be ashamed: let them be alarmed, but let me not be alarmed: bring upon them the evil day, crush them with double destruction.

19 Thus says the Lord; Go and stand in the gates of the children of your people, by which the kings of Judah enter, and by which they go out, and in all the gates of Jerusalem:

20 and you shall say to them, Hear the word of the Lord, you kings of Judah, and all Judea, and all Jerusalem, all who go in at these gates:

21 thus says the Lord; Take heed to your souls, and take up no burdens on the sabbath-day, and go not forth through the gates of Jerusalem;

22 and carry forth no burdens out of your houses on the sabbath-day, and you shall do no work: sanctify the sabbath-day, as I commanded your fathers.

23 But they hearkened not, and inclined not their ear, but stiffened their neck more than their fathers did, so as not to hear me, and not to receive correction.

24 And it shall come to pass, if you will hearken to me, says the Lord, to carry in no burdens through the gates of this city on the sabbath-day, and to sanctify the sabbath-day, so as to do no work upon it,

25 that there shall enter through the gates of this city kings and princes sitting on the throne of David, and riding on their chariots and horses, they, and their princes, the men of Judah, and the dwellers in Jerusalem: and this city shall be inhabited for ever.

26 And men shall come out of the cities of Judah, and from round about Jerusalem, and out of the land of Benjamin, and out of the plain country, and from the hill country, and from the south country, bringing whole-burnt-offerings, and sacrifices, and incense, and manna, and frankincense, bringing praise to the house of the Lord.

27 But it shall come to pass, if you will not hearken to me to sanctify the sabbath-day, to bear no burdens, nor go in with them by the gates of Jerusalem on the sabbath-day;

then will I kindle a fire in the gates thereof, and it shall devour the streets of Jerusalem, and shall not be quenched.

Chapter 18

1 The word that came from the Lord to

2 Jeremiah, saying, Arise, and go down to the potter's house, and there you shall hear my words.

3 So I went down to the potter's house, and behold, he was making a vessel on the stones.

4 And the vessel which he was making with his hands fell: so he made it again another vessel, as it seemed good to him to make it.

5 And the word of the Lord came to me, saying,

6 Shall I not be able, O house of Israel, to do to you as this potter? behold, as the clay of the potter are you in my hands.

7 If I shall pronounce a decree upon a nation, or upon a kingdom, to cut them off, and to destroy them;

8 and that nation turn from all their sins, then will I repent of the evils which I purposed to do to them.

9 And if I shall pronounce a decree upon a nation and kingdom, to rebuild and to plant it;

10 and they do evil before me, so as not to hearken to my voice, then will I repent of the good which I spoke of, to do it to them.

11 And now say to the men of Judah, and to the inhabitants of Jerusalem, Behold, I prepare evils against you, and devise a device against you: let every one turn now from his evil way, and amend your practices.

12 And they said, We will quit ourselves like men, for we will pursue our perverse ways, and we will perform each the lusts of his evil heart.

13 Therefore thus says the Lord; Enquire now among the nations, who has heard such very horrible things as the virgin of Israel has done?

14 Will fertilising streams fail to flow from a rock, or snow fail from Lebanon? will water violently impelled by the wind turn aside?

15 For my people have forgotten me, they have offered incense in vain, and they fail in their ways, leaving the ancient tracks, to enter upon impassable paths;

16 to make their land a desolation, and a perpetual hissing; all that go through it shall be amazed, and shall shake their heads.

17 I will scatter them before their enemies like an east wind; I will shew them the day of their destruction.

18 Then they said, Come, and let us devise a device against Jeremiah; for the law shall not perish from the priest, nor counsel from the wise, nor the word from the prophet. Come, and let us smite him with the tongue, and we will hear all his words.

19 Hear me, O Lord, and hear the voice of my pleading.

20 Forasmuch as evil is rewarded for good; for they have spoken words against my soul, and they have hidden the punishment they meant for me; remember that I stood before your face, to speak good for them, to turn away your wrath from them.

21 Therefore do you deliver their sons to famine, and gather them to the power of the sword: let their women be childless and widows; and let their men be cut off by death, and their young men fall by the sword in war.

22 Let there be a cry in their houses: you shall bring upon them robbers suddenly: for they have formed a plan to take me, and have hidden snares for me.

23 And you, Lord, know all their deadly counsel against me: account not their iniquities guiltless, and blot not out their sins from before you: let their weakness come before you; deal with them in the time of your wrath.

Chapter 19

1 Then said the Lord to me, Go and get an earthen bottle, the work of the potter, and you shall bring some of the elders of the people, and of the priests;

2 and you shall go forth to the burial-place of the sons of their children, which is at the entrance of the gate of Charsith; and do you read there all these words which I shall speak to you:

3 and you shall say to them, Hear you the word of the Lord, you kings of Judah, and men of Judah, and the dwellers in Jerusalem, and they that enter in by these gates; thus says the Lord God of Israel; Behold, I will bring evil upon this place, so that the ears of every one that hears it shall tingle.

4 Because they forsook me, and profaned this place, and burnt incense in it to strange gods, which they and their fathers knew not; and the kings of Judah have filled this place with innocent blood,

5 and built high places for Baal, to burn their children in the fire, which things I commanded not, neither did I design them in my heart:

6 Therefore, behold, the days come, says the Lord, when this place shall no more be called, The fall and burial-place of the son of Ennom, but, The burial-place of slaughter.

7 And I will destroy the counsel of Judah and the counsel of Jerusalem in this place; and I will cast them down with the sword before their enemies, and by the hands of them that seek their lives: and I will give their dead bodies for food to the birds of the sky and to the wild beasts of the earth.

8 And I will bring this city to desolation and make it a hissing; every one that passes by it shall scowl, and hiss because of all her plague.

9 And they shall eat the flesh of their sons, and the flesh of their daughters; and they shall eat every one the flesh of his neighbour in the blockade, and in the siege wherewith their enemies shall besiege them.

10 And you shall break the bottle in the sight of the men that go forth with you,

11 and you shall say, Thus says the Lord, Thus will I break in pieces this people, and this city, even as an earthen vessel is broken in pieces which cannot be mended again.

12 Thus will I do, says the Lord, to this place, and to the inhabitants of it, that this city may be given up, as one that is falling to ruin.

13 And the houses of Jerusalem, and the houses of the kings of Judah shall be as a ruinous place, because of their uncleannesses in all the houses, wherein they burnt incense upon their roofs to all the host of heaven, and poured drink-offerings to strange gods.

14 And Jeremiah came from the place of the Fall, whither the Lord had sent him to prophesy; and he stood in the court of the Lord's house; and said to all the people, Thus says the Lord;

15 Behold, I bring upon this city, and upon all the cities belonging to it, and upon the villages of it, all the evils which I have spoken against it, because they have hardened their neck, that they might not hearken to my commands.

Chapter 20

1 Now Paschor the son of Emmer, the priest, who also had been appointed chief of the house of the Lord, heard Jeremiah prophesying these words.

2 And he smote him, and cast him into the dungeon which was by the gate of the upper house that was set apart, which was by the house of the Lord.

3 And Paschor brought Jeremiah out of the dungeon: and Jeremiah said to him, The Lord has not called your name Paschor, but Exile.

4 For thus says the Lord, Behold, I will give you up to captivity with all your friends: and they shall fall by the sword of their enemies, and your eyes shall see it: and I will give you and all Judah into the hands of the king of Babylon, and they shall carry them captives, and cut them in pieces with swords.

5 And I will give all the strength of this city, and all the labours of it, and all the treasures of the king of Judah, into the hands of his enemies, and they shall bring them to Babylon.

6 And you and all the dwellers in yours house shall go into captivity: and you shall die in Babylon, and there you and all your friends shall be buried, to whom you have prophesied lies.

7 You have deceived me, O Lord, and I have been deceived: you have been strong, and have prevailed: I am become a laughing-stock, I am continually mocked every day.

8 For I will laugh with my bitter speech, I will call upon rebellion and misery: for the word of the Lord is become a reproach to me and a mockery all my days.

9 Then I said, I will by no means name the name of the Lord, and I will no more at all speak in his name. But it was as burning fire flaming in my bones, and I am utterly weakened on all sides, and cannot bear up.

10 For I have heard the reproach of many gathering round, saying, Conspire you, and let us conspire together against him, even all his friends: watch his intentions, if perhaps he shall be deceived, and we shall prevail against him, and we shall be avenged on him.

11 But the Lord was with me as a mighty man of war: therefore they persecuted me, but could not perceive anything against me; they were greatly confounded, for they perceived not their disgrace, which shall never be forgotten.

12 O Lord, that prove just deeds, understanding the reins and hearts, let me see your vengeance upon them: for to you I have revealed my cause.

13 Sing you to the Lord, sing praise to him: for he has rescued the soul of the poor from the hand of evil-doers.

14 Cursed be the day wherein I was born: the day wherein my mother brought me forth, let it not be blessed.

15 Cursed be the man who brought the glad tidings to my father, saying, A male child is born to you.

16 Let that man rejoice as the cities which the Lord overthrew in wrath, and repented not: let him hear crying in the morning, and loud lamentation at noon;

17 because he slew me not in the womb, and my mother became not my tomb, and her womb always great with me.

18 Why is it that I came forth of the womb to see troubles and distresses, and my days are spent in shame?

Chapter 21

1 THE WORD THAT CAME FROM THE LORD TO JEREMIAS, WHEN KING SEDEKIAS SENT TO HIM PASCHOR THE SON OF MELCHIAS, AND SOPHONIAS SON OF BASÆas,

2 Enquire of the Lord for us; for the king of Babylon has risen up against us; if the Lord will do according to all his wonderful works, and the king shall depart from us.

3 And Jeremiah said to them, Thus shall you say to Zedekiah king of Judah,

4 Thus says the Lord; Behold, I will turn back the weapons of war wherewith you fight against the Chaldeans that have besieged you from outside the wall, and I will gather them into the midst of this city.

5 And I will fight against you with an outstretched hand and with a strong arm, with wrath and great anger.

6 And I will smite all the dwellers in this city, both men and cattle, with grievous pestilence: and they shall die.

7 And after this, thus says the Lord; I will give Zedekiah king of Judah, and his servants, and the people that is left in this city from the pestilence, and from the famine, and from the sword, into the hands of their enemies, that seek their lives: and they shall cut them in pieces with the edge of the sword: I will not spare them, and I will not have compassion upon them.

8 And you shall say to this people, Thus says the Lord; Behold, I have set before you the way of life, and the way of death.

9 He that remains in this city shall die by the sword, and by famine: but he that goes forth to advance to the Chaldeans that have besieged you, shall live, and his life shall be to him for a spoil, and he shall live.

10 For I have set my face against this city for evil, and not for good: it shall be delivered into the hands of the king of Babylon, and he shall consume it with fire.

11 O house of the king of Judah, hear you the word of the Lord.

12 O house of David, thus says the Lord; Judge judgment in the morning, and act rightly, and rescue the spoiled one from the hand of him that wrongs him, lest mine anger be kindled like fire, and it burn, and there be none to quench it.

13 Behold, I am against you that dwell in the valley of Sor; in the plain country, even against them that say, Who shall alarm us? or who shall enter into our habitation?

14 And I will kindle a fire in the forest thereof, and it shall devour all things round about it.

Chapter 22

1 Thus says the Lord; Go you, and go down to the house of the king of Judah, and you shall speak there this word,

2 and you shall say, Hear the word of the Lord, O king of Judah, that sit on the throne of David, you, and your house, and your people, and they that go in at these gates:

3 thus says the Lord; Execute you judgment and justice, and rescue the spoiled out of the hand of him that wrongs him: and oppress not the stranger, and orphan, and widow, and sin not, and shed no innocent blood in this place.

4 For if you will indeed perform this word, then shall there enter in by the gates of this house kings sitting upon the throne of David, and riding on chariots and horses, they, and their servants, and their people.

5 But if you will not perform these words, by myself have I sworn, says the Lord, that this house shall be brought to desolation.

6 For thus says the Lord concerning the house of the king of Judah; You are Gilead to me, and the head of Lebanon: yet surely I will make you a desert, even cities that shall not be inhabited:

7 and I will bring upon you a destroying man, and his axe: and they shall cut down your choice cedars, and cast them into the fire.

8 And nations shall pass through this city, and each shall say to his neighbour, Why has the Lord done thus to this great city?

9 And they shall say, Because they forsook the covenant of the Lord their God, and worshipped strange gods, and served them.

10 Weep not for the dead, nor lament for him: weep bitterly for him that goes away: for he shall return no more, nor see his native land.

11 For thus says the Lord concerning Sellem the son of Josiah, who reigns in the place of Josiah his father, who has gone forth out of this place; He shall not return thither any more:

12 but in that place whither I have carried him captive, there shall he die, and shall see this land no more.

13 He that builds his house not with justice, and his upper chambers not with judgment, who works by means of his neighbour for nothing, and will by no means give him his reward.

14 You have built for yourself a well-proportioned house, airy chambers, fitted with windows, and wainscoted with cedar, and painted with vermilion.

15 Shall you reign, because you are provoked with your father Ahaz? they shall not eat, and they shall not drink: it is better for you to execute judgment and justice.

16 They understood not, they judged not the cause of the afflicted, nor the cause of the poor: is not this your not knowing me? says the Lord.

17 Behold, your eyes are not good, nor yours heart, but they go after your covetousness, and after the innocent blood to shed it, and after acts of injustice and slaughter, to commit them.

18 Therefore thus says the Lord concerning Jehoiakim son of Josiah, king of Judah, even concerning this man; they shall not bewail him, saying, Ah brother! neither shall they at all weep for him, saying, Alas Lord.

19 He shall be buried with the burial of an ass; he shall be dragged roughly along and cast outside the gate of Jerusalem.

20 Go up to Lebanon, and cry; and utter your voice to Basan, and cry aloud to the extremity of the sea: for all your lovers are destroyed.

21 I spoke to you on occasion of your trespass, but you saidst, I will not hearken. This has been your way from your youth, you have not hearkened to my voice.

22 The wind shall tend all your shepherds, and your lovers shall go into captivity; for then shall you be ashamed and disgraced because of all your lovers.

23 O you that dwell in Lebanon, making your nest in the cedars, you shall groan heavily, when pangs as of a travailing woman are come upon you.

24 As I live, says the Lord, though Jeconiah son of Jehoiakim king of Judah were indeed the seal upon my right hand, thence would I pluck you;

25 and I will deliver you into the hands of them that seek your life, before whom you are afraid, into the hands of the Chaldeans.

26 And I will cast forth you, and your mother that bore you, into a land where you were not born; and there you shall die.

27 But they shall by no means return to the land which they long for in their souls.

28 Jeconiah is dishonoured as a good-for-nothing vessel; for he is thrown out and cast forth into a land which he knew not.

29 Land, land, hear the word of the Lord.

30 Write you this man an outcast: for there shall none of his seed at all grow up to sit on the throne of David, or as a prince yet in Judah.

Chapter 23

1 Woe to the shepherds that destroy and scatter the sheep of their pasture!

2 Therefore thus says the Lord against them that tend my people; You have scattered my sheep, and driven them out, and you have not visited them: behold, I will take vengeance upon you according to your evil practices.

3 And I will gather in the remnant of my people in every land, whither I have driven them out, and will set them in their pasture; and they shall increase and be multiplied.

4 And I will raise up shepherds to them, who shall feed them: and they shall fear no more, nor be alarmed, says the Lord.

5 Behold, the days come, says the Lord, when I will raise up to David a righteous branch, and a king shall reign and understand, and shall execute judgment and righteousness on the earth.

6 In his days both Judah shall be saved, and Israel shall dwell securely: and this is his name, which the Lord shall call him, Jozadak among the prophets.

9 My heart is broken within me; all my bones are shaken: I am become as a broken-down man, and as a man overcome with wine, because of the Lord, and because of the excellence of his glory.

10 For because of these things the land mourns; the pastures of the wilderness are dried up; and their course is become evil, and so also their strength.

11 For priest and prophet are defiled; and I have seen their iniquities in my house.

12 Therefore let their way be to them slippery and dark: and they shall be tripped up and fall in it: for I will bring evils upon them, in the year of their visitation.

13 And in the prophets of Samaria I have seen lawless deeds; they prophesied by Baal, and led my people Israel astray.

14 Also in the prophets of Jerusalem I have seen horrible things: as they committed adultery, and walked in lies, and strengthened the hands of many, that they should not return each from his evil way: they are all become to me as Sodom, and the inhabitants thereof as Gomorrah.

15 Therefore thus says the Lord; Behold, I will feed them with pain, and give them bitter water to drink: for from the prophets of Jerusalem has defilement gone forth into all the land.

16 Thus says the Lord Almighty, Hearken not to the words of the prophets: for they frame a vain vision for themselves; they speak from their own heart, and not from the mouth of the Lord.

17 They say to them that reject the word of the Lord, There shall be peace to you; and to all that walk after their own lusts, and to every one that walks in the error of his heart, they have said, No evil shall come upon you.

18 For who has stood in the counsel of the Lord, and seen his word? who has hearkened, and heard?

19 Behold, there is an earthquake from the Lord, and anger proceeds to a convulsion, it shall come violently upon the ungodly.

20 And the Lord's wrath shall return no more, until he have accomplished it, and until he have established it, according to the purpose of his heart: at the end of the days they shall understand it.

21 I sent not the prophets, yet they ran: neither spoke I to them, yet they prophesied.

22 But if they had stood in my counsel, and if they had hearkened to my words, then would they have turned my people from their evil practices.

23 I am a God nigh at hand, says the Lord, and not a God afar off.

24 Shall any one hide himself in secret places, and I not see him? Do I not fill heaven and earth? says the Lord.

25 I have heard what the prophets say, what they prophesy in my name, saying falsely, I have seen a night vision.

26 How long shall these things be in the heart of the prophets that prophesy lies, when they prophesy the purposes of their own heart?

27 who devise that men may forget my law by their dreams, which they have told every one to his neighbour, as their fathers forgot my name in the worship of Baal.

28 The prophet who has a dream, let him tell his dream; and he in whom is my word spoken to him, let him tell my word truly: what is the chaff to the corn? so are my words, says the Lord.

29 Behold, are not my words as fire? says the Lord; and as an axe cutting the rock?

30 Behold, I am therefore against the prophets, says the Lord God, that steal my words every one from his neighbour.

31 Behold, I am against the prophets that put forth prophecies of mere words, and slumber their sleep.

32 Therefore, behold, I am against the prophets that prophesy false dreams, and have not told them truly, and have caused my people to err by their lies, and by their errors; yet I sent them not, and commanded them not; therefore, they shall not profit this people at all.

33 And if this people, or the priest, or the prophet, should ask, What is the burden of the Lord? then you shall say to them, You are the burden, and I will dash you down, says the Lord.

34 As for the prophet, and the priests, and the people, who shall say, The burden of the Lord, I will even take vengeance on that man, and on his house.

35 Thus shall you say every one to his neighbour, and every one to his brother, What has the Lord answered? and, what has the Lord said?

36 And do you name no more the burden of the Lord; for his own word shall be a man's burden.

37 But wherefore, say you, has the Lord our God spoken?

38 Therefore thus says the Lord our God; Because you have spoken this word, The burden of the Lord, and I sent to you, saying, You shall not say, The burden of the Lord;

39 therefore, behold, I will seize, and dash down you and the city which I gave to you and your fathers.

40 And I will bring upon you an everlasting reproach, and everlasting disgrace, which shall not be forgotten.

40a Therefore, behold, the days come, says the Lord, when they shall no more say, The Lord lives, who brought up the house of Israel out of the land of Egypt;

40b but The Lord lives, who has gathered the whole seed of Israel from the north land, and from all the countries whither he had driven them out, and has restored them into their own land.

Chapter 24

1 The Lord shewed me two baskets of figs, lying in front of the temple of the Lord, after Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon had carried captive Jeconiah son of Jehoiakim king of Judah, and the princes, and the artificers, and the prisoners, and the rich men out of Jerusalem, and had brought them to Babylon.

2 The one basket was full of very good figs, as the early figs; and the other basket was full of very bad figs, which could not be eaten, for their badness.

3 And the Lord said to me, What see you, Jeremiah? and I said, Figs; the good figs, very good; and the bad, very bad, which cannot be eaten, for their badness.

4 And the word of the Lord came to me, saying,

5 Thus says the Lord, the God of Israel; As these good figs, so will I acknowledge the Jews that have been carried away captive, whom I have sent forth out of this place into the land of the Chaldeans for good.

6 And I will fix mine eyes upon them for good, and I will restore them into this land for good: and I will build them up, and not pull them down; and I will plant them, and not pluck them up.

7 And I will give them a heart to know me, that I am the Lord: and they shall be to me a people, and I will be to them a God: for they shall turn to me with all their heart.

8 And as the bad figs, which cannot be eaten, for their badness; thus says the Lord, So will I deliver Zedekiah king of Judah, and his nobles, and the remnant of Jerusalem, them that are left in this land, and the dwellers in Egypt.

9 And I will cause them to be dispersed into all the kingdoms of the earth, and they shall be for a reproach, and a proverb, and an object of hatred, and a curse, in every place whither I have driven them out.

10 And I will send against them famine, and pestilence, and the sword, until they are consumed from off the land which I gave them.

Chapter 25

1 THE WORD THAT CAME TO JEREMIAS concerning all the people of Judah in the fourth year of Jehoiakim, son of Josiah, king of Judah;

2 which he spoke to all the people of Judah, and to the inhabitants of Jerusalem, saying,

3 In the thirteenth year of Josiah, son of Amos, king of Judah, even until this day for three and twenty years, I have both spoken to you, rising early and speaking,

4 and I sent to you my servants the prophets, sending them early; (but you hearkened not, and listened not with your ears;) saying,

5 Turn you every one from his evil way, and from your evil practices, and you shall dwell in the land which I gave to you and your fathers, of old and for ever.

6 Go you not after strange gods, to serve them, and to worship them, that you provoke me not by the works of your hands, to do you hurt.

7 But you hearkened not to me.

8 Therefore thus says the Lord; Since you believed not my words,

9 behold, I will send and take a family from the north, and will bring them against this land, and against the inhabitants of it, and against all the nations round about it, and I will make them utterly waste, and make them a desolation, and a hissing, and an everlasting reproach.

10 And I will destroy from among them the voice of joy, and the voice of gladness, the voice of the bridegroom, and the voice of the bride, the scent of ointment, and the light of a candle.

11 And all the land shall be a desolation; and they shall serve among the Gentiles seventy years.

12 And when the seventy years are fulfilled, I will take vengeance on that nation, and will make them a perpetual desolation.

13 And I will bring upon that land all my words which I have spoken against it, even all things that are written in this book.

14 THE PROPHECIES OF JEREMIAS AGAINST THE NATIONS OF Ælam.

15 Thus says the Lord, The bow of Ælam is broken, even the chief of their power.

16 And I will bring upon Ælam the four winds from the four corners of heaven, and I will disperse them toward all these winds; and there shall be no nation to which they shall not come—even the outcasts of Ælam.

17 And I will put them in fear before their enemies that seek their life; and I will bring evils upon them according to my great anger; and I will send forth my sword after them, until I have utterly destroyed them.

18 And I will set my throne in Ælam, and will send forth thence king and rulers.

19 But it shall come to pass at the end of days, that I will turn the captivity of Ælam, says the Lord.

20 In the beginning of the reign of king Zedekiah, there came this word concerning Ælam.

Chapter 26

2 FOR EGYPT, AGAINST THE POWER OF PHARAO NECHAO KING OF EGYPT, who was by the river Euphrates in Charmis, whom Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon smote in the fourth year of Jehoiakim king of Judah.

3 Take up arms and spears, and draw nigh to battle;

4 and harness the horses: mount, you horsemen, and stand ready in your helmets; advance the spears, and put on your breast-plates.

5 Why do they fear, and turn back? even because their mighty men shall be slain: they have utterly fled, and being hemmed in they have not rallied, says the Lord.

6 Let not the swift flee, and let not the mighty man escape to the north: the forces at Euphrates are become feeble, and they have fallen.

7 Who is this that shall come up as a river, and as rivers roll their waves?

8 The waters of Egypt shall come up like a river: and he said, I will go up, and will cover the earth, and will destroy the dwellers in it.

9 Mount you the horses, prepare the chariots; go forth, you warriors of the Ethiopians, and Libyans armed with shields; and mount, you Lydians, bend the bow.

10 And that day shall be to the Lord our God a day of vengeance, to take vengeance on his enemies: and the sword of the Lord shall devour, and be glutted, and be drunken with their blood: for the Lord has a sacrifice from the land of the north at the river Euphrates.

11 Go up to Gilead, and take balm for the virgin daughter of Egypt: in vain have you multiplied your medicines; there is no help in you.

12 The nations have heard your voice, and the land has been filled with your cry: for the warriors have fainted fighting one against another, and both are fallen together.

13 THE WORDS WHICH THE LORD SPOKE by Jeremiah, concerning the coming of the king of Babylon to smite the land of Egypt.

14 Proclaim it at Magdol, and declare it at Memphis: say you, Stand up, and prepare; for the sword has devoured your yew-tree.

15 Wherefore has Apis fled from you? your choice calf has not remained; for the Lord has utterly weakened him.

16 And your multitude has fainted and fallen; and each one said to his neighbour, Let us arise, and return into our country to our people, from the Grecian sword.

17 Call you the name of Pharaoh Nechao king of Egypt, Saon esbeie moed.

18 As I live, says the Lord God, he shall come as Itabyrion among the mountains, and as Carmel that is on the sea.

19 O daughter of Egypt dwelling at home, prepare you stuff for removing: for Memphis shall be utterly desolate, and shall be called Woe, because there are no inhabitants in it.

20 Egypt is a fair heifer, but destruction from the north is come upon her.

21 Also her hired soldiers in the midst of her are as fatted calves fed in her; for they also have turned, and fled with one accord: they stood not, for the day of destruction was come upon them, and the time of their retribution.

22 Their voice is as that of a hissing serpent, for they go upon the sand; they shall come upon Egypt with axes, as men that cut wood.

23 They shall cut down her forest, says the Lord, for their number cannot at all be conjectured, for it exceeds the locust in multitude, and they are innumerable.

24 The daughter of Egypt is confounded; she is delivered into the hands of a people from the north.

25 Behold, I will avenge Ammon her son upon Pharaoh, and upon them that trust in him.

27 But fear not you, my servant Jacob, neither be you alarmed, Israel: for, behold, I will save you from afar, and your seed from their captivity; and Jacob shall return, and be at ease, and sleep, and there shall be no one to trouble him.

28 Fear not you, my servant Jacob, says the Lord; for I am with you: she that was without fear and in luxury, has been delivered up: for I will make a full end of every nation among whom I have thrust you forth; but I will not cause you to fail: yet will I chastise you in the way of judgment, and will not hold you entirely guiltless.

Chapter 27

1 THE WORD OF THE LORD WHICH HE SPOKE AGAINST BABYLON.

2 Proclaim you among the Gentiles, and cause the tidings to be heard, and suppress them not: say you, Babylon is taken, Belus is confounded; the fearless, the luxurious Mærodach is delivered up.

3 For a nation has come up against her from the north, he shall utterly ravage her land, and there shall be none to dwell in it, neither man nor beast.

4 In those days, and at that time, the children of Israel shall come, they and the children of Judah together; they shall proceed, weeping as they go, seeking the Lord their God.

5 They shall ask the way till they come to Zion, for that way shall they set their face; and they shall come and flee for refuge to the Lord their God; for the everlasting covenant shall not be forgotten.

6 My people have been lost sheep: their shepherds thrust them out, they caused them to wander on the mountains: they went from mountain to hill, they forgot their resting-place.

7 All that found them consumed them: their enemies said, Let us not leave them alone, because they have sinned against the Lord: he that gathered their fathers had a pasture of righteousness.

8 Flee you out of the midst of Babylon, and from the land of the Chaldeans, and go forth, and be as serpents before sleep.

9 For, behold, I stir up against Babylon the gatherings of nations out of the land of the north; and they shall set themselves in array against her: thence shall she be taken, as the dart of an expert warrior shall not return empty.

10 And Chaldea shall be a spoil: all that spoil her shall be satisfied.

11 Because you rejoiced, and boasted, while plundering mine heritage; because you exulted as calves in the grass, and pushed with the horn as bulls.

12 Your mother is greatly ashamed; your mother that bore you for prosperity is confounded: she is the last of the nations, desolate,

13 by reason of the Lord's anger: it shall not be inhabited, but it shall be all a desolation; and every one that passes through Babylon shall scowl, and they shall hiss at all her plague.

14 Set yourselves in array against Babylon round about, all you that bend the bow; shoot at her, spare not your arrows,

15 and prevail against her: her hands are weakened, her bulwarks are fallen, and her wall is broken down: for it is vengeance from God: take vengeance upon her; as she has done, do to her.

16 Utterly destroy seed out of Babylon, and him that holds a sickle in time of harvest: for fear of the Grecian sword, they shall return every one to his people, and every one shall flee to his own land.

17 Israel is a wandering sheep; the lions have driven him out: the king of Assyria first devoured him, and afterward this king of Babylon has gnawed his bones.

18 Therefore thus says the Lord; Behold, I will take vengeance on the king of Babylon, and upon his land, as I took vengeance on the king of Assyria.

19 And I will restore Israel to his pasture, and he shall feed on Carmel and on mount Ephraim and in Gilead, and his soul shall be satisfied.

20 In those days, and at that time, they shall seek for the iniquity of Israel, and there shall be none; and for the sins of Judah, and they shall not be found: for I will be merciful to them that are left

21 on the land, says the Lord. Go up against it roughly, and against them that dwell on it: avenge, O sword, and destroy utterly, says the Lord, and do according to all that I command you.

22 A sound of war, and great destruction in the land of the Chaldeans!

23 How is the hammer of the whole earth broken and crushed! How is Babylon become a desolation among the nations!

24 They shall come upon you, and you shall not know it, Babylon, that you will even be taken captive: you are found and taken, because you did resist the Lord.

25 The Lord has opened his treasury, and brought forth the weapons of his anger: for the Lord God has a work in the land of the Chaldeans.

26 For her times are come: open you her storehouses: search her as a cave, and utterly destroy her: let there be no remnant of her.

27 Dry you up all her fruits, and let them go down to the slaughter: woe to them! for their day is come, and the time of their retribution.

28 A voice of men fleeing and escaping from the land of Babylon, to declare to Zion the vengeance that comes from the Lord our God.

29 Summon many against Babylon, even every one that bends the bow: camp against her round about; let no one of her people escape: render to her according to her works; according to all that she has done, do to her: for she has resisted the Lord, the Holy God of Israel.

30 Therefore shall her young men fall in the streets, and all her warriors shall be cast down, says the Lord.

31 Behold, I am against you the haughty one, says the Lord: for your day is come, and the time of your retribution.

32 And your pride shall fail, and fall, and there shall be no one to set it up again: and I will kindle a fire in her forest, and it shall devour all things round about her.

33 Thus says the Lord; The children of Israel and the children of Judah have been oppressed: all they that have taken them captive have oppressed them together; for they would not let them go.

34 But their Redeemer is strong; the Lord Almighty is his name: he will enter into judgment with his adversaries, that he may destroy the earth;

35 and he will sharpen a sword against the Chaldeans, and against the inhabitants of Babylon, and upon her nobles and upon her wise men;

36 a sword upon her warriors, and they shall be weakened: a sword upon their horses, and upon their chariots:

37 a sword upon their warriors, and upon the mixed people in the midst of her; and they shall be as women: a sword upon the treasures, and they shall be scattered upon her water,

38 and they shall be ashamed: for it is a land of graven images; and in the islands, where they boasted.

39 Therefore shall idols dwell in the islands, and the young of monsters shall dwell in it: it shall not be inhabited any more for ever.

40 As God overthrew Sodom and Gomorrah, and the cities bordering upon them, says the Lord: no man shall dwell there, and no son of man shall sojourn there.

41 Behold, a people comes from the north, and a great nation, and many kings shall be stirred up from the end of the earth; holding bow and dagger:

42 the people is fierce, and will have no mercy: their voices shall sound as the sea, they shall ride upon horses, prepared for war, like fire, against you, O daughter of Babylon.

43 The king of Babylon heard the sound of them, and his hands were enfeebled: anguish overcame him, pangs as of a woman in travail.

44 Behold, he shall come up as a lion from Jordan to Gæthan; for I will speedily drive them from her, and I will set all the youths against her: for who is like me? and who will resist me? and who is this shepherd who will stand before me?

45 Therefore hear you the counsel of the Lord, which he has taken against Babylon; and his devices, which he has devised upon the Chaldeans inhabiting it: surely lambs of their flock shall be destroyed: surely pasture shall be cut off from them.

46 For at the sound of the taking of Babylon the earth shall quake, and a cry shall be heard among the nations.

Chapter 28

1 Thus says the Lord; Behold, I stir up against Babylon, and against the Chaldeans dwelling therein, a deadly burning wind.

2 And I will send forth against Babylon spoilers, and they shall spoil her, and shall ravage her land. Woe to Babylon round about her in the day of her affliction.

3 Let the archer bend his bow, and him that has armour put it on: and spare you not her young men, but destroy you all her host.

4 And slain men shall fall in the land of the Chaldeans, and men pierced through shall fall without it.

5 For Israel and Judah have not been forsaken of their God, of the Lord Almighty; whereas their land was filled with iniquity against the holy things of Israel.

6 Flee you out of the midst of Babylon, and deliver every one his soul: and be not overthrown in her iniquity; for it is the time of her retribution from the Lord; he is rendering to her a recompence.

7 Babylon has been a golden cup in the Lord's hand, causing all the earth to be drunken: the nations have drunk of her wine; therefore they were shaken.

8 And Babylon is fallen suddenly, and is broken to pieces: lament for her; take balm for her deadly wound, if by any means she may be healed.

9 We tried to heal Babylon, but she was not healed: let us forsake her, and depart every one to his own country: for her judgment has reached to the heaven, it has mounted up to the stars.

10 The Lord has brought forth his judgment: come, and let us declare in Zion the works of the Lord our God.

11 Prepare the arrows; fill the quivers: the Lord has stirred up the spirit of the king of the Medes: for his wrath is against Babylon, to destroy it utterly; for it is the Lord's vengeance, it is the vengeance of his people.

12 Lift up a standard on the walls of Babylon, prepare the quivers, rouse the guards, prepare the weapons: for the Lord has taken the work in hand, and will execute what he has spoken against the inhabitants of Babylon,

13 dwelling on many waters, and amidst the abundance of her treasures; your end is come verily into your bowels.

14 For the Lord has sworn by his arm, saying, I will fill you with men as with locusts; and they that come down shall cry against you.

15 The Lord made the earth by his power, preparing the world by his wisdom, by his understanding he stretched out the heaven.

16 At his voice he makes a sound of water in the heaven, and brings up clouds from the extremity of the earth; he makes lightnings for rain, and brings light out of his treasures.

17 Every man has completely lost understanding; every goldsmith is confounded because of his graven images: for they have cast false gods, there is no breath in them.

18 They are vain works, objects of scorn; in the time of their visitation they shall perish.

19 Not such is Jacob's portion; for he that formed all things, he is his inheritance; the Lord is his name.

20 You scatter for me the weapons of war: and I will scatter nations by you, and will destroy kings by means of you.

21 And by you I will scatter the horse and his rider; and by you I will scatter chariots and them that ride in them.

22 And by you I will scatter youth and maid; and by you I will scatter man and woman.

23 And by you I will scatter the shepherd and his flock; and by you I will scatter the husbandman and his husbandry; and by you I will scatter leaders and the captains.

24 And I will recompense to Babylon and to all the Chaldeans that dwell there all their mischiefs that they have done to Zion before your eyes, says the Lord.

25 Behold, I am against you, the ruined mountain, that destroys the whole earth; and I will stretch out mine hand upon you, and will roll you down upon the rocks, and will make you as a burnt mountain.

26 And they shall not take from you a stone for a corner, nor a stone for a foundation: for you shall be a desolation for ever, says the Lord.

27 Lift up a standard in the land, sound the trumpet among the nations, consecrate the nations against her, raise up kings against her by me, and that for the people of Achanaz; set against her engines of war; bring up against her horses as a multitude of locusts.

28 Bring up nations against her, even the king of the Medes and of the whole earth, his rulers, and all his captains.

29 The earth has quaked and been troubled, because the purpose of the Lord has risen up against Babylon, to make the land of Babylon a desolation, and uninhabitable.

30 The warrior of Babylon has failed to fight; they shall sit there in the siege; their power is broken; they are become like women; her tabernacles have been set on fire; her bars are broken.

31 One shall rush, running to meet another runner, and one shall go with tidings to meet another with tidings, to bring tidings to the king of Babylon, that his city is taken.

32 At the end of his passages they were taken, and his cisterns they have burnt with fire, and his warriors are going forth.

33 For thus says the Lord, The houses of the king of Babylon shall be threshed as a floor in the season; yet a little while, and her harvest shall come.

34 He has devoured me, he has torn me asunder, airy darkness has come upon me; Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon has swallowed me up, as a dragon has he filled his belly with my delicacies.

35 My troubles and my distresses have driven me out into Babylon, shall she that dwells in Zion say; and my blood shall be upon the Chaldeans dwelling there, shall Jerusalem say.

36 Therefore thus says the Lord, Behold, I will judge your adversary, and I will execute vengeance for you; and I will waste her sea, and dry up her fountain.

37 And Babylon shall be a desolation, and shall not be inhabited.

38 For they rose up together as lions, and as lions' whelps.

39 In their heat I will give them a draught, and make them drunk, that they may be stupified, and sleep an everlasting sleep, and not awake, says the Lord.

40 And bring you them down as lambs to the slaughter, and rams with kids.

41 How has the boast of all the earth been taken and caught in a snare! how has Babylon become a desolation among the nations!

42 The sea has come up upon Babylon with the sound of its waves, and she is covered.

43 Her cities are become like a dry and trackless land; not so much as one man shall dwell in it, neither shall a son of man lodge in it.

44 And I will take vengeance on Babylon, and bring forth out of her mouth what she has swallowed down, and the nations shall no more be gathered to her:

49 and in Babylon the slain men of all the earth shall fall.

50 Go forth of the land, you that escape, and stay not; you that are afar off, remember the Lord, and let Jerusalem come into your mind.

51 We are ashamed, because we have heard our reproach; disgrace has covered our face; aliens are come into our sanctuary, even into the house of the Lord.

52 Therefore, behold, the days come, says the Lord, when I will take vengeance upon her graven images: and slain men shall fall in all her land.

53 For though Babylon should go up as the heaven, and though she should strengthen her walls with her power, from me shall come they that shall destroy her, says the Lord.

54 A sound of a cry in Babylon, and great destruction in the land of the Chaldeans:

55 for the Lord has utterly destroyed Babylon, and cut off from her the great voice sounding as many waters: he has consigned her voice to destruction.

56 For distress has come upon Babylon, her warriors are taken, their bows are useless: for God recompenses them.

57 The Lord recompenses, and will make her leaders and her wise men and her captains completely drunk, says the King, the Lord Almighty is his name.

58 Thus says the Lord, The wall of Babylon was made broad, but it shall be completely broken down, and her high gates shall be burnt with fire; and the peoples shall not labour in vain, nor the nations fail in their rule.

59 THE WORD WHICH THE LORD COMMANDED THE PROPHET JEREMIAS to say to Saræas son of Nerias, son of Maasæas, when he went from Zedekiah king of Judah to Babylon, in the fourth year of his reign. And Saræas was over the bounties.

60 And Jeremiah wrote in a book all the evils which should come upon Babylon, even all these words that are written against Babylon.

61 And Jeremiah said to Saræas, When you are come to Babylon, and shall see and read all these words;

62 then you shall say, O Lord God, you have spoken against this place, to destroy it, and that there should be none to dwell in it, neither man nor beast; for it shall be a desolation for ever.

63 And it shall come to pass, when you shall cease from reading this book, that you shall bind a stone upon it, and cast it into the midst of Euphrates;

64 and shall say, Thus shall Babylon sink, and not rise, because of the evils which I bring upon it.

Chapter 29

1 THUS SAYS THE LORD AGAINST THE PHILISTINES;

2 Behold, waters come up from the north, and shall become a sweeping torrent, and it shall sweep away the land, and its fulness; the city, and them that dwell in it: and men shall cry and all that dwell in the land shall howl,

3 at the sound of his rushing, at the sound of his hoofs, and at the rattling of his chariots, at the noise of his wheels: the fathers turned not to their children because of the weakness of their hands,

4 in the day that is coming to destroy all the Philistines: and I will utterly destroy Tyre and Sidon, and all the rest of their allies: for the Lord will destroy the remaining inhabitants of the islands.

5 Baldness is come upon Gaza; Ashkelon is cast away, and the remnant of the Enakim.

6 How long will you smite, O sword of the Lord? how long will it be ere you are quiet? return into your sheath, rest, and be removed.

7 How shall it be quiet, whereas the Lord has given it a commission against Ashkelon, and against the regions on the sea-coast, to awake against the remaining countries!

Chapter 30

1 CONCERNING IDUMEA, thus says the Lord; There is no longer wisdom in Thæman, counsel has perished from the wise ones, their wisdom is gone,

2 their place has been deceived. Dig deep for a dwelling, you that inhabit Dædam, for he has wrought grievously: I brought trouble upon him in the time at which I visited him.

3 For grape-gatherers are come, who shall not leave you a remnant; as thieves by night, they shall lay their hand upon your possessions.

4 For I have stripped Esau, I have uncovered their secret places; they shall have no power to hide themselves, they have perished each by the hand of his brother, my neighbour, and it is impossible

5 for your fatherless one to be left to live, but I shall live, and the widows trust in me.

6 For thus says the Lord; They who were not appointed to drink the cup have drunk it; and you shall by no means be cleared:

7 for by myself I have sworn, says the Lord, that you shall be in the midst of her an impassable land, and a reproach, and a curse; and all her cities shall be desert for ever.

8 I have heard a report from the Lord, and he has sent messengers to the nations, saying, Assemble yourselves, and come against her; rise you up to war.

9 I have made you small among the nations, utterly contemptible among men.

10 Your insolence has risen up against you, the fierceness of yours heart has burst the holes of the rocks, it has seized upon the strength of a lofty hill; for as an eagle he set his nest on high: thence will I bring you down.

11 And Edom shall be a desert: every one that passes by shall hiss at it.

12 As Sodom was overthrown and Gomorrah and they that sojourned in her, says the Lord Almighty, no man shall dwell there, nor shall any son of man inhabit there.

13 Behold, he shall come up as a lion out of the midst of Jordan to the place of Ætham: for I will speedily drive them from it, and do you set the young men against her: for who is like me? and who will withstand me? and who is this shepherd, who shall confront me?

14 Therefore hear you the counsel of the Lord, which he has framed against Edom; and his device, which he has devised against the inhabitants of Thæman: surely the least of the sheep shall be swept off; surely their dwelling shall be made desolate for them.

15 For at the sound of their fall the earth was scared, and the cry of the sea was not heard.

16 Behold, he shall look upon her as an eagle, and spread forth his wings over her strongholds; and the heart of the mighty men of Edom shall be in that day as the heart of a woman in her pangs.

17 CONCERNING THE SONS OF AMMON thus says the Lord, Are there no sons in Israel? or have they no one to succeed them? wherefore has Melchol inherited Gilead, and why shall their people dwell in their cities?

18 Therefore, behold, the days come, says the Lord, when I will cause to be heard in Rabbah a tumult of wars; and they shall become a waste and ruined place, and her altars shall be burned with fire; then shall Israel succeed to his dominion.

19 Howl, O Heshbon, for Gai has perished; cry, you daughters of Rabbah, gird yourselves with sackclothes, and lament; for Melchol shall go into banishment, his priests and his princes together.

20 Why do you exult in the plains of the Enakim, you haughty daughter, that trust in your treasures, that say, Who shall come in to me?

21 Behold, I will bring terror upon you, says the Lord, from all the country round about you; and you shall be scattered every one right before him, and there is none to gather you.

23 CONCERNING KEDAR THE QUEEN OF THE PALACE, WHOM NABUCHODONOSOR KING OF BABYLON SMOTE, thus says the Lord; Arise you, and go up to Kedar, and fill the sons of Kedem.

24 They shall take their tents and their sheep, they shall take for themselves their garments, and all their baggage and their camels; and summon you destruction against them from every side.

25 Flee you, dig very deep for a dwelling-place, you that dwell in the palace; for the king of Babylon has framed a counsel, and devised a device against you.

26 Rise up, and go up against a nation settled and dwelling at ease, who have no doors, nor bolts, nor bars, who dwell alone.

27 And their camels shall be a spoil, and the multitude of their cattle shall be destroyed: and I will scatter them as chaff with every wind, having their hair cut about their foreheads, I will bring on their overthrow from all sides, says the Lord.

28 And the palace shall be a resting-place for ostriches, and desolate for ever: no man shall abide there, and no son of man shall dwell there.

29 CONCERNING DAMASCUS. Emath is brought to shame, and Arphath: for they have heard an evil report: they are amazed, they are angry, they shall be utterly unable to rest.

30 Damascus is utterly weakened, she is put to flight; trembling has seized upon her.

31 How has she not left my city, they have loved the village?

32 Therefore shall the young men fall in your streets, and all your warriors shall fall, says the Lord.

33 And I will kindle a fire in the wall of Damascus, and it shall devour the streets of the son of Ader.

Chapter 31

1 Thus has the Lord said concerning MOAB, Woe to Nabau! for it has perished: Cariathaim is taken: Amath and Agath are put to shame.

2 There is no longer any healing for Moab, nor glorying in Heshbon: he has devised evils against her: we have cut her off from being a nation, and she shall be completely still: after you shall go a sword;

3 for there is a voice of men crying out of Oronaim, destruction and great ruin.

4 Moab is ruined, proclaim it to Zogora:

5 for Aloth is filled with weeping: one shall go up weeping by the way of Oronaim; you have heard a cry of destruction.

6 Flee you, and save your lives, and you shall be as a wild ass in the desert.

7 Since you have trusted in your strong-hold, therefore you shall be taken: and Chamos shall go forth into captivity, and his priests, and his princes together.

8 And destruction shall come upon every city, it shall by no means escape; the valley also shall perish, and the plain country shall be completely destroyed, as the Lord has said.

9 Set marks upon Moab, for she shall be touched with a plague-spot, and all her cities shall become desolate; whence shall there be an inhabitant for her?

10 Cursed is the man that does the works of the Lord carelessly, keeping back his sword from blood.

11 Moab has been at ease from a child, and trusted in his glory; he has not poured out his liquor from vessel to vessel, and has not gone into banishment, therefore his taste remained in him, and his smell departed not.

12 Therefore, behold, his days come, says the Lord, when I shall send upon him bad leaders, and they shall lead him astray, and they shall utterly break in pieces his possessions, and shall cut his horns asunder.

13 And Moab shall be ashamed of Chamos, as the house of Israel was ashamed of Bethel their hope, having trusted in them.

14 How will you say, We are strong, and men strong for war?

15 Moab is ruined, even his city, and his choice young men have gone down to slaughter.

16 The day of Moab is near at hand, and his iniquity moves swiftly to vengeance.

17 Shake the head at him, all you that are round about him; all of you utter his name; say you, How is the glorious staff broken to pieces, the rod of magnificence!

18 Come down from your glory, and sit down in a damp place: Dibon shall be broken, because Moab is destroyed: there has gone up against you one to ravage your strong-hold.

19 Stand by the way, and look, you that dwell in Arer; and ask him that is fleeing, and him that escapes, and say, What has happened?

20 Moab is put to shame, because he is broken: howl and cry; proclaim in Arnon, that Moab has perished.

21 And judgment is coming against the land of Misor, upon Chelon, and Rephas, and Mophas,

22 and upon Dibon, and upon Nabau, and upon the house of Dæthlathaim,

23 and upon Cariathaim, and upon the house of Gæmol, and upon the house of Maon,

24 and upon Carioth, and upon Bosor, and upon all the cities of Moab, far and near.

25 The horn of Moab is broken, and his arm is crushed.

26 Make you him drunk; for he has magnified himself against the Lord: and Moab shall clap with his hand, and shall be also himself a laughing-stock.

27 For surely Israel was to you a laughing-stock, and was found among your thefts, because you did fight against him.

28 The inhabitants of Moab have left the cities, and dwelt in rocks; they have become as doves nestling in rocks, at the mouth of a cave.

29 And I have heard of the pride of Moab, he has greatly heightened his pride and his haughtiness, and his heart has been lifted up.

30 But I know his works: is it not enough for him? has he not done thus?

31 Therefore howl you for Moab on all sides; cry out against the shorn men in a gloomy place. I will weep for you,

32 O vine of Aserema, as with the weeping of Jazer: your branches are gone over the sea, they reached the cities of Jazer: destruction has come upon your fruits, and upon your grape-gatherers.

33 Joy and gladness have been utterly swept off the land of Moab: and though there was wine in your presses, in the morning they trod it not, neither in the evening did they raise the cry of joy.

34 From the cry of Heshbon even to Ætam their cities uttered their voice, from Zogor to Oronaim, and their tidings as a heifer of three years old, for the water also of Nebrin shall be dried up.

35 And I will destroy Moab, says the Lord, as he comes up to the altar, and burns incense to his gods.

36 Therefore the heart of Moab shall sound as pipes, my heart shall sound as a pipe for the shorn men; forasmuch as what every man has gained has perished from him.

37 They shall all have their heads shaved in every place, and every beard shall be shaved; and all hands shall beat the breasts, and on all loins shall be sackcloth.

38 And on all the housetops of Moab, and in his streets shall be mourning: for I have broken him, says the Lord, as a vessel, which is useless.

39 How has he changed! how has Moab turned his back! Moab is put to shame, and become a laughing-stock, and an object of anger to all that are round about him.

40 For thus said the Lord;

41 Carioth is taken, and the strong-holds have been taken together.

42 And Moab shall perish from being a multitude, because he has magnified himself against the Lord.

43 A snare, and fear, and the pit, are upon you, O inhabitant of Moab.

44 He that flees from the terror shall fall into the pit, and he that comes up out of the pit shall even be taken in the snare: for I will bring these things upon Moab in the year of their visitation.

Chapter 32

15 Thus said the Lord God of Israel; Take the cup of this unmixed wine from mine hand, and you shall cause all the nations to drink, to whom I send you.

16 And they shall drink, and vomit, and be mad, because of the sword which I send among them.

17 So I took the cup out of the Lord's hand, and caused the nations to whom the Lord sent me to drink:

18 Jerusalem, and the cities of Judah, and the kings of Judah, and his princes, to make them a desert place, a desolation, and a hissing;

19 and Pharaoh king of Egypt, and his servants, and his nobles, and all his people;

20 and all the mingled people, and all the kings of the Philistines, and Ashkelon, and Gaza, and Ekron, and the remnant of Ashdod,

21 and Edom, and the land of Moab, and the children of Ammon,

22 and the kings of Tyre, and the kings of Sidon, and the kings in the country beyond the sea,

23 and Dædan, and Thæman, and Ros, and every one that is shaved round about the face,

24 and all the mingled people lodging in the wilderness,

25 and all the kings of Ælam, and all the kings of the Persians,

26 and all the kings from the north, the far and the near, each one with his brother, and all the kingdoms which are on the face of the earth.

27 And you shall say to them, Thus said the Lord Almighty; Drink you, be you drunken; and you shall vomit, and shall fall, and shall in nowise rise, because of the sword which I send among you.

28 And it shall come to pass, when they refuse to take the cup out of yours hand, to drink it, that you shall say, Thus said the Lord; You shall surely drink.

29 For I am beginning to afflict the city whereon my name is called, and you shall by no means be held guiltless: for I am calling a sword upon all that dwell upon the earth.

30 And you shall prophesy against them these words, and shall say, The Lord shall speak from on high, from his sanctuary he will utter his voice; he will pronounce a declaration on his place; and these shall answer like men gathering grapes: and destruction is coming on them that dwell on the earth,

31 even upon the extreme part of the earth; for the Lord has a controversy with the nations, he is pleading with all flesh, and the ungodly are given to the sword, says the Lord.

32 Thus said the Lord; Behold, evils are proceeding from nation to nation, and a great whirlwind goes forth from the end of the earth.

33 And the slain of the Lord shall be in the day of the Lord from one end of the earth even to the other end of the earth: they shall not be buried; they shall be as dung on the face of the earth.

34 Howl, you shepherds, and cry; and lament, you rams of the flock: for your days have been completed for slaughter, and you shall fall as the choice rams.

35 And flight shall perish from the shepherds, and safety from the rams of the flock.

36 A voice of the crying of the shepherds, and a moaning of the sheep and the rams: for the Lord has destroyed their pastures.

37 And the peaceable abodes that remain shall be destroyed before the fierceness of my anger.

38 He has forsaken his lair, as a lion: for their land is become desolate before the great sword.

Chapter 33

1 IN THE BEGINNING OF THE REIGN OF KING JOAKIM SON OF JOSIAS THERE

2 Thus said the Lord; Stand in the court of the Lord's house, and you shall declare to all the Jews, and to all that come to worship in the house of the Lord, all the words which I commanded you to speak to them; abate not one word.

3 Peradventure they will hear, and turn every one from his evil way: then I will cease from the evils which I purpose to do to them, because of their evil practices.

4 And you shall say, Thus said the Lord; If you will not hearken to me, to walk in my statutes which I set before you,

5 to hearken to the words of my servants the prophets, whom I send to you early in the morning; yea, I sent them, but you hearkened not to me;

6 then will I make this house as Shiloh, and I will make this city a curse to all the nations of all the earth.

7 And the priests, and the false prophets, and all the people heard Jeremiah speaking these words in the house of the Lord.

8 And it came to pass, when Jeremiah had ceased speaking all that the Lord had ordered him to speak to all the people, that the priests and the false prophets and all the people took him, saying,

9 You shall surely die, because you have prophesied in the name of the Lord, saying, This house shall be as Shiloh, and this city shall be made quite destitute of inhabitants. And all the people assembled against Jeremiah in the house of the Lord.

10 And the princes of Judah heard this word, and they went up out of the house of the king to the house of the Lord, and sat in the entrance of the new gate.

11 Then the priests and the false prophets said to the princes and to all the people, The judgment of death is due to this man; because he has prophesied against this city, as you have heard with your ears.

12 Then Jeremiah spoke to the princes, and to all the people, saying, The Lord sent me to prophesy against this house and against this city, all the words which you have heard.

13 And now amend your ways and your works, and hearken to the voice of the Lord; and the Lord shall cease from the evils which he has pronounced against you.

14 And behold, I am in your hands; do to me as is expedient, and as it is best for you.

15 But know for a certainty, that if you slay me, you bring innocent blood upon yourselves, and upon this city, and upon them that dwell in it; for in truth the Lord has sent me to you to speak in your ears all these words.

16 Then the princes and all the people said to the priests and to the false prophets; Judgment of death is not due to this man; for he has spoken to us in the name of the Lord our God.

17 And there rose up men of the elders of the land, and said to all the assembly of the people,

18 Micah the Morathite lived in the days of Hezekiah king of Judah, and said to all the people of Judah, Thus says the Lord; Zion shall be ploughed as a field, and Jerusalem shall become a desolation, and the mountain of the house shall be a thicket of trees.

19 Did Hezekiah and all Judah in any way slay him? Was it not that they feared the Lord, and they made supplication before the Lord, and the Lord ceased from the evils which he had pronounced against them? whereas we have wrought great evil against our own souls.

20 And there was another man prophesying in the name of the Lord, Urias the son of Samæas of Cariathiarim; and he prophesied concerning this land according to all the words of Jeremiah.

21 And king Jehoiakim and all the princes heard all his words, and sought to slay him; and Urias heard it and went into Egypt.

22 And the king sent men into Egypt;

23 and they brought him thence, and brought him in to the king; and he smote him with the sword, and cast him into the sepulchre of the children of his people.

24 Nevertheless the hand of Achicam son of Saphan was with Jeremiah, to prevent his being delivered into the hands of the people, or being killed.

Chapter 34

2 Thus said the Lord; Make to yourself bonds and yokes, and put them about your neck,

3 and you shall send them to the king of Edom, and to the king of Moab, and to the king of the children of Ammon, and to the king of Tyre, and to the king of Sidon, by the hands of their messengers that come to meet them at Jerusalem to Zedekiah king of Judah.

4 And you shall commission them to say to their lords, Thus said the Lord God of Israel; Thus shall you say to your lords;

5 I have made the earth by my great power, and with my high arm, and I will give it to whomsoever it shall seem good in mine eyes.

6 I gave the earth to Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon to serve him, and the wild beasts of the field to labour for him.

8 And the nation and kingdom, all that shall not put their neck under the yoke of the king of Babylon, with sword and famine will I visit them, says the Lord, until they are consumed by his hand.

9 And hearken you not to your false prophets, nor to them that divine to you, nor to them that foretel events by dreams to you, nor to your auguries, nor your sorcerers,

that say, You shall by no means work for the king of Babylon:

10 for they prophesy lies to you, to remove you far from your land.

11 But the nation which shall put its neck under the yoke of the king of Babylon, and serve him, I will even leave it upon its land, and it shall serve him, and dwell in it.

12 I spoke also to Zedekiah king of Judah according to all these words, saying, Put your neck into the yoke,

14 and serve the king of Babylon. For they prophesy unrighteous words to you,

15 for I sent them not, says the Lord; and they prophesy in my name unjustly, that I might destroy you, and you should perish, and your prophets, who unrighteously prophesy lies to you.

16 I spoke to you, and to all this people, and to the priests, saying, Thus said the Lord; Hearken not to the words of the prophets that prophesy to you, saying, Behold, the vessels of the Lord's house shall return from Babylon: for they prophesy to you unrighteous words. I sent them not.

18 If they are prophets, and if the word of the Lord is in them, let them meet me, for thus has the Lord said.

19 And as for the remaining vessels,

20 which the king of Babylon took not, when he carried Jeconiah prisoner out of Jerusalem,

22 they shall go into Babylon, says the Lord.

Chapter 35

1 And it came to pass in the fourth year of Zedekiah king of Judah, in the fifth month, that Ananias the false prophet, the son of Azor, from Gibeon, spoke to me in the house of the Lord, in the sight of the priests and all the people, saying,

2 Thus says the Lord; I have broken the yoke of the king of Babylon.

3 Yet two full years, and I will return into this place the vessels of the house of the Lord,

4 and Jeconiah, and the captivity of Judah: for I will break the yoke of the king of Babylon.

5 Then Jeremiah spoke to Ananias in the sight of all the people, and in the sight of the priests that stood in the house of the Lord,

6 and Jeremiah said, May the Lord indeed do thus; may he confirm your word which you do prophesy, to return the vessels of the house of the Lord, and all the captivity, out of Babylon to this place.

7 Nevertheless hear you the word of the Lord which I speak in your ears, and in the ears of all the people.

8 The prophets that were before me and before you of old, also prophesied over much country, and against great kingdoms, concerning war.

9 As for the prophet that has prophesied for peace, when the word has come to pass, they shall know the prophet whom the Lord has sent them in truth.

10 Then Ananias took the yokes from the neck of Jeremiah in the sight of all the people, and broke them to pieces.

11 And Ananias spoke in the presence of all the people, saying, Thus said the Lord; Thus will I break the yoke of the king of Babylon from the necks of all the nations. And Jeremiah went his way.

12 And the word of the Lord came to Jeremiah, after that Ananias had broken the yokes off his neck, saying,

13 Go and speak to Ananias, saying, Thus says the Lord; You have broken the yokes of wood; but I will make instead of them yokes of iron.

14 For thus said the Lord, I have put a yoke of iron on the neck of all the nations, that they may serve the king of Babylon.

15 And Jeremiah said to Ananias, The Lord has not sent you; and you have caused this people to trust in unrighteousness.

16 Therefore thus said the Lord: Behold, I will cast you off from the face of the earth: this year you shall die.

17 So he died in the seventh month.

Chapter 36

1 And these are the words of the book which Jeremiah sent from Jerusalem to the elders of the captivity, and to the priests, and to the false prophets, even an epistle to Babylon for the captivity, and to all the people;

2 (after the departure of Jeconiah the king and the queen, and the eunuchs, and every freeman, and bondman, and artificer, out of Jerusalem;)

3 by the hand of Eleasan son of Saphan, and Gamarias son of Chelcias, (whom Zedekiah king of Judah sent to the king of Babylon to Babylon) saying,

4 Thus said the Lord God of Israel concerning the captivity which I caused to be carried away from Jerusalem;

5 Build you houses, and inhabit them; and plant gardens, and eat the fruits thereof;

6 and take you wives, and beget sons and daughters; and take wives for your sons, and give your daughters to husbands, and be multiplied, and be not diminished.

7 And seek the peace of the land into which I have carried you captive, and you shall pray to the Lord for the people: for in its peace you shall have peace.

8 For thus says the Lord; Let not the false prophets that are among you persuade you, and let not your diviners persuade you, and hearken not to your dreams which you dream.

9 For they prophesy to you unrighteous words in my name; and I sent them not.

10 For thus said the Lord; When seventy years shall be on the point of being accomplished at Babylon, I will visit you, and will confirm my words to you, to bring back your people to this place.

11 And I will devise for you a device of peace, and not evil, to bestow upon you these good things.

12 And do you pray to me, and I will hearken to you: and do you earnestly seek me, and you shall find me;

13 for you shall seek me with your whole heart.

14 And I will appear to you:

15 whereas you said, The Lord has appointed for us prophets in Babylon:

21 Thus says the Lord concerning Achiab, and concerning Zedekiah; Behold, I will deliver them into the hands of the king of Babylon; and he shall smite them in your sight.

22 And they shall make of them a curse in all the captivity of Judah in Babylon, saying, The Lord do to you as he did to Zedekiah, and as he did to Achiab, whom the king of Babylon fried in the fire;

23 because of the iniquity which they wrought in Israel, and because they committed adultery with the wives of their fellow-citizens, and spoke a word in my name, which I did not command them to speak, and I am witness, says the Lord.

24 And to Samæas the Ælamite you shall say,

25 I sent you not in my name: and to Zephaniah the priest the son of Maasæas say you,

26 The Lord has made you priest in the place of Jodae the priest, to be ruler in the house of the Lord over every prophet, and to every madman, and you shall put them in prison, and into the dungeon.

27 And now wherefore have you reviled together Jeremiah of Anathoth, who prophesied to you?

28 Did he not send for this purpose? for in the course of this month he sent to you to Babylon, saying, It is far off: build you houses, and inhabit them; and plant gardens, and eat the fruit of them.

29 And Zephaniah read the book in the ears of Jeremiah.

30 Then the word of the Lord came to Jeremiah, saying,

31 Send to the captivity, saying, Thus says the Lord concerning Samæas the Ælamite, Since Samæas has prophesied to you, and I sent him not, and he has made you to trust in iniquity,

32 therefore thus says the Lord; Behold, I will visit Samæas, and his family: and there shall not be a man of them in the midst of you to see the good which I will do to you: they shall not see it.

Chapter 37

1 THE WORD THAT CAME TO JEREMIAS FROM THE LORD, SAYING,

2 Thus speaks the Lord God of Israel, saying, Write all the words which I have spoken to you in a book.

3 For, behold, the days come, says the Lord, when I will bring back the captivity of my people Israel and Judah, said the Lord: and I will bring them back to the land which I gave to their fathers, and they shall be lords of it.

4 AND THESE ARE THE WORDS WHICH THE LORD SPOKE CONCERNING ISRAEL

5 Thus said the Lord: You shall hear a sound of fear, there is fear, and there is not peace.

6 Enquire, and see if a male has born a child? and ask concerning the fear, wherein they shall hold their loins, and look for safety: for I have seen every man, and his hands are on his loins; their faces are turned to paleness.

7 For that day is great, and there is not such another; and it is a time of straitness to Jacob; but he shall be saved out of it.

8 In that day, said the Lord, I will break the yoke off their neck, and will burst their bonds, and they shall no longer serve strangers:

9 but they shall serve the Lord their God; and I will raise up to them David their king.

12 Thus says the Lord; I have brought on you destruction; your stroke is painful.

13 There is none to judge your cause: you have been painfully treated for healing, there is no help for you.

14 All your friends have forgotten you; they shall not ask about you at all, for I have smitten you with the stroke of an enemy, even severe correction: your sins have abounded above all your iniquity.

16 Therefore all that devour you shall be eaten, and all your enemies shall eat all their own flesh. Your sins have abounded beyond the multitude of your iniquities, therefore they have done these things to you. And they that spoil you shall become a spoil, and I will give up to be plundered all that have plundered you.

17 For I will bring about your healing, I will heal you of your grievous wound, says the Lord; for you are called Dispersed: she is your prey, for no one seeks after her.

18 Thus said the Lord; Behold, I will turn the captivity of Jacob, and will have pity upon his prisoners; and the city

shall be built upon her hill, and the people shall settle after their manner.

19 And there shall go forth from them singers, even the sound of men making merry: and I will multiply them, and they shall not at all be diminished.

20 And their sons shall go in as before, and their testimonies shall be established before me, and I will visit them that afflict them.

21 And their mighty ones shall be over them, and their prince shall proceed of themselves; and I will gather them, and they shall return to me: for who is this that has set his heart to return to me? says the Lord.

23 For the wrathful anger of the Lord has gone forth, even a whirlwind of anger has gone forth: it shall come upon the ungodly.

24 The fierce anger of the Lord shall not return, until he shall execute it, and until he shall establish the purpose of his heart: in the latter days you shall know these things.

Chapter 38

1 At that time, says the Lord, I will be a God to the family of Israel, and they shall be to me a people.

2 Thus says the Lord, I found him warm in the wilderness with them that were slain with the sword: go you and destroy not Israel.

3 The Lord appeared to him from afar, saying, I have loved you with an everlasting love: therefore have I drawn you in compassion.

4 For I will build you, and you shall be built, O virgin of Israel: you shall yet take your timbrel, and go forth with the party of them that make merry.

5 For you have planted vineyards on the mountains of Samaria: plant you, and praise.

6 For it is a day when those that plead on the mountains of Ephraim shall call, saying, Arise you, and go up to Zion to the Lord your God.

7 For thus says the Lord to Jacob; Rejoice you, and exult over the head of the nations: make proclamation, and praise you: say, The Lord has delivered his people, the remnant of Israel.

8 Behold, I bring them from the north, and will gather them from the end of the earth to the feast of the passover: and the people shall beget a great multitude, and they shall return hither.

9 They went forth with weeping, and I will bring them back with consolation, causing them to lodge by the channels of waters in a straight way, and they shall not err in it: for I am become a father to Israel, and Ephraim is my first-born.

10 Hear the words of the Lord, you nations, and proclaim them to the islands afar off; say, He that scattered Israel will also gather him, and keep him as one that feeds his flock.

11 For the Lord has ransomed Jacob, he has rescued him out of the hand of them that were stronger than he.

12 And they shall come, and shall rejoice in the mount of Zion, and shall come to the good things of the Lord, even to a land of corn, and wine, and fruits, and cattle, and sheep: and their soul shall be as a fruitful tree; and they shall hunger no more.

13 Then shall the virgins rejoice in the assembly of youth, and the old men shall rejoice; and I will turn their mourning into joy, and will make them merry.

14 I will expand and cheer with wine the soul of the priests the sons of Levi, and my people shall be satisfied with my good things: thus says the Lord.

15 A voice was heard in Ramah, of lamentation, and of weeping, and wailing; Rachel would not cease weeping for her children, because they are not.

16 Thus says the Lord; Let your voice cease from weeping, and your eyes from your tears: for there is a reward for your works; and they shall return from the land of your enemies.

17 There shall be an abiding home for your children.

18 I have heard the sound of Ephraim lamenting, and saying, You have chastened me, and I was chastened; I as a calf was not willingly taught: turn you me, and I shall turn; for you are the Lord my God.

19 For after my captivity I repented; and after I knew, I groaned for the day of shame, and shewed you that I bore reproach from my youth.

20 Ephraim is a beloved son, a pleasing child to me: for because my words are in him, I will surely remember him: therefore I made haste to help him; I will surely have mercy upon him, says the Lord.

21 Prepare yourself, O Zion; execute vengeance; look to your ways: return, O virgin of Israel, by the way by which you went, return mourning to your cities.

22 How long, O disgraced daughter, will you turn away? for the Lord has created safety for a new plantation: men shall go about in safety.

23 For thus says the Lord; They shall yet speak this word in the land of Judah, and in the cities thereof, when I shall turn his captivity; blessed be the Lord on his righteous holy mountain!

24 And there shall be dwellers in the cities of Judah, and in all his land, together with the husbandman, and the shepherd shall go forth with the flock.

25 For I have saturated every thirsting soul, and filled every hungry soul.

26 Therefore I awaked, and beheld; and my sleep was sweet to me.

27 Therefore, behold, the days come, says the Lord, when I will sow the house of Israel and the house of Judah with the seed of man, and the seed of beast.

28 And it shall come to pass, that as I watched over them, to pull down, and to afflict, so will I watch over them, to build, and to plant, says the Lord.

29 In those days they shall certainly not say, The fathers ate a sour grape, and the children's teeth were set on edge.

30 But every one shall die in his own sin; and the teeth of him that eats the sour grape shall be set on edge.

31 Behold, the days come, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel, and with the house of Judah:

32 not according to the covenant which I made with their fathers in the day when I took hold of their hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt; for they abode not in my covenant, and I disregarded them, says the Lord.

33 For this is my covenant which I will make with the house of Israel; after those days, says the Lord, I will surely put my laws into their mind, and write them on their hearts; and I will be to them a God, and they shall be to me a people.

34 And they shall not at all teach every one his fellow citizen, and every one his brother, saying, Know the Lord: for all shall know me, from the least of them to the greatest of them: for I will be merciful to their iniquities, and their sins I will remember no more.

35 Though the sky should be raised to a greater height, says the Lord, and though the ground of the earth should be sunk lower beneath, yet I will not cast off the family of Israel, says the Lord, for all that they have done.

36 Thus says the Lord, who gives the sun for a light by day, the moon and the stars for a light by night, and makes a roaring in the sea, so that the waves thereof roar; the Lord Almighty is his name:

37 if these ordinances cease from before me, says the Lord, then shall the family of Israel cease to be a nation before me for ever.

38 Behold, the days come, says the Lord, when the city shall be built to the Lord from the tower of Anameel to the gate of the corner.

39 And the measurement of it shall proceed in front of them as far as the hills of Gareb, and it shall be compassed with a circular wall of choice stones.

40 And all the Asaremoth even to Nachal Kedron, as far as the corner of the horse-gate eastward, shall be holiness to the Lord; and it shall not fail any more, and shall not be destroyed for ever.

Chapter 39

1 The word that came from the Lord to Jeremiah in the tenth year of king Zedekiah, this is the eighteenth year of king Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon.

2 And the host of the king of Babylon had made a rampart against Jerusalem: and Jeremiah was kept in the court of the prison, which is in the king's house;

3 in which king Zedekiah had shut him up, saying, Wherefore do you prophesy, saying, Thus says the Lord, Behold, I will give this city into the hands of the king of Babylon, and he shall take it;

4 and Zedekiah shall by no means be delivered out of the hand of the Chaldeans, for he shall certainly be given up into the hands of the king of Babylon, and his mouth shall speak to his mouth, and his eyes shall look upon his eyes;

5 and Zedekiah shall go into Babylon, and dwell there?

6 AND THE WORD OF THE LORD CAME TO JEREMIAS, SAYING,

7 Behold, Anameel the son of Salom your father's brother is coming to you, saying, Buy you my field that is in Anathoth: for you have the right to take it as a purchase.

8 So Anameel the son of Salom my father's brother came to me into the court of the prison, and said, Buy you my field that is in the land of Benjamin, in Anathoth: for you have a right to buy it, and you are the elder. So I knew that it was the word of the Lord.

9 And I bought the field of Anameel the son of my father's brother, and I weighed him seventeen shekels of silver.

10 And I wrote it in a book, and sealed it, and took the testimony of witnesses, and weighed the money in the balance.

11 And I took the book of the purchase that was sealed;

12 and I gave it to Baruch son of Nerias, son of Maasæas, in the sight of Anameel my father's brother's son, and in the sight of the men that stood by and wrote in the book of the purchase, and in the sight of the Jews that were in the court of the prison.

13 And I charged Baruch in their presence, saying, Thus says the Lord Almighty;

14 Take this book of the purchase, and the book that has been read; and you shall put it into an earthen vessel, that it may remain many days.

15 For thus says the Lord; There shall yet be bought fields and houses and vineyards in this land.

16 And I prayed to the Lord after I had given the book of the purchase to Baruch the son of Nerias, saying,

17 O ever living Lord! you have made the heaven and the earth by your great power, and with your high and lofty arm: nothing can be hidden from you.

18 Granting mercy to thousands, and recompensing the sins of the fathers into the bosoms of their children after them: the great, the strong God;

19 the Lord of great counsel, and mighty in deeds, the great Almighty God, and Lord of great name: your eyes are upon the ways of the children of men, to give to every one according to his way:

20 who have wrought signs and wonders in the land of Egypt even to this day, and in Israel, and among the inhabitants of the earth; and you did make for yourself a name, as at this day;

21 and you did bring out your people Israel out of the land of Egypt with signs, and with wonders, with a mighty hand, and with a high arm, and with great sights;

22 and you gave them this land, which you did swear to give to their fathers, a land flowing with milk and honey;

23 and they went in, and took it; but they hearkened not to your voice, and walked not in your ordinances; they did none of the things which you did command them, and they caused all these calamities to happen to them.

24 Behold, a multitude is come against the city to take it; and the city is given into the hands of the Chaldeans that fight against it, by the power of the sword, and the famine: as you have spoken, so has it happened.

25 And you say to me, Buy you the field for money; and I wrote a book, and sealed it, and took the testimony of witnesses: and the city is given into the hands of the Chaldeans.

26 And the word of the Lord came to me, saying,

27 I am the Lord, the God of all flesh: shall anything be hidden from me!

28 Therefore thus says the Lord God of Israel; This city shall certainly be delivered into the hands of the king of Babylon, and he shall take it:

29 and the Chaldeans shall come to war against this city, and they shall burn this city with fire, and shall burn down the houses wherein they burnt incense on the roofs thereof to Baal, and poured drink-offerings to other gods, to provoke me.

30 For the children of Israel and the children of Judah alone did evil in my sight from their youth.

31 For this city was obnoxious to my anger and my wrath, from the day that they built it even to this day; that I should remove it from my presence,

32 because of all the wickedness of the children of Israel and Judah, which they wrought to provoke me, they and their kings, and their princes, and their priests, and their prophets, the men of Judah, and the dwellers in Jerusalem.

33 And they turned the back to me, and not the face: whereas I taught them early in the morning, but they hearkened no more to receive instruction.

34 And they set their pollutions in the house, on which my name was called, by their uncleannesses.

35 And they built to Baal the altars that are in the valley of the son of Ennom, to offer their sons and their daughters to king Moloch; which things I commanded them not, neither came it into my mind that they should do this abomination, to cause Judah to sin.

36 And now thus has the Lord God of Israel said concerning this city, of which you say, It shall be delivered into the hands of the king of Babylon by the sword, and by famine, and banishment.

37 Behold, I will gather them out of every land, where I have scattered them in my anger, and my wrath, and great fury; and I will bring them back into this place, and will cause them to dwell safely:

38 and they shall be to me a people, and I will be to them a God.

39 And I will give them another way, and another heart, to fear me continually, and that for good to them and their children after them.

40 And I will make with them an everlasting covenant, which I will by no means turn away from them, and I will put my fear into their heart, that they may not depart from me.

41 And I will visit them to do them good, and I will plant them in this land in faithfulness, and with all my heart, and with all my soul.

42 For thus says the Lord; As I have brought upon this people all these great evils, so will I bring upon them all the good things which I pronounced upon them.

43 And there shall yet be fields bought in the land, of which you say, It shall be destitute of man and beast; and they are delivered into the hands of the Chaldeans.

44 And they shall buy fields for money, and you shall write a book, and seal it, and shall take the testimony of witnesses in the land of Benjamin, and round about Jerusalem, and in the cities of Judah, and in the cities of the mountain, and in the cities of the plain, and in the cities of the south: for I will turn their captivity.

Chapter 40

1 And the word of the Lord came to Jeremiah the second time, when he was yet bound in the court of the prison, saying,

2 Thus says the Lord, who made the earth and formed it, to establish it; the Lord is his name;

3 Cry to me, and I will answer you, and I will declare to you great and mighty things, which you know not.

4 For thus says the Lord concerning the houses of this city, and concerning the houses of the king of Judah, which have been pulled down for mounds and fortifications,

5 to fight against the Chaldeans, and to fill it with the corpses of men, whom I smote in mine anger and my wrath, and turned away my face from them, for all their wickedness:

6 Behold, I bring upon her healing and cure, and I will show myself to them, and will heal her, and make both peace and security.

7 And I will turn the captivity of Judah, and the captivity of Israel, and will build them, even as before.

8 And I will cleanse them from all their iniquities, whereby they have sinned against me, and will not remember their sins, whereby they have sinned against me, and revolted from me.

9 And it shall be for joy and praise, and for glory to all the people of the earth, who shall hear all the good that I will do: and they shall fear and be provoked for all the good things and for all the peace which I will bring upon them.

10 Thus says the Lord; There shall yet be heard in this place, of which you say, It is destitute of men and cattle, in the cities of Judah, and in the streets of Jerusalem, the places that have been made desolate for want of men and cattle,

11 the voice of gladness, and the voice of joy, the voice of the bridegroom, and the voice of the bride, the voice of men saying, Give thanks to the Lord Almighty: for the Lord is good; for his mercy endures for ever: and they shall bring gifts into the house of the Lord; for I will turn all the captivity of that land as before, said the Lord.

12 Thus says the Lord of hosts; There shall yet be in this place, that is desert for want of man and beast, in all the cities thereof, resting-places for shepherds causing their flocks to lie down.

13 In the cities of the hill country, and in the cities of the valley, and in the cities of the south, and in the land of Benjamin, and in the cities round about Jerusalem, and in the cities of Judah, flocks shall yet pass under the hand of him that numbers them, says the Lord.

Chapter 41

1 The word that came to Jeremiah from the Lord (now Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon, and all his army, and all the country of his dominion, were warring against Jerusalem, and against all the cities of Judah,) saying,

2 Thus has the Lord said; Go to Zedekiah king of Judah, and you shall say to him, Thus has the Lord said, This city shall certainly be delivered into the hands of the king of Babylon, and he shall take it, and shall burn it with fire:

3 and you shall not escape out of his hand, but shall certainly be taken, and shall be given into his hands; and your eyes shall see his eyes, and you shall enter into Babylon.

4 But hear the word of the Lord, O Zedekiah king of Judah; Thus says the Lord,

5 You shall die in peace: and as they wept for your fathers that reigned before you, they shall weep also for you, saying, Ah lord! and they shall lament for you down to the grave: for I have spoken the word, said the Lord.

6 And Jeremiah spoke to king Zedekiah all these words in Jerusalem.

7 And the host of the king of Babylon warred against Jerusalem, and against the cities of Judah, and against Lachis, and against Azeca: for these strong cities were left among the cities of Judah.

8 The word that came from the Lord to Jeremiah, after king Zedekiah had concluded a covenant with the people, to proclaim a release;

9 that every one should set at liberty his servant, and every one his handmaid, the Hebrew man and Hebrew woman, that no man of Judah should be a bondman.

10 Then all the nobles, and all the people who had entered into the covenant, engaging to set free every one his man-servant, and every one his maid, turned,

11 and gave them over to be men-servants and maid-servants.

12 And the word of the Lord came to Jeremiah, saying,

13 Thus says the Lord; I made a covenant with your fathers in the day wherein I took them out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage, saying,

14 When six years are accomplished, you shall set free your brother the Hebrew, who shall be sold to you: for he shall serve you six years, and then you shall let him go free: but they hearkened not to me, and inclined not their ear.

15 And this day they turned to do that which was right in my sight, to proclaim every one the release of his neighbour; and they had concluded a covenant before me, in the house whereon my name is called.

16 But you turned and profaned my name, to bring back every one his servant, and every one his handmaid, whom you had sent forth free and at their own disposal, to be to you men-servants and maid-servants.

17 Therefore thus said the Lord; You have not hearkened to me, to proclaim a release every one to his neighbour: behold, I proclaim a release to you, to the sword, and to the pestilence, and to the famine; and I will give you up to dispersion among all the kingdoms of the earth.

18 And I will give the men that have transgressed my covenant, who have not kept my covenant, which they made before me, the calf which they prepared to sacrifice with it,

19 the princes of Judah, and the men in power, and the priests, and the people;

20 I will even give them to their enemies, and their carcases shall be food for the birds of the sky and for the wild beasts of the earth.

21 And I will give Zedekiah king of Judea, and their princes, into the hands of their enemies, and the host of the king of Babylon shall come upon them that run away from them.

22 Behold, I will give command, says the Lord, and will bring them back to this land; and they shall fight against it, and take it, and burn it with fire, and the cities of Judah; and I will make them desolate without inhabitants.

Chapter 42

1 THE WORD THAT CAME TO JEREMIAS from the Lord in the days of Jehoiakim, king of Judah, saying,

2 Go to the house of the Archabin, and you shall bring them to the house of the Lord, into one of the courts, and give them wine to drink.

3 So I brought forth Jeconiah the son of Jeremin the son of Chabasin, and his brethren, and his sons, and all the family of the Archabin;

4 and I brought them into the house of the Lord, into the chamber of the sons of Joanan, the son of Ananias, the son of Godolias, a man of God, who dwells near the house of the princes that are over the house of Maasæas the son of Selom, who kept the court.

5 And I set before them a jar of wine, and cups, and I said, Drink you wine.

6 But they said, We will on no account drink wine, for our father Jonadab the son of Rechab commanded us, saying, You shall on no account drink wine, neither you, nor your sons for ever:

7 nor shall you at all build houses, nor sow any seed, nor shall you have a vineyard: for you shall dwell in tents all your days; that you may live many days upon the land, in which you sojourn.

8 And we hearkened to the voice of Jonadab our father, so as to drink no wine all our days, we, and our wives, and our sons, and our daughters;

9 and so as to build no houses to dwell in: and we have had no vineyard, nor field, nor seed:

10 but we have dwelt in tents, and have hearkened, and done according to all that Jonadab our father commanded us.

11 And it came to pass, when Nebuchadnezzar came up against the land, that we said we would come in; and we entered into Jerusalem, for fear of the host of the Chaldeans, and for fear of the host of the Assyrians: and we dwelt there.

12 And the word of the Lord came to me, saying,

13 Thus says the Lord, Go, and say to the men of Judah, and to them that dwell in Jerusalem, Will you not receive correction to hearken to my words?

14 The sons of Jonadab the son of Rechab have kept the word which he commanded his children, that they should drink no wine; and they have not drunk it: but I spoke to you early, and you hearkened not.

15 And I sent to you my servants the prophets, saying, Turn you every one from his evil way, and amend your practices, and go not after other gods to serve them, and you shall dwell upon the land which I gave to you and to your fathers: but you inclined not your ears, and hearkened not.

16 But the sons of Jonadab the son of Rechab have kept the command of their father; but this people has not hearkened to me.

17 Therefore thus says the Lord; Behold, I will bring upon Judah and upon the inhabitants of Jerusalem all the evils which I pronounced against them.

18 Therefore thus says the Lord; Since the sons of Jonadab the son of Rechab have hearkened to the command of their father, to do as their father commanded them:

19 there shall never be wanting a man of the sons of Jonadab the son of Rechab to stand before my face while the earth remains.

Chapter 43

1 IN THE FOURTH YEAR OF JOAKIM son of Josiah king of Judah, the word of the Lord came to me, saying,

2 Take you a roll of a book, and write upon it all the words which I spoke to you against Jerusalem, and against Judah, and against all the nations, from the day when I spoke to you, from the days of Josiah king of Judah, even to this day.

3 Perhaps the house of Judah will hear all the evils which I purpose to do to them; that they may turn from their evil way; and so I will be merciful to their iniquities and their sins.

4 So Jeremiah called Baruch the son of Nerias: and he wrote from the mouth of Jeremiah all the words of the Lord, which he had spoken to him, on a roll of a book.

5 And Jeremiah commanded Baruch, saying, I am in prison; I cannot enter into the house of the Lord:

6 so you shall read in this roll in the ears of the people in the house of the Lord, on the fast day; and in the ears of all Judah that come out of their cities, you shall read to them.

7 Peradventure their supplication will come before the Lord, and they will turn from their evil way: for great is the wrath and the anger of the Lord, which he has pronounced against this people.

8 And Baruch did according to all that Jeremiah commanded him— reading in the book the words of the Lord in the Lord's house.

9 And it came to pass in the eighth year of king Jehoiakim, in the ninth month, all the people in Jerusalem, and the house of Judah, proclaimed a fast before the Lord.

10 And Baruch read in the book the words of Jeremiah in the house of the Lord, in the house of Gamarias son of Saphan the scribe, in the upper court, in the entrance of the new gate of the house of the Lord, and in the ears of all the people.

11 And Micah the son of Gamarias the son of Saphan heard all the words of the Lord, out of the book.

12 And he went down to the king's house, into the house of the scribe: and, behold, there were sitting there all the princes, Elisama the scribe, and Dalæas the son of Selemias, and Jonathan the son of Acchobor, and Gamarias the son of Saphan, and Zedekiah the son of Ananias, and all the princes.

13 And Micah reported to them all the words which he had heard Baruch reading in the ears of the people.

14 And all the princes sent to Baruch son of Nerias Judin the son of Nathanias, the son of Selemias, the son of Chusi, saying, Take in yours hand the roll in which you read in the ears of the people, and come. So Baruch took the roll, and went down to them.

15 And they said to him, Read it again in our ears. And Baruch read it.

16 And it came to pass, when they had heard all the words, that they took counsel each with his neighbour, and said, Let us by all means tell the king all these words.

17 And they asked Baruch, saying, Where did you write all these words?

18 And Baruch said, Jeremiah told me from his own mouth all these words, and I wrote them in a book.

19 And they said to Baruch, Go, and hide, you and Jeremiah; let no man know where you are.

20 And they went in to the king into the court, and gave the roll to one to keep in the house of Elisama; and they told the king all these words.

21 And the king sent Judin to fetch the roll: and he took it out of the house of Elisama: and Judin read in the ears of the king, and in the ears of all the princes who stood round the king.

22 Now the king was sitting in the winter house: and there was a fire on the hearth before him.

23 And it came to pass when Judin had read three or four leaves, he cut them off with a penknife, and cast them into the fire that was on the hearth, until the whole roll was consumed in the fire that was on the hearth.

24 And the king and his servants that heard all these words sought not the Lord, and rent not their garments.

25 But Elnathan and Godolias suggested to the king that he should burn the roll.

26 And the king commanded Jeremeel the king's son, and Saræas the son of Esriel, to take Baruch and Jeremiah: but they were hidden.

27 Then the word of the Lord came to Jeremiah, after the king had burnt the roll, even all the words which Baruch wrote from the mouth of Jeremiah, saying,

28 Again take you another roll, and write all the words that were on the roll, which king Jehoiakim has burnt.

29 And you shall say, Thus says the Lord; You have burnt this roll, saying, Why have you written therein, saying, The king of Babylon shall certainly come in, and destroy this land, and man and cattle shall fail from off it?

30 Therefore thus says the Lord concerning Jehoiakim king of Judah; He shall not have a man to sit on the throne of David: and his carcase shall be cast forth in the heat by day, and in the frost by night.

31 And I will visit him, and his family, and his servants: and I will bring upon him, and upon the inhabitants of Jerusalem, and upon the land of Judah, all the evils which I spoke of to them; and they hearkened not.

32 And Baruch took another roll, and wrote upon it from the mouth of Jeremiah all the words of the book which Jehoiakim had burnt: and there were yet more words added to it like the former.

Chapter 44

1 And Zedekiah the son of Josiah reigned instead of Jehoiakim, whom Nebuchadnezzar appointed to reign over Judah.

2 And he and his servants and the people of the land hearkened not to the words of the Lord, which he spoke by Jeremiah.

3 And king Zedekiah sent Joachal son of Selemias and Zephaniah the priest son of Maasæas to Jeremiah, saying, Pray now for us to the Lord.

4 Now Jeremiah came and went through the midst of the city: for they had not put him into the house of the prison.

5 And the host of Pharaoh was come forth out of Egypt; and the Chaldeans heard the report of them, and they went up from Jerusalem.

6 And the word of the Lord came to Jeremiah, saying,

7 Thus said the Lord; Thus shall you say to the king of Judah who sent to you, to seek me; Behold, the army of Pharaoh which is come forth to help you: they shall return to the land of Egypt:

8 and the Chaldeans themselves shall turn again, and fight against this city, and take it, and burn it with fire.

9 For thus says the Lord; Suppose not in your hearts, saying, The Chaldeans will certainly depart from us: for they shall not depart.

10 And though you should smite the whole host of the Chaldeans that fight against you, and there should be left a few wounded men, these should rise up each in his place, and burn this city with fire.

11 And it came to pass, when the host of the Chaldeans had gone up from Jerusalem for fear of the host of Pharaoh,

12 that Jeremiah went forth from Jerusalem to go into the land of Benjamin, to buy thence a property in the midst of the people.

13 And he was in the gate of Benjamin, and there was there a man with whom he lodged, Saruia the son of Selemias, the son of Ananias; and he caught Jeremiah, saying, You are fleeing to the Chaldeans.

14 And he said, It is false; I do not flee to the Chaldeans. But he hearkened not to him; and Saruia caught Jeremiah, and brought him to the princes.

15 And the princes were very angry with Jeremiah, and smote him, and sent him into the house of Jonathan the scribe: for they had made this a prison.

16 So Jeremiah came into the dungeon, and into the cells, and he remained there many days.

17 Then Zedekiah sent, and called him; and the king asked him secretly, saying, Is there a word from the Lord? and he said, There is: you shall be delivered into the hands of the king of Babylon.

18 And Jeremiah said to the king, Wherein have I wronged you, or your servants, or this people, that you put me in prison?

19 And where are your prophets who prophesied to you saying, The king of Babylon shall not come against this land?

20 Now therefore, my lord the king, let my supplication come before your face: and why do you send me back to the house of Jonathan the scribe? and let me not on any account die there.

21 Then the king commanded, and they cast him into the prison, and gave him a loaf a day out of the place where they bake, until the bread failed out of the city. So Jeremiah continued in the court of the prison.

Chapter 45

1 And Saphanias the son of Nathan, and Godolias the son of Paschor, and Joachal the son of Semelias, heard the words which Jeremiah spoke to the people, saying,

2 Thus says the Lord; He that remains in this city shall die by the sword, and by the famine: but he that goes out to the Chaldeans shall live; and his soul shall be given him for a found treasure, and he shall live.

3 For thus says the Lord; This city shall certainly be delivered into the hands of the host of the king of Babylon, and they shall take it.

4 And they said to the king, Let that man, we pray you, be slain, for he weakens the hands of the fighting men that are left in the city, and the hands of all the people, speaking to them according to these words: for this man does not prophesy peace to this people, but evil.

5 Then the king said, Behold, he is in your hands. For the king could not resist them.

6 And they cast him into the dungeon of Melchias the king's son, which was in the court of the prison; and they let him down into the pit: and there was no water in the pit, but mire: and he was in the mire.

7 And Abdemelech the Ethiopian heard, (now he was in the king's household,) that they had put Jeremiah into the dungeon; and the king was in the gate of Benjamin:

8 and he went forth to him, and spoke to the king and said,

9 You have done evil in what you have done to slay this man with hunger: for there is no more bread in the city.

10 And the king commanded Abdemelech, saying, Take with you hence thirty men, and bring him up out of the dungeon, that he die not.

11 So Abdemelech took the men, and went into the underground part of the king's house, and took thence old rags and old ropes, and threw them to Jeremiah into the dungeon.

12 And he said, Put these under the ropes. And Jeremiah did so.

13 And they drew him with the ropes, and lifted him out of the dungeon: and Jeremiah remained in the court of the prison.

14 Then the king sent, and called him to himself into the house of Aselisel, which was in the house of the Lord: and the king said to him, I will ask you a question, and I pray you hide nothing from me.

15 And Jeremiah said to the king, If I tell you, will you not certainly put me to death? and if I give you counsel, you will not at all hearken to me.

16 And the king swore to him, saying, As the Lord lives who gave us this soul, I will not slay you, neither will I give you into the hands of these men.

17 And Jeremiah said to him, Thus says the Lord; If you will indeed go forth to the captains of the king of Babylon, your soul shall live, and this city shall certainly not be burnt with fire; and you shall live, and your house.

18 But if you will not go forth, this city shall be delivered into the hands of the Chaldeans, and they shall burn it with fire, and you shall by no means escape.

19 And the king said to Jeremiah, I consider the Jews that have gone over to the Chaldeans, lest they deliver me into their hands, and they mock me.

20 And Jeremiah said, They shall in no wise deliver you up. Hear the word of the Lord which I speak to you; and it shall be better for you, and your soul shall live.

21 But if you will not go forth, this is the word which the Lord has shewn me.

22 And, behold, all the women that are left in the house of the king of Judah were brought forth to the princes of the king of Babylon; and they said, The men who were at peace with you have deceived you, and will prevail against you; and they shall cause your foot to slide and fail, they have turned back from you.

23 And they shall bring forth your wives and your children to the Chaldeans: and you shall by no means escape, for you shall be taken by the hand of the king of Babylon, and this city shall be burnt.

24 Then the king said to him, Let no man know any of these words, and certainly you shall not die.

25 And if the princes shall hear that I have spoken to you, and they come to you, and say to you, Tell us, what said the king to you? hide it not from us, and we will in no wise slay you, and what said the king to you?

26 Then you shall say to them, I brought my supplication before the presence of the king, that he would not send me back into the house of Jonathan, that I should die there.

27 And all the princes came to Jeremiah, and asked him: and he told them according to all these words, which the king had commanded him. And they were silent, because the word of the Lord was not heard.

28 And Jeremiah remained in the court of the prison, until the time when Jerusalem was taken.

Chapter 46

1 And it came to pass in the ninth month of Zedekiah king of Judah, that Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon came, and all his host, against Jerusalem, and they besieged it.

2 And in the eleventh year of Zedekiah, in the fourth month, on the ninth day of the month, the city was broken up.

3 And all the leaders of the king of Babylon went in, and sat in the middle gate, Marganasar, and Samagoth, and Nabusachar, and Nabusaris, Nagargas, Naserrabamath, and the rest of the leaders of the king of Babylon,

14 and they sent, and took Jeremiah out of the court of the prison, and gave him in charge to Godolias the son of Achicam, the son of Saphan: and they brought him out, and he sat in the midst of the people.

15 And the word of the Lord came to Jeremiah in the court of the prison, saying,

16 Go and say to Abdemelech the Ethiopian, Thus said the Lord God of Israel; Behold, I will bring my words upon this city for evil, and not for good.

17 But I will save you in that day, and I will by no means deliver you into the hands of the men before whom you are afraid.

18 For I will surely save you, and you shall by no means fall by the sword; and you shall find your life, because you did trust in me, says the Lord.

Chapter 47

1 The word that came from the Lord to Jeremiah, after that Nebuzaradan the captain of the guard had let him go out of Ramah, when he had taken him in manacles in the midst of the captivity of Judah, even those who were carried to Babylon.

2 And the chief captain of the guard took him, and said to him, The Lord your God has pronounced all these evils upon this place:

3 and the Lord has done it; because you sinned against him, and hearkened not to his voice.

4 Behold, I have loosed you from the manacles that were upon yours hands. If it seem good to you to go with me to Babylon, then will I set mine eyes upon you.

5 But if not, depart; return to Godolias the son of Achicam, the son of Saphan, whom the king of Babylon has appointed governor in the land of Judah, and dwell with him in the midst of the people in the land of Judah: to whatsoever places it seems good in your eyes to go, do you even go. And the captain of the guard made him presents, and let him go.

6 And he came to Godolias to Mizpah, and dwelt in the midst of his people that was left in the land.

7 And all the leaders of the host that was in the country, they and their men, heard that the king of Babylon had appointed Godolias governor in the land, and they committed to him the men and their wives, whom Nebuchadnezzar had not removed to Babylon.

8 And there came to Godolias to Mizpah Ishmael the son of Nathanias, and Joanan son of Caree, and Saræas the son of Thanaemeth, and the sons of Jophe the Netophathite, and Ezonias son of the Mochathite, they and their men.

9 And Godolias swore to them and to their men, saying, Be not afraid before the children of the Chaldeans: dwell in the land, and serve the king of Babylon, and it shall be better for you.

10 And, behold, I dwell in your presence at Mizpah, to stand before the Chaldeans who shall come against you: and do you gather grapes, and fruits, and oil, and put them into your vessels, and dwell in the cities which you have obtained possession of.

11 And all the Jews that were in Moab, and among the children of Ammon, and those that were in Edom, and those that were in all the rest of the country, heard that the king of Babylon had granted a remnant to Judah, and that he had appointed over them Godolias the son of Achicam.

12 And they came to Godolias into the land of Judah, to Mizpah, and gathered grapes, and very much summer fruit, and oil.

13 And Joanan the son of Caree, and all the leaders of the host, who were in the fields, came to Godolias to Mizpah,

14 and said to him, Do you indeed know that king Beleissa son of Ammon has sent Ishmael to you to slay you? But Godolias believed them not.

15 And Joanan said to Godolias secretly in Mizpah, I will go now and smite Ishmael, and let no man know it; lest he slay you, and all the Jews that are gathered to you be dispersed, and the remnant of Judah perish.

16 But Godolias said to Joanan, Do not the thing, for you speak lies concerning Ishmael.

Chapter 48

1 Now it came to pass in the seventh month that Ishmael the son of Nathanias the son of Eleasa of the seed royal, came, and ten men with him, to Godolias to Mizpah: and they ate bread there together.

2 And Ishmael rose up, and the ten men that were with him, and smote Godolias, whom the king of Babylon had appointed governor over the land,

3 and all the Jews that were with him in Mizpah, and all the Chaldeans that were found there.

4 And it came to pass on the second day after he had smitten Godolias, and no man knew of it,

5 that there came men from Shechem, and from Salem, and from Samaria, even eighty men, having their beards shaven, and their clothes rent, and beating their breasts, and they had manna and frankincense in their hands, to bring them into the house of the Lord.

6 And Ishmael went out to meet them; and they went on and wept: and he said to them, Come in to Godolias.

7 And it came to pass, when they had entered into the midst of the city, that he slew them and cast them into a pit.

8 But ten men were found there, and they said to Ishmael, Slay us not: for we have treasures in the field, wheat and barley, honey and oil. So he passed by, and slew them not in the midst of their brethren.

9 Now the pit into which Ishmael cast all whom he smote, is the great pit, which king Asa had made for fear of Baasa king of Israel: even this Ishmael filled with slain men.

10 And Ishmael brought back all the people that were left in Mizpah, and the king's daughter, whom the captain of the guard had committed in charge to Godolias the son of Achicam: and he went away beyond the children of Ammon.

11 And Joanan the son of Careë, and all the leaders of the host that were with him, heard of all the evil deeds which Ishmael had done.

12 And they brought all their army, and went to fight against him, and found him near much water in Gibeon.

13 And it came to pass, when all the people that was with Ishmael saw Joanan, and the leaders of the host that was with him,

14 that they returned to Joanan.

15 But Ishmael escaped with eight men and went to the children of Ammon.

16 And Joanan, and all the leaders of the host that were with him, took all the remnant of the people, whom he had brought back from Ishmael, mighty men in war, and the women, and the other property, and the eunuchs, whom they had brought back from Gibeon:

17 and they departed, and dwelt in Gaberoch-amaa, that is by Bethlehem, to go into Egypt, for fear of the Chaldeans:

18 for they were afraid of them, because Ishmael had smitten Godolias, whom the king of Babylon made governor in the land.

Chapter 49

1 Then came all the leaders of the host, and Joanan, and Azarias the son of Maasæas, and all the people great and small,

2 to Jeremiah the prophet, and said to him, Let now our supplication come before your face, and pray you to the Lord your God for this remnant; for we are left few out of many, as your eyes see.

3 And let the Lord your God declare to us the way wherein we should walk, and the thing which we should do.

4 And Jeremiah said to them, I have heard you; behold, I will pray for you to the Lord our God, according to your words; and it shall come to pass, that whatsoever word the Lord God shall answer, I will declare it to you; I will not hide anything from you.

5 And they said to Jeremiah, Let the Lord be between us for a just and faithful witness, if we do not according to every word which the Lord shall send to us.

6 And whether it be good, or whether it be evil, we will hearken to the voice of the Lord our God, to whom we send you; that it may be well with us, because we shall hearken to the voice of the Lord our God.

7 And it came to pass after ten days, that the word of the Lord came to Jeremiah.

8 And he called Joanan, and the leaders of the host, and all the people from the least even to the greatest,

9 and he said to them, Thus says the Lord;

10 If you will indeed dwell in this land, I will build you, and will not pull you down, but will plant you, and in no wise pluck you up: for I have ceased from the calamities which I brought upon you.

11 Be not afraid of the king of Babylon, of whom you are afraid; be not afraid of him, says the Lord: for I am with you, to deliver you, and save you out of their hand.

12 And I will grant you mercy, and pity you, and will restore you to your land.

13 But if you say, We will not dwell in this land, that we may not hearken to the voice of the Lord;

14 for we will go into the land of Egypt, and we shall see no war, and shall not hear the sound of a trumpet, and we shall not hunger for bread; and there we will dwell:

15 then hear the word of the Lord; thus says the Lord;

16 If you set your face toward Egypt, and go in there to dwell; then it shall be, that the sword which you fear shall find you in the land of Egypt, and the famine to which you have regard, shall overtake you, coming after you in Egypt; and there you shall die.

17 And all the men, and all the strangers who have set their face toward the land of Egypt to dwell there, shall be consumed by the sword, and by the famine: and there shall not one of them escape from the evils which I bring upon them.

18 For thus says the Lord; As my wrath has dropped upon the inhabitants of Jerusalem, so shall my wrath drop upon you, when you have entered into Egypt: and you shall be a desolation, and under the power of others, and a curse and a reproach: and you shall no more see this place.

19 These are the words which the Lord has spoken concerning you the remnant of Judah; Enter you not into Egypt: and now know you for a certainty,

20 that you have wrought wickedness in your hearts, when you sent me, saying, Pray you for us to the Lord; and according to all that the Lord shall speak to you we will do.

21 And you have not hearkened to the voice of the Lord, with which he sent me to you.

22 Now therefore you shall perish by sword and by famine, in the place which you desire to go into to dwell there.

Chapter 50

1 And it came to pass, when Jeremiah ceased speaking to the people all the words of the Lord, for which the Lord had sent him to them, even all these words,

2 that Azarias son of Maasæas spoke, and Joanan, the son of Careë, and all the men who had spoken to Jeremiah, saying, It is false: the Lord has not sent you to us, saying, Enter not into Egypt to dwell there:

3 but Baruch the son of Nerias sets you against us, that you may deliver us into the hands of the Chaldeans, to kill us, and that we should be carried away captives to Babylon.

4 So Joanan, and all the leaders of the host, and all the people, refused to hearken to the voice of the Lord, to dwell in the land of Judah.

5 And Joanan, and all the leaders of the host, took all the remnant of Judah, who had returned to dwell in the land;

6 the mighty men, and the women, and the children that were left, and the daughters of the king, and the souls which Nebuzaradan had left with Godolias the son of Achicam, and Jeremiah the prophet, and Baruch the son of Nerias.

7 And they came into Egypt: for they hearkened not to the voice of the Lord: and they entered into Tahpanhes.

8 And the word of the Lord came to Jeremiah in Tahpanhes, saying,

9 Take you great stones, and hide them in the entrance, at the gate of the house of Pharaoh in Tahpanhes, in the sight of the men of Judah:

10 and you shall say, Thus has the Lord said; Behold, I will send, and will bring Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon, and

he shall place his throne upon these stones which you have hidden, and he shall lift up weapons against them.

11 And he shall enter in, and smite the land of Egypt, delivering some for death to death; and some for captivity to captivity; and some for the sword to the sword.

12 And he shall kindle a fire in the houses of their gods, and shall burn them, and shall carry them away captives: and shall search the land of Egypt, as a shepherd searches his garment; and he shall go forth in peace.

13 And he shall break to pieces the pillars of Heliopolis that are in On, and shall burn their houses with fire.

Chapter 51

1 THE WORD THAT CAME TO JEREMIAS for all the Jews dwelling in the land of Egypt, and for those settled in Magdolo and in Tahpanhes, and in the land of Pathura, saying,

2 Thus has the Lord God of Israel said; You have seen all the evils which I have brought upon Jerusalem, and upon the cities of Judah; and, behold, they are desolate without inhabitants,

3 because of their wickedness, which they have wrought to provoke me, by going to burn incense to other gods, whom you knew not.

4 Yet I sent to you my servants the prophets early in the morning, and I sent, saying, Do not you this abominable thing which I hate.

5 But they hearkened not to me, and inclined not their ear to turn from their wickedness, so as not to burn incense to strange gods.

6 So mine anger and my wrath dropped upon them, and was kindled in the gates of Judah, and in the streets of Jerusalem; and they became a desolation and a waste, as at this day.

7 And now thus has the Lord Almighty said, Wherefore do you commit these great evils against your souls? to cut off man and woman of you, infant and suckling from the midst of Judah, to the end that not one of you should be left;

8 by provoking me with the works of your hands, to burn incense to other gods in the land of Egypt, into which you entered to dwell there, that you might be cut off, and that you might become a curse and a reproach among all the nations of the earth?

9 Have you forgotten the sins of your fathers, and the sins of the kings of Judah, and the sins of your princes, and the sins of your wives, which they wrought in the land of Judah, and in the streets of Jerusalem?

10 And have not ceased even to this day, and they have not kept to my ordinances, which I set before their fathers.

11 Therefore thus says the Lord; Behold, I do set my face against you

12 to destroy all the remnant that are in Egypt; and they shall fall by the sword, and by famine, and shall be consumed small and great: and they shall be for reproach, and for destruction, and for a curse.

13 And I will visit them that dwell in the land of Egypt, as I have visited Jerusalem, with sword and with famine:

14 and there shall not one be preserved of the remnant of Judah that sojourn in the land of Egypt, to return to the land of Judah, to which they hope in their hearts to return: they shall not return, but only they that escape.

15 Then all the men that knew that their wives burned incense, and all the women, a great multitude, and all the people that dwelt in the land of Egypt, in Pathura, answered Jeremiah, saying,

16 As for the word which you have spoken to us in the name of the Lord, we will not hearken to you.

17 For we will surely perform every word that shall proceed out of our mouth, to burn incense to the queen of heaven, and to pour drink-offerings to her, as we and our fathers have done, and our kings and princes, in the cities of Judah, and in the streets of Jerusalem: and so we were filled with bread, and were well, and saw no evils.

18 But since we left off to burn incense to the queen of heaven, we have all been brought low, and have been consumed by sword and by famine.

19 And whereas we burned incense to the queen of heaven, and poured drink-offerings to her, did we make cakes to her, and pour drink-offerings to her, without our husbands?

20 Then Jeremiah answered all the people, the mighty men, and the women, and all the people that returned him these words for answer, saying,

21 Did not the Lord remember the incense which you burned in the cities of Judah, and in the streets of Jerusalem, you, and your fathers, and your kings, and your princes, and the people of the land? and came it not into his heart?

22 And the Lord could no longer bear you, because of the wickedness of your doings, and because of your abominations which you wrought; and so your land became a desolation and a waste, and a curse, as at this day;

23 because of your burning incense, and because of the things wherein you sinned against the Lord: and you have not hearkened to the voice of the Lord, and have not walked in his ordinances, and in his law, and in his testimonies; and so these evils have come upon you.

24 And Jeremiah said to the people, and to the women, Hear you the word of the Lord.

25 Thus has the Lord God of Israel said; You women have spoken with your mouth, and you fulfilled it with your hands, saying, We will surely perform our vows that we have vowed, to burn incense to the queen of heaven, and to pour drink-offerings to her: full well did you keep to your vows, and you have indeed performed them.

26 Therefore hear you the word of the Lord, all Jews dwelling in the land of Egypt; Behold, I have sworn by my great name, says the Lord, my name shall no longer be in the mouth of every Jew to say, The Lord lives, in all the land of Egypt.

27 For I have watched over them, to hurt them, and not to do them good: and all the Jews dwelling in the land of Egypt shall perish by sword and by famine, until they are utterly consumed.

28 And they that escape the sword shall return to the land of Judah few in number, and the remnant of Judah, who have continued in the land of Egypt to dwell there, shall know whose word shall stand.

29 And this shall be a sign to you, that I will visit you for evil.

30 Thus said the Lord; Behold, I will give Uaphres king of Egypt into the hands of his enemy, and into the hands of one that seeks his life; as I gave Zedekiah king of Judah into the hands of Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon, his enemy, and who sought his life.

31 THE WORD WHICH JEREMIAS THE PROPHET spoke to Baruch son of Nerias, when he wrote these words in the book from the mouth of Jeremiah, in the fourth year of Jehoiakim the son of Josiah king of Judah.

32 Thus has the Lord said to you, O Baruch.

33 Whereas you have said, Alas! alas! for the Lord has laid a grievous trouble upon me; I lay down in groaning, I found no rest;

34 say you to him, Thus says the Lord; Behold, I pull down those whom I have built up, and I pluck up those whom I have planted.

35 And will you seek great things for yourself? seek them not: for, behold, I bring evil upon all flesh, says the Lord: but I will give to you your life for a spoil in every place whither you shall go.

Chapter 52

1 It was the twenty-first year of Zedekiah, when he began to reign, and he reigned eleven years in Jerusalem. And his mother's name was Amitaal, the daughter of Jeremiah, of Lobena.

4 And it came to pass in the ninth year of his reign, in the ninth month, on the tenth day of the month, that Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon came, and all his host, against Jerusalem, and they made a rampart round it, and built a wall round about it with large stones.

5 So the city was besieged, until the eleventh year of king Zedekiah,

6 on the ninth day of the month, and then the famine was severe in the city, and there was no bread for the people of the land.

7 And the city was broken up, and all the men of war went out by night by the way of the gate, between the wall and the outworks, which were by the king's garden; and the Chaldeans were by the city round about; and they went by the way leading to the wilderness.

8 But the host of the Chaldeans pursued after the king, and overtook him in the country beyond Jericho; and all his servants were dispersed from about him.

9 And they took the king, and brought him to the king of Babylon to Deblatha, and he judged him.

10 And the king of Babylon slew the sons of Zedekiah before his eyes; and he slew all the princes of Judah in Deblatha.

11 And he put out the eyes of Zedekiah, and bound him in fetters; and the king of Babylon brought him to Babylon, and put him into the grindinghouse, until the day when he died.

12 And in the fifth month, on the tenth day of the month, Nebuzaradan the captain of the guard, who waited on the king of Babylon, came to Jerusalem;

13 and he burnt the house of the Lord, and the king's house; and all the houses of the city, and every great house he burnt with fire.

14 And the host of the Chaldeans that was with the captain of the guard pulled down all the wall of Jerusalem round about.

16 But the captain of the guard left the remnant of the people to be vinedressers and husbandmen.

17 And the Chaldeans broke in pieces the brazen pillars that were in the house of the Lord, and the bases, and the brazen sea that was in the house of the Lord, and they took the brass thereof, and carried it away to Babylon.

18 Also the rim, and the bowls, and the flesh-hooks, and all the brazen vessels, wherewith they ministered;

19 and the basons, and the snuffers, and the oil-funnels, and the candlesticks, and the censers, and the cups, the golden, of gold, and the silver, of silver, the captain of the guard took away.

20 And the two pillars, and the one sea, and the twelve brazen oxen under the sea, which things king Solomon made for the house of the Lord; the brass of which articles was without weight.

21 And as for the pillars, the height of one pillar was thirty-five cubits; and a line of twelve cubits compassed it round; and the thickness of it all round was four fingers.

22 And there was a brazen chapiter upon them, and the length was five cubits, even the height of one chapiter; and there were on the chapiter round about network and pomegranates, all of brass: and correspondingly the second pillar had eight pomegranates to a cubit for the twelve cubits.

23 And the pomegranates were ninety-six on a side; and all the pomegranates on the network round about were a hundred.

24 And the captain of the guard took the chief priest, and the second priest, and those that kept the way;

25 and one eunuch, who was over the men of war, and seven men of renown, who were in the king's presence, that were found in the city; and the scribe of the forces, who did the part of a scribe to the people of the land; and sixty men of the people of the land, who were found in the midst of the city.

26 And Nebuzaradan the captain of the king's guard took them, and brought them to the king of Babylon to Deblatha.

27 And the king of Babylon smote them in Deblatha, in the land of Æmath.

31 And it came to pass in the thirty-seventh year after that Jehoiakim king of Judah had been carried away captive, in the twelfth month, on the four and twentieth day of the month, that Ulæmadachar king of Babylon, in the year in which he began to reign, raised the head of Jehoiakim king of Judah, and shaved him, and brought him out of the house where he was kept,

32 and spoke kindly to him, and set his throne above the kings that were with him in Babylon,

33 and changed his prison garments: and he ate bread continually before him all the days that he lived.

34 And his appointed portion was given him continually by the king of Babylon from day to day, until the day when he died.

Lamentations

Chapter 1

[AND it came to pass, after Israel was taken captive, and Jerusalem made desolate, that Jeremiah sat weeping, and lamented with this lamentation over Jerusalem, and said]

1 ALEPH. How does the city that was filled with people sit solitary! she is become as a widow: she that was magnified among the nations, and princess among the provinces, has become tributary.

2 BETH. She weeps sore in the night, and her tears are on her cheeks; and there is none of all her lovers to comfort her: all that were her friends have dealt deceitfully with her, they are become her enemies.

3 GIMEL. Judea is gone into captivity by reason of her affliction, and by reason of the abundance of her servitude: she dwells among the nations, she has not found rest: all her pursuers have overtaken her between her oppressors.

4 DALETH. The ways of Zion mourn, because there are none that come to the feast: all her gates are ruined: her priests groan, her virgins are led captive, and she is in bitterness in herself.

5 HE. Her oppressors are become the head, and her enemies have prospered; for the Lord has afflicted her because of the multitude of her sins: her young children are gone into captivity before the face of the oppressor.

6 VAU. And all her beauty has been taken away from the daughter of Zion: her princes were as rams finding no pasture, and are gone away in weakness before the face of the pursuer.

7 ZAIN. Jerusalem remembered the days of her affliction, and her rejection; she thought on all her desirable things which were from the days of old, when her people fell into the hands of the oppressor, and there was none to help her: when her enemies saw it they laughed at her habitation.

8 HETH. Jerusalem has sinned a great sin; therefore has she come into tribulation, all that used to honour her have afflicted her, for they have seen her shame: yea, she herself groaned, and turned backward.

9 TETH. Her uncleanness is before her feet; she remembered not her last end; she has lowered her boasting tone, there is none to comfort her. Behold, O Lord, my affliction: for the enemy has magnified himself.

10 JOD. The oppressor has stretched out his hand on all her desirable things: for she has seen the Gentiles entering into her sanctuary, concerning whom you did command that they should not enter into your congregation.

11 CHAPH. All her people groan, seeking bread: they have given their desirable things for meat, to restore their soul: behold, Lord, and look; for she is become dishonoured.

12 LAMED. All you that pass by the way, turn, and see if there is sorrow like to my sorrow, which has happened to me. The Lord who spoke by me has afflicted me in the day of his fierce anger.

13 MEM. He has sent fire from his lofty habitation, he has brought it into my bones: he has spread a net for my feet, he has turned me back: he has made me desolate and mourning all the day.

14 NUN. He has watched over my sins, they are twined about my hands, they have come up on my neck: my strength has failed; for the Lord has laid pains on my hands, I shall not be able to stand.

15 SAMECH. The Lord has cut off all my strong men from the midst of me: he has summoned against me a time for crushing my choice men: the Lord has trodden a wine-press for the virgin daughter of Judah: for these things I weep.

16 AIN. Mine eye has poured out water, because he that should comfort me, that should restore my soul, has been removed far from me: my sons have been destroyed, because the enemy has prevailed.

17 PHE. Zion has spread out her hand, and there is none to comfort her: the Lord has commanded concerning Jacob, his oppressors are round about him: Jerusalem has become among them as a removed woman.

18 TSADE. The Lord is righteous; for I have provoked his mouth: hear, I pray you, all people, and behold my grief: my virgins and my young men are gone into captivity.

19 KOPH. I called my lovers, but they deceived me: my priests and my elders failed in the city; for they sought meat that they might restore their souls, and found it not.

20 RHECHS. Behold, O Lord; for I am afflicted: my belly is troubled, and my heart is turned within me; for I have been grievously rebellious: abroad the sword has bereaved me, even as death at home.

21 CHSEN. Hear, I pray you, for I groan: there is none to comfort me: all mine enemies have heard of mine afflictions, and rejoice because you have done it: you have brought on the day, you have called the time: they are become like to me.

22 THAU. Let all their wickedness come before your face; and strip them, as they have made a gleaning for all my sins: for my groans are many, and my heart is grieved.

Chapter 2

1 ALEPH. How has the Lord darkened in his wrath the daughter of Zion! he has cast down the glory of Israel from heaven to earth, and has not remembered his footstool.

2 BETH. In the day of his wrath the Lord has overwhelmed her as in the sea, and not spared: he has brought down in his fury all the beautiful things of Jacob; he has brought down to the ground the strong-holds of the daughter of Judah: he has profaned her king and her princes.

3 GIMEL. He has broken in his fierce anger all the horn of Israel: he has turned back his right hand from the face of the enemy, and has kindled a flame in Jacob as fire, and it has devoured all things round about.

4 DALETH. He has bent his bow as an opposing enemy: he has strengthened his right hand as an adversary, and has destroyed all the desirable things of my eyes in the tabernacle of the daughter of Zion: he has poured forth his anger as fire.

5 HE. The Lord is become as an enemy: he has overwhelmed Israel as in the sea, he has overwhelmed her palaces: he has destroyed his strongholds, and has multiplied the afflicted and humbled ones to the daughter of Judah.

6 VAU. And he has scattered his tabernacle as a vine, he has marred his feast: the Lord has forgotten the feast and the sabbath which he appointed in Zion, and in the fury of his wrath has vexed the king, and priest, and prince.

7 ZAIN. The Lord has rejected his altar, he has cast off his sanctuary, he has broken by the hand of the enemy the wall of her palaces; they have uttered their voice in the house of the Lord as on a feast day.

8 HETH. And he has turned to destroy the wall of the daughter of Zion: he has stretched out the measuring line, he has not turned back his hand from afflicting her: therefore the bulwark mourned, and the wall was weakened with it.

9 TETH. Her gates are sunk into the ground: he has destroyed and broken to pieces her bars, and her king and her prince among the Gentiles: there is no law, nay, her prophets have seen no vision from the Lord.

10 JOD. The elders of the daughter of Zion have sat upon the ground, they have kept silence: they have cast up dust upon their heads; they have girded themselves with sackcloths: they have brought down to the ground the chief virgins in Jerusalem.

11 CHAPH. Mine eyes have failed with tears, my heart is troubled, my glory is cast down to the ground, for the destruction of the daughter of my people; while the infant and suckling swoon in the streets of the city.

12 LAMED. They said to their mothers, Where is corn and wine? while they fainted like wounded men in the streets of the city, while their souls were poured out into their mother's bosom.

13 MEM. What shall I testify to you, or what shall I compare to you, O daughter of Jerusalem? who shall save and comfort you, O virgin daughter of Zion? for the cup of your destruction is enlarged: who shall heal you?

14 NUN. Your prophets have seen for you vanities and folly: and they have not discovered your iniquity, to turn back your captivity; but they have seen for you vain burdens, and worthless visions.

15 SAMECH. All that go by the way have clapped their hands at you; they have hissed and shaken their head at the daughter of Jerusalem. Is this the city, they say, the crown of joy of all the earth?

16 AIN. All your enemies have opened their mouth against you: they have hissed and gnashed their teeth, and said, We have swallowed her up: moreover this is the day which we looked for; we have found it, we have seen it.

17 PHE. The Lord has done that which he purposed; he has accomplished his word, even the things which he commanded from the ancient days: he has thrown down, and has not spared: and he has caused the enemy to rejoice over you, he has exalted the horn of him that afflicted you.

18 TSADE. Their heart cried to the Lord, You walls of Zion, pour down tears like torrents day and night: give yourself no rest; let not the apple of your eyes cease.

19 KOPH. Arise, rejoice in the night at the beginning of your watch: pour out your heart as water before the face of the Lord: lift up your hands to him for the life of your infants, who faint for hunger at the top of all the streets.

20 RHECHS. Behold, O Lord, and see for whom you have gathered thus. Shall the women eat the fruit of their womb? the cook has made a gathering: shall the infants sucking at the breasts be slain? will you slay the priest and prophet in the sanctuary of the Lord?

21 CHSEN. The child and old man have lain down in the street: my virgins and my young men are gone into captivity: you have slain them with the sword and with famine; in the day of your wrath you have mangled them, you have not spared.

22 THAU. He has called my sojourners round about to a solemn day, and there was not in the day of the wrath of the Lord any one that escaped or was left; whereas I have strengthened and multiplied all mine enemies.

Chapter 3

1 ALEPH. I am the man that sees poverty, through the rod of his wrath upon me.

2 He has taken me, and led me away into darkness, and not into light.

3 Nay, against me has he turned his hand all the day.

4 He has made old my flesh and my skin; he has broken my bones.

5 BETH. He has built against me, and compassed my head, and brought travail upon me.

6 He has set me in dark places, as them that have long been dead.

7 He has builded against me, and I cannot come forth: he has made my brazen chain heavy.

8 GIMEL. Yea, though I cry and shout, he shuts out my prayer.

9 DALETH. He has built up my ways, he has hedged my paths;

10 he has troubled me, as a she-bear lying in wait: he is to me as a lion in secret places.

11 He pursued me after I departed, and brought me to a stand: he has utterly ruined me.

12 HE. He has bent his bow, and set me as a mark for the arrow.

13 He has caused the arrows of his quiver to enter into my reins.

14 I became a laughing-stock to all my people; and their song all the day.

15 VAU. He has filled me with bitterness, he has drenched me with gall.

16 And he has dashed out my teeth with gravel, he has fed me with ashes.

17 He has also removed my soul from peace: I forgot prosperity.

18 Therefore my success has perished, and my hope from the Lord.

19 ZAIN. I remembered by reason of my poverty, and because of persecution my bitterness and gall shall be remembered;

20 and my soul shall meditate with me.

21 This will I lay up in my heart, therefore will I endure.

21a HETH. It is the mercies of the Lord, that he has not failed me, because his compassions are not exhausted. Pity us, O Lord, early every month: for we are not brought to an end, because his compassions are not exhausted.

21b They are new every morning: great is your faithfulness.

21c The Lord is my portion, says my soul; therefore will I wait for him.

25 TETH. The Lord is good to them that wait for him: the soul which shall seek him

26 is good, and shall wait for, and quietly expect salvation of the Lord.

27 TETH. It is good for a man when he bears a yoke in his youth.

28 He will sit alone, and be silent, because he has borne it upon him.

30 JOD. He will give his cheek to him that smites him: he will be filled full with reproaches.

31 For the Lord will not reject for ever.

32 CHAPH. For he that has brought down will pity, and that according to the abundance of his mercy.

33 He has not answered in anger from his heart, though he has brought low the children of a man.

34 LAMED. To bring down under his feet all the prisoners of the earth,

35 to turn aside the judgment of a man before the face of the Most High,

36 to condemn a man unjustly in his judgment, the Lord has not given commandment.

37 Who has thus spoken, and it has come to pass? the Lord has not commanded it.

38 Out of the mouth of the Most High there shall not come forth evil and good.

39 MEM. Why should a living man complain, a man concerning his sin?

40 NUN. Our way has been searched out and examined, and we will turn to the Lord.

41 Let us lift up our hearts with our hands to the lofty One in heaven.

42 We have sinned, we have transgressed; and you have not pardoned.

43 SAMECH. You have visited us in wrath, and driven us away: you have slain, you have not pitied.

44 You have veiled yourself with a cloud because of prayer, that I might be blind,

45 and be cast off. AIN. You have set us alone in the midst of the nations.

46 All our enemies have opened their mouth against us.

47 Fear and wrath are come upon us, suspense and destruction.

48 Mine eye shall pour down torrents of water, for the destruction of the daughter of my people.

49 PHE. Mine eye is drowned with tears, and I will not be silent, so that there shall be no rest,

50 until the Lord look down, and behold from heaven.

51 Mine eye shall prey upon my soul, because of all the daughters of the city.

52 TSADE. The fowlers chased me as a sparrow, all mine enemies destroyed my life in a pit without cause,

53 and laid a stone upon me.

54 Water flowed over my head: I said, I am cut off.

55 KOPH. I called upon your name, O Lord, out of the lowest dungeon.

56 You heard my voice: close not your ears to my supplication.

57 You drew nigh to my help: in the day wherein I called upon you you saidst to me, Fear not.

58 RECHS. O Lord, you have pleaded the causes of my soul; you have redeemed my life.

59 You have seen, O Lord, my troubles: you have judged my cause.

60 You have seen all their vengeance, you have looked on all their devices against me.

61 CHSEN. You have heard their reproach and all their devices against me;

62 the lips of them that rose up against me, and their plots against me all the day;

63 their sitting down and their rising up: look you upon their eyes.

64 You will render them a recompence, O Lord, according to the works of their hands.

65 THAU. You will give them as a covering, the grief of my heart.

66 You will persecute them in anger, and will consume them from under the heaven, O Lord.

Chapter 4

1 ALEPH. How will the gold be tarnished, and the fine silver changed! the sacred stones have been poured forth at the top of all the streets.

2 BETH. The precious sons of Zion, who were equalled in value with gold, how are they counted as earthen vessels, the works of the hands of the potter!

3 GIMEL. Nay, serpents have drawn out the breasts, they give suck to their young, the daughters of my people are incurably cruel, as an ostrich in a desert.

4 DALETH. The tongue of the sucking child cleaves to the roof of its mouth for thirst: the little children ask for bread, and there is none to break it to them.

5 HE. They that feed on dainties are desolate in the streets: they that used to be nursed in scarlet have clothed themselves with dung.

6 VAU. And the iniquity of the daughter of my people has been increased beyond the iniquities of Sodom, the city that was overthrown very suddenly, and none laboured against her with their hands.

7 ZAIN. Her Nazarites were made purer than snow, they were whiter than milk, they were purified as with fire, their polishing was superior to sapphire stone.

8 HETH. Their countenance is become blacker than smoke; they are not known in the streets: their skin has cleaved to their bones; they are withered, they are become as a stick.

9 TETH. The slain with the sword were better than they that were slain with hunger: they have departed, pierced through from want of the fruits of the field.

10 JOD. The hands of tender-hearted women have sodden their own children: they became meat for them in the destruction of the daughter of my people.

11 CHAPH. The Lord has accomplished his wrath; he has poured out his fierce anger, and has kindled a fire in Zion, and it has devoured her foundations.

12 LAMED. The kings of the earth, even all that dwell in the world, believed not that an enemy and oppressor would enter through the gates of Jerusalem.

13 MEM. For the sins of her prophets, and iniquities of her priests, who shed righteous blood in the midst of her,

14 NUN. her watchmen staggered in the streets, they were defiled with blood in their weakness, they touched their raiment with it.

15 SAMECH. Depart you from the unclean ones: call you them: depart, depart, touch them not: for they are on fire, yea, they stagger: say you among the nations, They shall no more sojourn there.

16 AIN. The presence of the Lord was their portion; but he will not again look upon them: they regarded not the person of the priests, they pitied not the prophets.

17 PHE. While we yet lived our eyes failed, while we looked in vain for our help. TSADE. We looked to a nation that could not save.

18 We have hunted for our little ones, that they should not walk in our streets. KOPH. Our time has drawn nigh, our days are fulfilled, our time is come.

19 Our pursuers were swifter than the eagles of the sky, they flew on the mountains, in the wilderness they laid wait for us.

20 RECHS. The breath of our nostrils, our anointed Lord, was taken in their destructive snares, of whom we said, In his shadow we shall live among the Gentiles.

21 CHSEN. Rejoice and be glad, O daughter of Edom, that dwell in the land: yet the cup of the Lord shall pass through to you: you shall be drunken, and pour forth.

22 THAU. O daughter of Zion, your iniquity has come to an end; he shall no more carry you captive: he has visited

your iniquities, O daughter of Edom; he has discovered your sins.

Chapter 5

1 Remember, O Lord, what has happened to us: behold, and look on our reproach.

2 Our inheritance has been turned away to aliens, our houses to strangers:

3 we are become orphans, we have no father, our mothers are as widows.

4 We have drunk our water for money; our wood is sold to us for a burden on our neck:

5 we have been persecuted, we have laboured, we have had no rest.

6 Egypt gave the hand to us, Assur to their own satisfaction.

7 Our fathers sinned, and are not: we have borne their iniquities.

8 Servants have ruled over us: there is none to ransom us out of their hand.

9 We shall bring in our bread with danger of our lives, because of the sword of the wilderness.

10 Our skin is blackened like an oven; they are convulsed, because of the storms of famine.

11 They humbled the women in Zion, the virgins in the cities of Judah.

12 Princes were hanged up by their hands: the elders were not honoured.

13 The chosen men lifted up the voice in weeping, and the youths fainted under the wood.

14 And the elders ceased from the gate, the chosen men ceased from their music.

15 The joy of our heart has ceased; our dance is turned into mourning.

16 The crown has fallen from our head: yea, woe to us! for we have sinned.

17 For this has grief come; our heart is sorrowful: for this our eyes are darkened.

18 Over the mountain of Zion, because it is made desolate, foxes have walked therein.

19 But you, O Lord, shall dwell for ever; your throne shall endure to generation and generation.

20 Wherefore will you utterly forget us, and abandon us a long time?

21 Turn us, O Lord, to you, and we shall be turned; and renew our days as before.

22 For you have indeed rejected us; you have been very wroth against us.

Ezekiel

Chapter 1

1 NOW it came to pass in the thirtieth year, in the fourth month, on the fifth day of the month, that I was in the midst of the captivity by the river of Chobar; and the heavens were opened, and I saw visions of God.

2 On the fifth day of the month; this was the fifth year of the captivity of king Jehoiakim.

3 And the word of the Lord came to Ezekiel the priest, the son of Buzi, in the land of the Chaldeans, by the river of Chobar; and the hand of the Lord was upon me.

4 And I looked, and, behold, a sweeping wind came from the north, and a great cloud on it, and there was brightness round about it, and gleaming fire, and in the midst of it as it were the appearance of amber in the midst of the fire, and brightness in it.

5 And in the midst as it were the likeness of four living creatures. And this was their appearance; the likeness of a man was upon them.

6 And each one had four faces, and each one had four wings.

7 And their legs were straight; and their feet were winged, and there were sparks, like gleaming brass, and their wings were light.

8 And the hand of a man was under their wings on their four sides.

9 And the faces of them four turned not when they went; they went every one straight forward.

10 And the likeness of their faces was the face of a man, and the face of a lion on the right to the four; and the face of a calf on the left to the four; and the face of an eagle to the four.

11 And the four had their wings spread out above; each one had two joined to one another, and two covered their bodies.

12 And each one went straight forward: wherever the spirit was going they went, and turned not back.

13 And in the midst of the living creatures there was an appearance as of burning coals of fire, as an appearance of lamps turning among the living creatures; and the brightness of fire, and out of the fire came forth lightning.

15 And I looked, and, behold, the four had each one wheel on the ground near the living creatures.

16 And the appearance of the wheels was as the appearance of beryl: and the four had one likeness: and their work was as it were a wheel in a wheel.

17 They went on their four sides: they turned not as they went;

18 neither did their backs turn: and they were high: and I beheld them, and the backs of them four were full of eyes round about.

19 And when the living creatures went, the wheels went by them: and when the living creatures lifted themselves off the earth, the wheels were lifted off.

20 Wherever the cloud happened to be, there was the spirit ready to go: the wheels went and were lifted up with them; because the spirit of life was in the wheels.

21 When those went, the wheels went; and when those stood, the wheels stood; and when those lifted themselves off the earth, they were lifted off with them: for the spirit of life was in the wheels.

22 And the likeness over the heads of the living creatures was as a firmament, as the appearance of crystal, spread out over their wings above.

23 And their wings were spread out under the firmament, reaching one to the other; two wings to each, covering their bodies.

24 And I heard the sound of their wings when they went, as the sound of much water: and when they stood, their wings were let down.

25 And lo! a voice from above the firmament

26 that was over their head, there was as the appearance of a sapphire stone, and the likeness of a throne upon it: and upon the likeness of the throne was the likeness as an appearance of a man above.

27 And I saw as it were the resemblance of amber from the appearance of the loins and upwards, and from the appearance of the loins and under I saw an appearance of fire, and the brightness thereof round about.

28 As the appearance of the bow when it is in the cloud in days of rain, so was the form of the brightness round about.

Chapter 2

1 This was the appearance of the likeness of the glory of the Lord. And I saw and fell upon my face, and heard the voice of one speaking: and he said to me, Son of man, stand upon your feet, and I will speak to you.

2 And the Spirit came upon me, and took me up, and raised me, and set me on my feet: and I heard him speaking to me.

3 And he said to me, Son of man, I send you forth to the house of Israel, them that provoke me; who have provoked me, they and their fathers, to this day.

4 And you shall say to them, Thus says the Lord.

5 Whether then indeed they shall hear or fear, (for it is a provoking house,) yet they shall know that you are a prophet in the midst of them.

6 And you, son of man, fear them not, nor be dismayed at their face; (for they will madden and will rise up against you round about, and you dwell in the midst of scorpions): be not afraid of their words, nor be dismayed at their countenance, for it is a provoking house.

7 And you shall speak my words to them, whether they will hear or fear: for it is a provoking house.

8 And you, son of man, hear him that speaks to you; be not you provoking, as the provoking house: open your mouth, and eat what I give you.

9 And I looked, and behold, a hand stretched out to me, and in it a volume of a book.

10 And he unrolled it before me: and in it the front and the back were written upon: and there was written in it Lamentation, and mournful song, and woe.

Chapter 3

1 And he said to me, Son of man, eat this volume, and go and speak to the children of Israel.

2 So he opened my mouth, and caused me to eat the volume. And he said to me, Son of man,

3 your mouth shall eat, and your belly shall be filled with this volume that is given to you. So I ate it; and it was in my mouth as sweet honey.

4 And he said to me, Son of man, go your way, and go in to the house of Israel, and speak my words to them.

5 For you are not sent to a people of hard speech, but to the house of Israel;

6 neither to many nations of other speech and other tongues, nor of harsh language, whose words you would not understand: although if I had sent you to such, they would have hearkened to you.

7 But the house of Israel will not be willing to hearken to you; for they will not hearken to me: for all the house of Israel are stubborn and hard-hearted.

8 And, behold, I have made your face strong against their faces, and I will strengthen your power against their power.

9 And it shall be continually stronger than a rock: be not afraid of them, neither be dismayed at their faces, because it is a provoking house.

10 And he said to me, Son of man, receive into yours heart all the words that I have spoken to you, and hear them with your ears.

11 And go your way, go in to the captivity, to the children of your people, and you shall speak to them, and say to them, Thus says the Lord; whether they will hear, or whether they will forbear.

12 Then the Spirit took me up, and I heard behind me the voice as of a great earthquake, saying, Blessed be the glory of the Lord from his place.

13 And I perceived the sound of the wings of the living creatures clapping one to the other, and the sound of the wheels was near them, and the sound of the earthquake.

14 And the Spirit lifted me, and took me up, and I went in the impulse of my spirit; and the hand of the Lord was mighty upon me.

15 Then I passed through the air and came into the captivity, and went round to them that dwelt by the river of Chobar who were there; and I sat there seven days, conversant in the midst of them.

16 And after the seven days the word of the Lord came to me, saying, Son of man,

17 I have made you a watchman to the house of Israel; and you shall hear a word of my mouth, and shall threaten them from me.

18 When I say to the wicked, You shall surely die; and you have not warned him, to give warning to the wicked, to turn from his ways, that he should live; that wicked man shall die in his iniquity; but his blood will I require at your hand.

19 But if you warn the wicked, and he turn not from his wickedness, and from his way, that wicked man shall die in his iniquity, and you shall deliver your soul.

20 And when the righteous turns away from his righteousness, and commits a trespass, and I shall bring punishment before him, he shall die, because you did not warn him: he shall even die in his sins, because his righteousness shall not be remembered; but his blood will I require at yours hand.

21 But if you warn the righteous not to sin, and he sin not, the righteous shall surely live, because you have warned him; and you shall deliver your own soul.

22 And the hand of the Lord came upon me; and he said to me, Arise, and go forth into the plain, and there shall you be spoken to.

23 And I arose, and went forth to the plain: and, behold, the glory of the Lord stood there, according to the vision, and according to the glory of the Lord, which I saw by the river of Chobar: and I fell on my face.

24 Then the Spirit came upon me, and set me on my feet, and spoke to me, and said to me, Go in, and shut yourself up in the midst of yours house.

25 And you, son of man, behold, bonds are prepared for you, and they shall bind you with them, and you shall not come forth of the midst of them.

26 Also I will bind your tongue, and you shall be dumb, and shall not be to them a reprover: because it is a provoking house.

27 But when I speak to you, I will open your mouth, and you shall say to them, Thus says the Lord, He that hears, let him hear; and he that is disobedient, let him be disobedient: because it is a provoking house.

Chapter 4

1 And you, son of man, take you a brick, and you shall set it before your face, and shall portray on it the city, even Jerusalem.

2 And you shall besiege it, and build works against it, and throw up a mound round about it, and pitch camps against it, and set up engines round about.

3 And take you to yourself an iron pan, and you shall set it for an iron wall between you and the city: and you shall set your face against it, and it shall be in a siege, and you shall besiege it. This is a sign to the children of Israel.

4 And you shall lie upon your left side, and lay the iniquities of the house of Israel upon it, according to the number of the hundred and fifty days during which you shall lie upon it: and you shall bear their iniquities.

5 For I have appointed you their iniquities for a number of days, for a hundred and ninety days: so you shall bear the iniquities of the house of Israel.

6 And you shall accomplish this, and then shall lie on your right side, and shall bear the iniquities of the house of Judah forty days: I have appointed you a day for a year.

7 So you shall set your face to the siege of Jerusalem, and shall strengthen your arm, and shall prophesy against it.

8 And, behold, I have prepared bonds for you, and you may not turn from your one side to the other, until the days of your siege shall be accomplished.

9 Take you also to you wheat, and barley, and beans, and lentiles, and millet, and bread-corn; and you shall cast them into one earthen vessel, and shall make them into loaves for yourself; and you shall eat them a hundred and ninety days, according to the number of the days during which you sleep on your side.

10 And you shall eat your food by weight, twenty shekels a day: from time to time shall you eat them.

11 And you shall drink water by measure, even from time to time you shall drink the sixth part of a hin.

12 And you shall eat them as a barley cake: you shall bake them before their eyes in man's dung.

13 And you shall say, Thus says the Lord God of Israel; Thus shall the children of Israel eat unclean things among the Gentiles.

14 Then I said, Not so, Lord God of Israel: surely my soul has not been defiled with uncleanness; nor have I eaten that which died of itself or was torn of beasts from my birth until now; neither has any corrupt flesh entered into my mouth.

15 And he said to me, Behold, I have given you dung of oxen instead of man's dung, and you shall prepare your loaves upon it.

16 And he said to me, Son of man, behold, I break the support of bread in Jerusalem: and they shall eat bread by weight and in want; and shall drink water by measure, and in a state of ruin:

17 that they may want bread and water; and a man and his brother shall be brought to ruin, and they shall pine away in their iniquities.

Chapter 5

1 And you, son of man, take you a sword sharper than a barber's razor; you shall procure it for yourself, and shall bring it upon yours head, and upon your beard: and you shall take a pair of scales, and shall separate the hair.

2 A fourth part you shall burn in the fire in the midst of the city, at the fulfilment of the days of the siege: and you shall take a fourth part, and burn it up in the midst of it: and a fourth part you shall cut with a sword round about it: and a fourth part you shall scatter to the wind; and I will draw out a sword after them.

3 And you shall take thence a few in number, and shall wrap them in the fold of your garment.

4 And you shall take of these again, and cast them into the midst of the fire, and burn them up with fire: from thence shall come forth fire; and you shall say to the whole house of Israel,

5 Thus says the Lord; This is Jerusalem: I have set her and the countries round about her in the midst of the nations.

6 And you shall declare mine ordinances to the lawless one from out of the nations; and my statutes to the sinful one of the countries round about her: because they have rejected mine ordinances, and have not walked in my statutes.

7 Therefore thus says the Lord, Because your occasion for sin has been taken from the nations round about you, and you have not walked in my statutes, nor kept mine ordinances, nay, you have not even done according to the ordinances of the nations round about you; therefore thus says the Lord;

8 Behold, I am against you, and I will execute judgment in the midst of you in the sight of the nations.

9 And I will do in you things which I have not done, and the like of which I will not do again, for all your abominations.

10 Therefore the fathers shall eat their children in the midst of you, and children shall eat their fathers; and I will execute judgments in you, and I will scatter all that are left of you to every wind.

11 Therefore, as I live, says the Lord; surely, because you have defiled my holy things with all your abominations, I also will reject you; mine eye shall not spare, and I will have no mercy.

12 A fourth part of you shall be cut off by pestilence, and a fourth part of you shall be consumed in the midst of you with famine: and as for another fourth part of you, I will scatter them to every wind; and a fourth part of you shall fall by the sword round about you, and I will draw out a sword after them.

13 And my wrath and mine anger shall be accomplished upon them: and you shall know that I the Lord have spoken in my jealousy, when I have accomplished mine anger upon them.

14 And I will make you desolate, and your daughters round about you, in the sight of every one that passes through.

15 And you shall be mourned over and miserable among the nations round about you, when I have executed judgments in you in the vengeance of my wrath. I the Lord have spoken.

16 And when I have sent against them shafts of famine, then they shall be consumed, and I will break the strength of your bread.

17 So I will send forth against you famine and evil beasts, and I will take vengeance upon you; and pestilence and blood shall pass through upon you; and I will bring a sword upon you round about. I the Lord have spoken.

Chapter 6

1 And the word of the Lord came to me, saying,

2 Son of man, set your face against the mountains of Israel, and prophesy against them;

3 and you shall say, You mountains of Israel, hear the word of the Lord; thus says the Lord to the mountains, and to the hills, and to the valleys, and to the forests; Behold, I bring a sword upon you, and your high places shall be utterly destroyed.

4 And your altars shall be broken to pieces, and your consecrated plats; and I will cast down your slain men before your idols.

5 And I will scatter your bones round about your altars,

6 and in all your habitations: the cities shall be made desolate, and the high places utterly laid waste; that your altars may be destroyed, and your idols be broken to pieces, and your consecrated plats be abolished.

7 And slain men shall fall in the midst of you, and you shall know that I am the Lord.

8 When there are some of you escaping from the sword among the Gentiles, and when you are scattered in the countries;

9 then they of you that escape among the nations whither they were carried captive shall remember me; (I have sworn an oath against their heart that goes a-whoring from me, and their eyes that go a-whoring after their practices;) and they shall mourn over themselves for all their abominations.

10 And they shall know that I the Lord have spoken.

11 Thus says the Lord; Clap with your hand, and stamp with your foot and say, Aha, aha! for all the abominations of the house of Israel: they shall fall by the sword, and by pestilence, and by famine.

12 He that is near shall fall by the sword; and he that is far off shall die by the pestilence; and he that is in the siege shall be consumed with famine: and I will accomplish mine anger upon them.

13 Then you shall know that I am the Lord, when your slain are in the midst of your idols round about your altars, on every high hill, and under every shady tree, where they offered a sweet savour to all their idols.

14 And I will stretch out my hand against them, and I will make the land desolate and ruined from the wilderness of Deblatha, in all their habitations: and you shall know that I am the Lord.

Chapter 7

1 Moreover the word of the Lord came to me, saying, Also, you, son of man, say,

2 Thus says the Lord; An end is come to the land of Israel, the end is come on the four corners of the land.

3 The end is come

4 on you, the inhabitant of the land: the time is come, the day has drawn nigh, not with tumult, nor with pangs.

5 Now I will pour out mine anger upon you near at hand, and I will accomplish my wrath on you: and I will judge you for your ways, and recompense upon you all your abominations.

6 Mine eye shall not spare, nor will I have any mercy: for I will recompense your ways upon you, and your abominations shall be in the midst of you; and you shall know that I am the Lord that smite you.

7 Now the end is come to you, and I will send judgment upon you: and I will take vengeance on your ways, and will recompense all your abominations upon you.

8 Mine eye shall not spare, nor will I have any mercy: for I will recompense your way upon you, and your abominations shall be in the midst of you; and you shall know that I am the Lord.

9 For thus says the Lord; Behold, the end is come.

10 Behold, the day of the Lord! although the rod has blossomed,

11 pride has sprung up, and will break the staff of the wicked one, and that not with tumult, nor with haste.

12 The time is come, behold the day: let not the buyer rejoice, and let not the seller mourn.

13 For the buyer shall never again return to the seller, neither shall a man cleave with the eye of hope to his life.

14 Sound you the trumpet, and pass sentence on all together.

15 There shall be war with the sword without, and famine and pestilence within: he that is in the field shall die by the sword; and famine and pestilence shall destroy them that are in the city.

16 But they that escape of them shall be delivered, and shall be upon the mountains: and I will slay all the rest, every one for his iniquities.

17 All hands shall be completely weakened, and all thighs shall be defiled with moisture.

18 And they shall gird themselves with sackcloth, and amazement shall cover them; and shame shall be upon them, even upon every face, and baldness upon every head.

19 Their silver shall be cast forth in the streets, and their gold shall be despised: their souls shall not be satisfied, and their bellies shall not be filled: for it was the punishment of their iniquities.

20 As for their choice ornaments, they employed them for pride, and they made of them images of their abominations: therefore have I made them uncleanness to them.

21 And I will deliver them into the hands of strangers to make them a prey, and to the pests of the earth for a spoil; and they shall profane them.

22 And I will turn away my face from them, and they shall defile my charge, and shall go in to them unguardedly, and profane them.

23 And they shall work uncleanness: because the land is full of strange nations, and the city is full of iniquity.

24 And I will turn back the boasting of their strength; and their holy things shall be defiled.

25 And though propitiation shall come, and one shall seek peace, yet there shall be none.

26 There shall be woe upon woe, and there shall be message upon message; and a vision shall be sought from a prophet; but the law shall perish from the priest, and counsel from the elders.

27 The prince shall clothe himself with desolation, and the hands of the people of the land shall be made feeble: I will do to them according to their ways, and according to their judgments will I punish them; and they shall know that I am the Lord.

Chapter 8

1 And it came to pass in the sixth year, in the fifth month, on the fifth day of the month, I was sitting in the house, and the elders of Judah were sitting before me: and the hand of the Lord came upon me.

2 And I looked, and, behold, the likeness of a man: from his loins and downwards there was fire, and from his loins upwards there was as the appearance of amber.

3 And he stretched forth the likeness of a hand, and took me up by the crown of my head; and the Spirit lifted me up between the earth and sky, and brought me to Jerusalem in a vision of God, to the porch of the gate that looks to the north, where was the pillar of the Purchaser.

4 And, behold, the glory of the Lord God of Israel was there, according to the vision which I saw in the plain.

5 And he said to me, Son of man, lift up your eyes toward the north. So I lifted up mine eyes toward the north, and, behold, I looked from the north toward the eastern gate.

6 And he said to me, Son of man, have you seen what these do? They commit great abominations here so that I should keep away from my sanctuary: and you shall see yet greater iniquities.

7 And he brought me to the porch of the court.

8 And he said to me, Son of man, dig: so I dug, and behold a door.

9 And he said to me, Go in, and behold the iniquities which they practise here.

10 So I went in and looked; and beheld vain abominations, and all the idols of the house of Israel, portrayed upon them round about.

11 And seventy men of the elders of the house of Israel, and Jeconiah the son of Saphan stood in their presence in the midst of them, and each one held his censer in his hand; and the smoke of the incense went up.

12 And he said to me, You have seen, son of man, what the elders of the house of Israel do, each one of them in their secret chamber: because they have said, The Lord sees not; The Lord has forsaken the earth.

13 And he said to me, You shall see yet greater iniquities which these do.

14 And he brought me in to the porch of the house of the Lord that looks to the north; and, behold, there were women sitting there lamenting for Thammuz.

15 And he said to me, Son of man, you have seen; but you shall yet see evil practices greater than these.

16 And he brought me into the inner court of the house of the Lord, and at the entrance of the temple of the Lord, between the porch and the altar, were about twenty men, with their back parts toward the temple of the Lord, and their faces turned the opposite way; and these were worshipping the sun.

17 And he said to me, Son of man, you have seen this. Is it a little thing to the house of Judah to practise the iniquities which they have practised here? for they have filled the land with iniquity: and, behold, these are as scorners.

18 Therefore will I deal with them in wrath: mine eye shall not spare, nor will I have any mercy.

Chapter 9

1 And he cried in mine ears with a loud voice, saying, The judgment of the city has drawn nigh; and each had the weapons of destruction in his hand.

2 And, behold, six men came from the way of the high gate that looks toward the north, and each one's axe was in his hand; and there was one man in the midst of them clothed with a long robe down to the feet, and a sapphire girdle was on his loins: and they came in and stood near the brazen altar.

3 And the glory of the God of Israel, that was upon them, went up from the cherubs to the porch of the house. And he called the man that was clothed with the long robe, who had the girdle on his loins;

4 and said to him, Go through the midst of Jerusalem, and set a mark on the foreheads of the men that groan and that grieve for all the iniquities that are done in the midst of them.

5 And he said to the first in my hearing, Go after him into the city, and smite: and let not your eyes spare, and have no mercy.

6 Slay utterly old man and youth, and virgin, and infants, and women: but go you not nigh any on whom is the mark: begin at my sanctuary. So they began with the elder men who were within in the house.

7 And he said to them, Defile the house, and go out and fill the ways with dead bodies, and smite.

8 And it came to pass as they were smiting, that I fell upon my face, and cried out, and said, Alas, O Lord! will you destroy the remnant of Israel, in pouring out your wrath upon Jerusalem?

9 Then said he to me, The iniquity of the house of Israel and Judah is become very exceedingly great: for the land is filled with many nations, and the city is filled with iniquity and uncleanness: because they have said, The Lord has forsaken the earth, The Lord looks not upon it.

10 Therefore mine eye shall not spare, neither will I have any mercy: I have recompensed their ways upon their heads.

11 And, behold, the man clothed with the long robe, and girt with the girdle about his loins, answered and said, I have done as you did command me.

Chapter 10

1 Then I looked, and, behold, over the firmament that was above the head of the cherubs there was a likeness of a throne over them, as a sapphire stone.

2 And he said to the man clothed with the long robe, Go in between the wheels that are under the cherubs, and fill yours hands with coals of fire from between the cherubs, and scatter them over the city. And he went in in my sight.

3 And the cherubs stood on the right hand of the house, as the man went in; and the cloud filled the inner court.

4 Then the glory of the Lord departed from the cherubs to the porch of the house; and the cloud filled the house, and the court was filled with the brightness of the glory of the Lord.

5 And the sound of the cherubs' wings was heard as far as the outer court, as the voice of the Almighty God speaking.

6 And it came to pass, when he gave a charge to the man clothed with the sacred robe, saying, Take fire from between the wheels from between the cherubs, that he went in, and stood near the wheels.

7 And he stretched forth his hand into the midst of the fire that was between the cherubs, and took thereof, and put it into the hands of the man clothed with the sacred robe: and he took it, and went out.

8 And I saw the cherubs having the likeness of men's hands under their wings.

9 And I saw, and behold, four wheels stood by the cherubs, one wheel by each cherub: and the appearance of the wheels was as the appearance of a carbuncle stone.

10 And as for their appearance, there was one likeness to the four, as if there should be a wheel in the midst of a wheel.

11 When they went, they went on their four sides; they turned not when they went, for whichever way the first head looked, they went; and they turned not as they went.

12 And their backs, and their hands, and their wings, and the wheels, were full of eyes round about the four wheels.

13 And these wheels were called Gelgel in my hearing.

15 And the cherubs were the same living creature which I saw by the river of Chobar.

16 And when the cherubs went, the wheels went, and they were close to them: and when the cherubs lifted up their wings to mount up from the earth, their wheels turned not.

17 When they stood, the wheels stood; and when they mounted up, the wheels mounted up with them: because the spirit of life was in them.

18 Then the glory of the Lord departed from the house, and went up on the cherubs.

19 And the cherubs lifted up their wings, and mounted up from the earth in my sight: when they went forth, the wheels were also beside them, and they stood at the entrance of the front gate of the house of the Lord; and the glory of the God of Israel was upon them above.

20 This is the living creature which I saw under the God of Israel by the river of Chobar; and I knew that they were cherubs.

21 Each one had four faces, and each one had eight wings; and under their wings was the likeness of men's hands.

22 And as for the likeness of their faces, these are the same faces which I saw under the glory of the God of Israel by the river of Chobar: and they went each straight forward.

Chapter 11

1 Moreover the Spirit took me up, and brought me to the front gate of the house of the Lord, that looks eastward: and behold at the entrance of the gate were about five and twenty men; and I saw in the midst of them Jeconiah the son of Ezer, and Phaltias the son of Banæas, the leaders of the people.

2 And the Lord said to me, Son of man, these are the men that devise vanities, and take evil counsel in this city:

3 who say, Have not the houses been newly built? This is the caldron, and we are the flesh.

4 Therefore prophesy against them, prophesy, son of man.

5 And the Spirit of the Lord fell upon me, and said to me, say; Thus says the Lord; Thus have you said, O house of Israel: and I know the devices of your spirit.

6 You have multiplied your dead in this city, and you have filled your ways with slain men.

7 Therefore thus says the Lord; Your dead whom you have smitten in the midst of it, these are the flesh, and thiscity is the caldron: but I will bring you forth out of the midst of it.

8 You fear the sword; and I will bring a sword upon you, says the Lord.

9 And I will bring you forth out of the midst of it, and will deliver you into the hands of strangers, and will execute judgments among you.

10 You shall fall by the sword; I will judge you on the mountains of Israel; and you shall know that I am the Lord.

13 And it came to pass, while I was prophesying, that Phaltias the son of Banæas died. And I fell upon my face, and cried with a loud voice, and said, Alas, alas, O Lord! will you utterly destroy the remnant of Israel?

14 And the word of the Lord came to me, saying,

15 Son of man, your brethren, and the men of your captivity, and all the house of Israel are come to the full, to whom the inhabitants of Jerusalem said, Keep you far away from the Lord: the land is given to us for an inheritance.

16 Therefore say you, Thus says the Lord; I will cast them off among the nations, and will disperse them into every land, yet will I be to them for a little sanctuary in the countries which they shall enter.

17 Therefore say you, Thus says the Lord; I will also take them from the heathen, and gather them out of the lands wherein I have scattered them, and will give them the land of Israel.

18 And they shall enter in there, and shall remove all the abominations of it, and all its iniquities from it.

19 And I will give them another heart, and will put a new spirit within them; and will extract the heart of stone from their flesh, and give them a heart of flesh:

20 that they may walk in my commandments, and keep mine ordinances, and do them: and they shall be to me a people, and I will be to them a God.

21 And as for the heart set upon their abominations and their iniquities, as their heart went after them, I have recompensed their ways on their heads, says the Lord.

22 Then the cherubs lifted up their wings, and the wheels beside them; and the glory of the God of Israel was over them above.

23 And the glory of the Lord went up from the midst of the city, and stood on the mountain which was in front of the city.

24 And the Spirit took me up, and brought me to the land of the Chaldeans, to the captivity, in a vision by the Spirit of God: and I went up after the vision which I saw.

25 And I spoke to the captivity all the words of the Lord which he had shewed me.

Chapter 12

1 And the word of the Lord came to me, saying,

2 Son of man, you dwell in the midst of the iniquities of those, who have eyes to see, and see not; and have ears to hear, and hear not: because it is a provoking house.

3 You therefore, son of man, prepare yourself baggage for going into captivity by day in their sight; and you shall be led into captivity from your place into another place in their sight; that they may see that it is a provoking house.

4 And you shall carry forth your baggage, baggage for captivity, by day before their eyes: and you shall go forth at even, as a captive goes forth, in their sight.

5 Dig for yourself into the wall of the house, and you shall pass through it in their sight:

6 you shall be lifted up on men's shoulders, and shall go forth in secret: you shall cover your face, and shall not see the ground: because I have made you a sign to the house of Israel.

7 And I did thus according to all that he commanded me; and I carried forth my baggage for captivity by day, and in the evening I dug through the wall for myself, and went out secretly; I was taken up on men's shoulders before them.

8 And the word of the Lord came to me in the morning, saying,

9 Son of man, have not the house of Israel, the provoking house, said to you, What do you?

10 Say to them, Thus says the Lord God, the Prince and the Ruler in Israel, even to all the house of Israel who are in the midst of them:

11 say, I am performing signs: as I have done, so shall it be to him: they shall go into banishment and captivity.

12 And the prince in the midst of them shall be borne upon shoulders, and shall go forth in secret through the wall, and shall dig so that he may go forth thereby: he shall cover his face, that he may not be seen by any eye, and he himself shall not see the ground.

13 And I will spread out my net upon him, and he shall be caught in my toils: and I will bring him to Babylon to the land of the Chaldeans; but he shall not see it, though he shall die there.

14 And I will scatter to every wind all his assistants round about him, and all that help him; and I will draw out a sword after them.

15 And they shall know that I am the Lord, when I have scattered them among the nations; and I will disperse them in the countries.

16 And I will leave of them a few men in number spared from the sword, and from famine, and from pestilence; that they may declare all their iniquities among the nations whither they have gone; and they shall know that I am the Lord.

17 And the word of the Lord came to me, saying,

18 Son of man, eat your bread with sorrow, and drink your water with torment and affliction.

19 And you shall say to the people of the land, Thus says the Lord to the inhabitants of Jerusalem on the land of Israel; They shall eat their bread in scarcity, and shall drink their water in desolation, that the land may be desolate with all that it contains: for all that dwell in it are ungodly.

20 And their inhabited cities shall be laid utterly waste, and the land shall be desolate; and you shall know that I am the Lord.

21 And the word of the Lord came to me, saying,

22 Son of man, what is your parable on the land of Israel, that you say, The days are long, the vision has perished?

23 Therefore say to them, Thus says the Lord; I will even set aside this parable, and the house of Israel shall no more at all use this parable: for you shall say to them, The days are at hand, and the import of every vision.

24 For there shall no more be any false vision, nor any one prophesying flatteries in the midst of the children of Israel.

25 For I the Lord will speak my words; I will speak and perform them, and will no more delay, for in your days, O provoking house, I will speak the word, and will perform it, says the Lord.

26 Moreover the word of the Lord came to me, saying,

27 Son of man, behold, the provoking house of Israel boldly say, The vision which this man sees is for many days, and he prophesies for times afar off.

28 Therefore say to them, Thus says the Lord; Henceforth none of my words shall linger, which I shall speak: I will speak and do, says the Lord.

Chapter 13

1 And the word of the Lord came to me, saying,

2 Son of man, prophesy against the prophets of Israel, and you shall prophesy, and shall say to them, Hear you the word of the Lord:

3 Thus says the Lord, Woe to them that prophesy out of their own heart, and who see nothing at all.

4 Your prophets, O Israel, are like foxes in the deserts.

5 They have not continued steadfast, and they have gathered flocks against the house of Israel, they that say,

6 In the day of the Lord, have not stood, seeing false visions, prophesying vanities, who say, The Lord says, and the Lord has not sent them, and they began to try to confirm the word.

7 Have you not seen a false vision? and spoken vain prophecies?

8 And therefore say, Thus says the Lord; Because your words are false, and your prophecies are vain, therefore, behold, I am against you, says the Lord.

9 And I will stretch forth my hand against the prophets that see false visions, and those that utter vanities: they shall not partake of the instruction of my people, neither shall they be written in the roll of the house of Israel, and they shall not enter into the land of Israel; and they shall know that I am the Lord.

10 Because they have caused my people to err, saying, Peace; and there is no peace; and one builds a wall, and they plaster it,—it shall fall.

11 Say to them that plaster it, It shall fall; and there shall be a flooding rain; and I will send great stones upon their joinings, and they shall fall; and there shall be a sweeping wind, and it shall be broken.

12 And lo! the wall has fallen; and will they not say to you, Where is your plaster wherewith you plastered it?

13 Therefore thus says the Lord; I will even cause to burst forth a sweeping blast with fury, and there shall be a flooding rain in my wrath; and in my fury I will bring on great stones for complete destruction.

14 And I will break down the wall which you have plastered, and it shall fall; and I will lay it on the ground, and its foundations shall be discovered, and it shall fall; and you shall be consumed with rebukes: and you shall know that I am the Lord.

15 And I will accomplish my wrath upon the wall, and upon them that plaster it; it shall fall: and I said to you, The wall is not, nor they that plaster it,

16 even the prophets of Israel, who prophesy concerning Jerusalem, and who see visions of peace for her, and there is no peace, says the Lord.

17 And you, son of man, set your face firmly against the daughters of your people, that prophesy out of their own heart; and prophesy against them.

18 And you shall say, Thus says the Lord, Woe to the women that sew pillows under every elbow, and make kerchiefs on the head of every stature to pervert souls! The souls of my people are perverted, and they have saved souls alive.

19 And they have dishonoured me before my people for a handful of barley, and for pieces of bread, to slay the souls which should not die, and to save alive the souls which should not live, while you speak to a people hearing vain speeches.

20 Therefore thus says the Lord God, Behold, I am against your pillows, whereby you there confound souls, and I will tear them away from your arms, and will set at liberty their souls which you pervert to scatter them.

21 And I will tear your kerchiefs, and will rescue my people out of your hand, and they shall no longer be in your hands to be confounded; and you shall know that I am the Lord.

22 Because you have perverted the heart of the righteous, whereas I perverted him not, and that in order to strengthen the hands of the wicked, that he should not at all turn from his evil way and live:

23 therefore you shall not see false visions, and you shall no more utter prophecies: but I will deliver my people out of your hand; and you shall know that I am the Lord.

Chapter 14

1 And there came to me men of the people of Israel, of the elders, and sat before me.

2 And the word of the Lord came to me, saying,

3 Son of man, these men have conceived their devices in their hearts, and have set before their faces the punishment of their iniquities: shall I indeed answer them?

4 Therefore speak to them, and you shall say to them, Thus says the Lord; Any man of the house of Israel, who shall conceive his devices in his heart, and shall set the punishment of his iniquity before his face, and shall come to the prophet; I the Lord will answer him according to the things in which his mind is entangled,

5 that he should turn aside the house of Israel, according to their hearts that are estranged from me in their thoughts.

6 Therefore say to the house of Israel, Thus says the Lord God, Be converted, and turn from your evil practices, and from all your sins, and turn your faces back again.

7 For any man of the house of Israel, or of the strangers that sojourn in Israel, who shall separate himself from me, and conceive his imaginations in his heart, and set before his face the punishment of his iniquity, and come to the prophet to enquire of him concerning me; I the Lord will answer him, according to the things wherein he is entangled.

8 And I will set my face against that man, and will make him desolate and ruined, and will cut him off from the midst of my people; and you shall know that I am the Lord.

9 And if a prophet should cause to err and should speak, I the Lord have caused that prophet to err, and will stretch out my hand upon him, and will utterly destroy him from the midst of my people Israel.

10 And they shall bear their iniquity according to the trespass of him that asks; and it shall be in like manner to the prophet according to the trespass:

11 that the house of Israel may no more go astray from me, and that they may no more defile themselves with any of

their transgressions: so shall they be my people, and I will be their God, says the Lord.

12 And the word of the Lord came to me, saying,

13 Son of man, if a land shall sin against me by committing a trespass, then will I stretch out my hand upon it, and will break its staff of bread, and will send forth famine upon it, and cut off from it man and beast.

14 And though these three men should be in the midst of it, Noah, and Daniel, and Job, they alone should be delivered by their righteousness, says the Lord.

15 If again I bring evil beasts upon the land, and take vengeance upon it, and it be ruined, and there be no one to pass through for fear of the wild beasts:

16 and if these three men should be in the midst of it, as I live, says the Lord, neither sons nor daughters shall be saved, but these only shall be saved, and the land shall be destroyed.

17 Or again if I bring a sword upon that land, and say, Let the sword go through the land; and I cut off from them man and beast:

18 though these three men were in the midst of it, as I live, says the Lord, they shall not deliver sons or daughters, but they only shall be saved themselves.

19 Or if again I send pestilence upon that land, and pour out my wrath upon it in blood, to destroy from off it man and beast:

20 and should Noah, and Daniel, and Job, be in the midst of it, as I live, says the Lord, there shall be left them neither sons nor daughters; only they by their righteousness shall deliver their souls.

21 Thus says the Lord, And if I even send upon Jerusalem my four sore judgments, sword, and famine, and evil beasts, and pestilence, to destroy from out of it man and beast;

22 yet, behold, there shall be men left in it, the escaped thereof, who shall lead forth of it sons and daughters: behold, they shall go forth to you, and you shall see their ways and their thoughts: and you shall mourn over the evils which I have brought upon Jerusalem, even all the evils which I have brought upon it.

23 And they shall comfort you, because you shall see their ways and their thoughts: and you shall know that I have not done in vain all that I have done in it, says the Lord.

Chapter 15

1 And the word of the Lord came to me, saying,

2 And you, son of man—of all the wood of the branches that are among the trees of the forest, what shall be made of the wood of the vine?

3 Will they take wood of it to make it fit for work? will they take of it a peg to hang any vessel upon it?

4 It is only given to the fire to be consumed; the fire consumes that which is yearly pruned of it, and it is utterly gone. Will it be useful for any work?

5 Not even while it is yet whole will it be useful for any work: if the fire shall have utterly consumed it, will it still be fit for work?

6 Therefore say, Thus says the Lord, As the vine-tree among the trees of the forest, which I have given up to the fire to be consumed, so have I given up the inhabitants of Jerusalem.

7 And I will set my face against them; they shall go forth of the fire, and yet fire shall devour them; and they shall know that I am the Lord, when I have set my face against them.

8 And I will give up the land to ruin, because they have utterly transgressed, says the Lord.

Chapter 16

1 Moreover the word of the Lord came to me, saying,

2 Son of man, testify to Jerusalem of her iniquities;

3 and you shall say, Thus says the Lord to Jerusalem; Your root and your birth are of the land of Canaan: your father was an Amorite, and your mother a Chettite.

4 And as for your birth in the day wherein you were born, you did not bind your breasts, and you were not washed in water, neither were you salted with salt, neither were you swathed in swaddling-bands.

5 Nor did mine eye pity you, to do for you one of all these things, to feel at all for you; but you were cast out on the face of the field, because of the deformity of your person, in the day wherein you were born.

6 And I passed by to you, and saw you polluted in your blood; and I said to you, Let there be life out of your blood:

7 increase; I have made you as the springing grass of the field. So you did increase and grow, and did enter into great cities: your breasts were set, and your hair grew, whereas you were naked and bare.

8 And I passed by you and saw you, and, behold, it was your time and a time of resting; and I spread my wings over you, and covered your shame, and sware to you: and I entered into covenant with you, says the Lord, and you became mine.

9 And I washed you in water, and washed your blood from you, and anointed you with oil.

10 And I clothed you with embroidered garments, and clothed you beneath with purple, and girded you with fine linen, and clothed you with silk,

11 and decked you also with ornaments, and put bracelets on yours hands, and a necklace on your neck.

12 And I put a pendant on your nostril, and rings in your ears, and a crown of glory on yours head.

13 So you were adorned with gold and silver; and your raiment was of fine linen, and silk, and variegated work: you did eat fine flour, and oil, and honey, and did become extremely beautiful.

14 And your name went forth among the nations for your beauty: because it was perfected with elegance, and in the comeliness which I put upon you, says the Lord.

15 You did trust in your beauty, and did go a-whoring because of your renown, and did pour out your fornication on every passer by.

16 And you did take of your garments, and made to yourself idols of needlework, and did go a-whoring after them; therefore you shall never come in, nor shall the like take place.

17 And you took your fair ornaments of my gold and of my silver, of what I gave you, and you made to yourself male images, and you did commit whoredom with them.

18 And you did take your variegated apparel and did clothe them, and you did set before them mine oil and mine incense.

19 And you took my bread which I gave you, (yea I fed you with fine flour and oil and honey) and did set them before them for a sweet-smelling savour: yea, it was so, says the Lord.

20 And you took your sons and your daughters, whom you bore, and did sacrifice these to them to be destroyed. You did go a-whoring as if that were little,

21 and did slay your children, and gave them up in offering them to them for an expiation.

22 This is beyond all your fornication, and you did not remember your infancy, when you were naked and bare, and did live though defiled in your blood.

23 And it came to pass after all your wickedness, says the Lord,

24 that you did build yourself a house of fornication, and did make yourself a public place in every street;

25 and on the head of every way you did set up your fornications, and did defile your beauty, and did open your feet to every passer by, and did multiply your fornication.

26 And you did go a-whoring after the children of Egypt your neighbours, great of flesh; and did go a-whoring often to provoke me to anger.

27 And if I stretch out my hand against you, then will I abolish your statutes, and deliver you up to the wills of them that hate you, even to the daughters of the Philistines that turned you aside from the way wherein you sinnedst.

28 And you did go a-whoring to the daughters of Assur, and not even thus were you satisfied; yea, you did go a-whoring, and were not satisfied.

29 And you did multiply your covenants with the land of the Chaldeans; and not even with these were you satisfied.

30 Why should I make a covenant with your daughter, says the Lord, while you do all these things, the works of a harlot? and you have gone a-whoring in a threefold degree with your daughters.

31 You have built a house of harlotry in every top of a way, and have set up yours high place in every street; and you did become as a harlot gathering hires.

32 An adulteress resembles you, taking rewards of her husband.

33 She has even given rewards to all that went a-whoring after her, and you have given rewards to all your lovers, yea, you did load them with rewards, that they should come to you from every side for your fornication.

34 And there has happened in you perverseness in your fornication beyond other women, and they have committed fornication with you, in that you give hires over and above, and hires were not given to you; and thus perverseness happened in you.

35 Therefore, harlot, hear the word of the Lord:

36 Thus says the Lord, Because you have poured forth your money, therefore your shame shall be discovered in your harlotry with your lovers, and with regard to all the imaginations of your iniquities, and for the blood of your children which you have given to them.

37 Therefore, behold, I will gather all your lovers with whom you have consorted, and all whom you have loved, with all whom you did hate; and I will gather them against you round about, and will expose your wickedness to them, and they shall see all your shame.

38 And I will be avenged on you with the vengeance of an adulteress, and I will bring upon you blood of fury and jealousy.

39 And I will deliver you into their hands, and they shall break down your house of harlotry, and destroy yours high place; and they shall strip you of your garments, and shall take your proud ornaments, and leave you naked and bare.

40 And they shall bring multitudes upon you, and they shall stone you with stones, and pierce you with their swords.

41 And they shall burn yours houses with fire, and shall execute vengeance on you in the sight of many women: and I will turn you back from harlotry, and I will no more give you rewards.

42 So will I slacken my fury against you, and my jealousy shall be removed from you, and I will rest, and be no more careful for you.

43 Because you did not remember your infancy, and you did grieve me in all these things; therefore, behold, I have recompensed your ways upon yours head, says the Lord: for thus have you wrought ungodliness above all your other iniquities.

44 These are all the things they have spoken against you in a proverb, saying,

45 As is the mother, so is your mother's daughter: you are she that has rejected her husband and her children; and the sisters of your sisters have rejected their husbands and their children: your mother was a Chettite, and your father an Amorite.

46 Your elder sister who dwells on your left hand is Samaria, she and her daughters: and your younger sister, that dwells on your right hand, is Sodom and her daughters.

47 Yet notwithstanding you have not walked in their ways, neither have you done according to their iniquities within a little, but you have exceeded them in all your ways.

48 As I live, says the Lord, this Sodom and her daughters have not done as you and your daughters have done.

49 Moreover this was the sin of your sister Sodom, pride: she and her daughters lived in pleasure, in fulness of bread and in abundance: this belonged to her and her daughters, and they helped not the hand of the poor and needy.

50 And they boasted, and wrought iniquities before me: so I cut them off as I saw fit.

51 Also Samaria has not sinned according to half of your sins; but you have multiplied your iniquities beyond them, and you have justified your sisters in all your iniquities which you have committed.

52 You therefore bear your punishment, for that you have corrupted your sisters by your sins which you have committed beyond them; and you have made them appear more righteous than yourself: you therefore be ashamed, and bear your dishonour, in that you have justified your sisters.

53 And I will turn their captivity, even the captivity of Sodom and her daughters; and I will turn the captivity of Samaria and her daughters; and I will turn your captivity in the midst of them:

54 that you may bear your punishment, and be dishonoured for all that you have done in provoking me to anger.

55 And your sister Sodom and her daughters shall be restored as they were at the beginning, and you and your daughters shall be restored as you were at the beginning.

56 And surely your sister Sodom was not mentioned by your mouth in the days of your pride:

57 before your wickedness was discovered, even now you are the reproach of the daughters of Syria, and of all that are round about her, even of the daughters of the Philistines that compass you round about.

58 As for your ungodliness and your iniquities, you have borne them, says the Lord.

59 Thus says the Lord; I will even do to you as you have done, as you have dealt shamefully in these things to transgress my covenant.

60 And I will remember my covenant made with you in the days of your infancy, and I will establish to you an everlasting covenant.

61 Then you shall remember your way, and shall be utterly dishonoured when you receive your elder sisters with your younger ones: and I will give them to you for building up, but not by your covenant.

62 And I will establish my covenant with you; and you shall know that I am the Lord:

63 that you may remember, and be ashamed, and may no more be able to open your mouth for your shame, when I am reconciled to you for all that you have done, says the Lord.

Chapter 17

1 And the word of the Lord came to me, saying,

2 Son of man, relate a tale, and speak a parable to the house of Israel:

3 and you shall say, Thus says the Lord; A great eagle with large wings, spreading them out very far, with many claws, which has the design of entering into Lebanon—and he took the choice branches of the cedar:

4 he cropped off the ends of the tender twigs, and brought them into the land of Canaan; he laid them up in a walled city.

5 And he took of the seed of the land, and sowed it in a field planted by much water; he set it in a conspicuous place.

6 And it sprang up, and became a weak and little vine, so that the branches thereof appeared upon it, and its roots were under it: and it became a vine, and put forth shoots, and sent forth its tendrils.

7 And there was another great eagle, with great wings and many claws: and, behold, this vine bent itself round toward him, and her roots were turned towards him, and she sent forth her branches towards him, that he might water her together with the growth of her plantation.

8 She thrives in a fair field by much water, to produce shoots and bear fruit, that she might become a great vine.

9 Therefore say, Thus says the Lord; Shall it prosper? shall not the roots of her tender stem and her fruit be blighted? yea, all her early shoots shall be dried up, and that not by a

mighty arm, nor by many people, to tear her up from her roots.

10 And, behold, it thrives: shall it prosper? shall it not wither as soon as the east wind touches it? it shall be withered together with the growth of its shoots.

11 Moreover the word of the Lord came to me, saying,

12 Son of man, say now to the provoking house, Know you not what these things were? say to them, Whenever the king of Babylon shall come against Jerusalem, then he shall take her king and her princes, and shall take them home to Babylon.

13 And he shall take of the seed royal, and shall make a covenant with him, and shall bind him with an oath: and he shall take the princes of the land:

14 that it may become a weak kingdom, so as never to lift itself up, that he may keep his covenant, and establish it.

15 And if he shall revolt from him, to send his messengers into Egypt, that they may give him horses and much people; shall he prosper? shall he that acts as an adversary be preserved? and shall he that transgresses the covenant be preserved?

16 As I live, says the Lord, verily in the same place where the king is that made him king, who dishonoured my oath, and who broke my covenant, shall he die with him in the midst of Babylon.

17 And Pharaoh shall make war upon him not with a large force or great multitude, in throwing up a mound, and in building of forts, to cut off souls.

18 Whereas he has profaned the oath so as to break the covenant, when, behold, I engaged his hand, and he has done all these things to him, he shall not escape.

19 Therefore say, Thus says the Lord; As I live, surely mine oath which he has profaned, and my covenant which he has transgressed, I will even recompense it upon his head.

20 And I will spread a net upon him, and he shall be caught in its snare.

21 In every battle of his they shall fall by the sword, and I will scatter his remnant to every wind: and you shall know that I the Lord have spoken it.

22 For thus says the Lord; I will even take of the choice branches of the cedar from the top thereof, I will crop off their hearts, and I will plant it on a high mountain:

23 and I will hang it on a lofty mountain of Israel: yea, I will plant it, and it shall put forth shoots, and shall bear fruit, and it shall be a great cedar: and every bird shall rest beneath it, even every fowl shall rest under its shadow: its branches shall be restored.

24 And all the trees of the field shall know that I am the Lord that bring low the high tree, and exalt the low tree, and wither the green tree, and cause the dry tree to flourish: I the Lord have spoken, and will do it.

Chapter 18

1 And the word of the Lord came to me, saying,

2 Son of man, what mean you by this parable among the children of Israel, saying, The fathers have eaten unripe grapes, and the children's teeth have been set on edge?

3 As I live, says the Lord, surely this parable shall no more be spoken in Israel.

4 For all souls are mine; as the soul of the father, so also the soul of the son, they are mine: the soul that sins, it shall die.

5 But the man who shall be just, who executes judgment and righteousness,

6 who shall not eat upon the mountains, and shall not at all lift up his eyes to the devices of the house of Israel, and shall not defile his neighbour's wife, and shall not draw nigh to her that is removed,

7 and shall not oppress any man, but shall return the pledge of the debtor, and shall be guilty of no plunder, shall give his bread to the hungry, and clothe the naked;

8 and shall not lend his money upon usury, and shall not receive usurious increase, and shall turn back his hand from injustice, shall execute righteous judgment between a man and his neighbour,

9 and has walked in my commandments and kept mine ordinances, to do them; he is righteous, he shall surely live, says the Lord.

10 And if he beget a mischievous son, shedding blood and committing sins,

11 who has not walked in the way of his righteous father, but has even eaten upon the mountains, and has defiled his neighbour's wife,

12 and has oppressed the poor and needy, and has committed robbery, and not restored a pledge, and has set his eyes upon idols, has wrought iniquities,

13 has lent upon usury, and taken usurious increase; he shall by no means live: he has wrought all these iniquities; he shall surely die; his blood shall be upon him.

14 And if he beget a son, and the son see all his father's sins which he has wrought, and fear, and not do according to them,

15 and if he has not eaten on the mountains, and has not set his eyes on the devices of the house of Israel, and has not defiled his neighbour's wife,

16 and has not oppressed a man, and has not retained the pledge, nor committed robbery, has given his bread to the hungry, and has clothed the naked,

17 and has turned back his hand from unrighteousness, has not received interest or usurious increase, has wrought righteousness, and walked in mine ordinances; he shall not die for the iniquities of his father, he shall surely live.

18 But if his father grievously afflict, or plunder, he has wrought enmity in the midst of my people, and shall die in his iniquity.

19 But you will say, Why has not the son borne the iniquity of the father? Because the son has wrought judgment and mercy, has kept all my statutes, and done them, he shall surely live.

20 But the soul that sins shall die: and the son shall not bear the iniquity of the father, nor shall the father bear the iniquity of the son: the righteousness of the righteous shall be upon him, and the iniquity of the transgressor shall be upon him.

21 And if the transgressor turn away from all his iniquities which he has committed, and keep all my commandments, and do justice and mercy, he shall surely live, and shall by no means die.

22 None of his trespasses which he has committed shall be remembered: in his righteousness which he has done he shall live.

23 Shall I at all desire the death of the sinner, says the Lord, as I desire that he should turn from his evil way, and live?

24 But when the righteous man turns away from his righteousness, and commits iniquity, according to all the transgressions which the transgressor has wrought, none of his righteousness which he has wrought shall be at all remembered: in his trespass wherein he has trespassed, and in his sins wherein he has sinned, in them shall he die.

25 Yet you have said, The way of the Lord is not straight. Hear now, all the house of Israel; will not my way be straight? Is your way straight?

26 When the righteous turns away from his righteousness and commits a trespass, and dies in the trespass which he has committed, he shall even die in it.

27 And when the wicked man turns away from his wickedness that he has committed, and shall do judgment and justice, he has kept his soul,

28 and has turned away from all his ungodliness which he has committed: he shall surely live, he shall not die.

29 Yet the house of Israel say, The way of the Lord is not right. Is not my way right, O house of Israel? is not your way wrong?

30 I will judge you, O house of Israel, says the Lord, each one according to his way: be converted, and turn from all your ungodliness, and it shall not become to you the punishment of iniquity.

31 Cast away from yourselves all your ungodliness wherein you have sinned against me; and make to yourselves a new heart and a new spirit: for why should you die, O house of Israel?

32 For I desire not the death of him that dies, says the Lord.

Chapter 19

1 Moreover do you take up a lamentation for the prince of Israel,

2 and say, Why is your mother become a whelp in the midst of lions? in the midst of lions she has multiplied her whelps.

3 And one of her whelps sprang forth; he became a lion, and learned to take prey, he devoured men.

4 And the nations heard a report of him; he was caught in their pit, and they brought him into the land of Egypt in chains.

5 And she saw that he was driven away from her, and her hope of him perished, and she took another of her whelps; she made him a lion.

6 And he went up and down in the midst of lions, he became a lion, and learned to take prey, he devoured men.

7 And he prowled in his boldness and laid waste their cities, and made the land desolate, and the fulness of it, by the voice of his roaring.

8 Then the nations set upon him from the countries round about, and they spread their nets upon him: he was taken in their pit.

9 And they put him in chains and in a cage, and he came to the king of Babylon; and he cast him into prison, that his voice should not be heard on the mountains of Israel.

10 Your mother was as a vine and as a blossom on a pomegranate tree, planted by water: her fruit and her shoots abounded by reason of much water.

11 And she became a rod for a tribe of princes, and was elevated in her bulk in the midst of other trees, and she saw her bulk in the multitude of her branches.

12 But she was broken down in wrath, she was cast upon the ground, and the east wind dried up her choice branches: vengeance came upon them, and the rod of her strength was withered; fire consumed it.

13 And now they have planted her in the wilderness, in a dry land.

14 And fire is gone out of a rod of her choice boughs, and has devoured her; and there was no rod of strength in her. Her race is become a parable of lamentation, and it shall be for a lamentation.

Chapter 20

1 And it came to pass in the seventh year, on the fifteenth day of the month, there came men of the elders of the house of Israel to enquire of the Lord, and they sat before me.

2 And the word of the Lord came to me, saying,

3 Son of man, speak to the elders of the house of Israel, and you shall say to them, Thus says the Lord; Are you come to enquire of me? As I live, I will not be enquired of by you, says the Lord.

4 Shall I utterly take vengeance on them, son of man? testify to them of the iniquities of their fathers:

5 and you shall say to them, Thus says the Lord; From the day that I chose the house of Israel, and became known to the seed of the house of Jacob, and was known to them in the land of Egypt, and helped them with my hand, saying, I am the Lord your God;

6 in that day I helped them with my hand, to bring them out of the land of Egypt into the land which I prepared for them, a land flowing with milk and honey, it is abundant beyond every land.

7 And I said to them, Let every one cast away the abominations of his eyes, and defile not yourselves with the devices of Egypt: I am the Lord your God.

8 But they revolted from me, and would not hearken to me: they cast not away the abominations of their eyes, and forsook not the devices of Egypt: then I said that I would pour out my wrath upon them, to accomplish my wrath upon them in the midst of Egypt.

9 But I wrought so that my name should not be at all profaned in the sight of the Gentiles, in the midst of whom they are, among whom I was made known to them in their sight, to bring them out of the land of Egypt.

10 And I brought them into the wilderness.

11 And I gave them my commandments, and made known to them mine ordinances, all which if a man shall do, he shall even live in them.

12 And I gave them my sabbaths, that they should be for a sign between me and them, that they should know that I am the Lord that sanctify them.

13 And I said to the house of Israel in the wilderness, Walk you in my commandments: but they walked not in them, and they rejected mine ordinances, which if a man shall do, he shall even live in them; and they grievously profaned my sabbaths: and I said that I would pour out my wrath upon them in the wilderness, to consume them.

14 But I wrought so that my name should not be at all profaned before the Gentiles, before whose eyes I brought them out.

15 But I lifted up my hand against them in the wilderness once for all, that I would not bring them into the land which I gave them, a land flowing with milk and honey, it is sweeter than all lands:

16 because they rejected mine ordinances, and walked not in my commandments, but profaned my sabbaths, and went after the imaginations of their hearts.

17 Yet mine eyes spared them, so as not to destroy them utterly, and I did not make an end of them in the wilderness.

18 And I said to their children in the wilderness, Walk not you in the customs of your fathers, and keep not their ordinances, and have no fellowship with their practices, nor defile yourselves with them.

19 I am the Lord your God; walk in my commandments, and keep mine ordinances, and do them;

20 and hallow my sabbaths, and let them be a sign between me and you, that you may know that I am the Lord your God.

21 But they provoked me, and their children walked not in my commandments, and they took no heed to mine ordinances to do them, which if a man shall do, he shall even live in them, and they profaned my sabbaths: then I said that I would pour out my wrath upon them in the wilderness, to accomplish mine anger upon them.

22 But I wrought so that my name might not be at all profaned before the Gentiles; and I brought them out in their sight.

23 I lifted up my hand against them in the wilderness, that I would scatter them among the Gentiles, and disperse them in the countries;

24 because they kept not mine ordinances, and rejected my commandments, and profaned my sabbaths, and their eyes went after the imaginations of their fathers.

25 So I gave them commandments that were not good, and ordinances in which they should not live.

26 And I will defile them by their own decrees, when I pass through upon every one that opens the womb, that I may destroy them.

27 Therefore, son of man, speak to the house of Israel, and you shall say to them, Thus says the Lord: Hitherto have your fathers provoked me in their trespasses in which they transgressed against me.

28 Whereas I brought them into the land concerning which I lifted up mine hand to give it them; and they looked upon every high hill, and every shady tree, and they sacrificed there to their gods, and offered there a sweet-smelling savour, and there they poured out their drink-offerings.

29 And I said to them, What is Abama, that you go in thither? and they called its name Abama, until this day.

30 Therefore say to the house of Israel, Thus says the Lord, Do you pollute yourselves with the iniquities of your fathers, and do you go a-whoring after their abominations,

31 and do you pollute yourselves with the first-fruits of your gifts, in the offerings wherewith you pollute yourselves in all your imaginations, until this day; and shall I answer you, O house of Israel? As I live, says the Lord, I will not answer you, neither shall this thing come upon your spirit.

32 And it shall not be as you say, We will be as the nations, and as the tribes of the earth, to worship stocks and stones.

33 Therefore, as I live, says the Lord, I will reign over you with a strong hand, and with a high arm, and with outpoured wrath:

34 I will bring you out from the nations, and will take you out of the lands wherein you were dispersed, with a strong hand, and with a high arm, and with outpoured wrath.

35 And I will bring you into the wilderness of the nations, and will plead with you there face to face.

36 As I pleaded with your fathers in the wilderness of the land of Egypt, so will I judge you, says the Lord.

37 And I will cause you to pass under my rod, and I will bring you in by number.

38 And I will separate from among you the ungodly and the revolters; for I will lead them forth out of their place of sojourning, and they shall not enter into the land of Israel: and you shall know that I am the Lord, even the Lord.

39 And as to you, O house of Israel, thus says the Lord, even the Lord; Put away each one his evil practices, and hereafter if you hearken to me, then shall you no more profane my holy name by your gifts and by devices.

40 For upon my holy mountain, on the high mountain, says the Lord, even the Lord, there shall all the house of Israel serve me for ever: and there will I accept you, and there will I have respect to your first-fruits, and the first-fruits of your offerings, in all your holy things.

41 I will accept you with a sweet-smelling savour, when I bring you out from the nations, and take you out of the countries wherein you have been dispersed; and I will be sanctified among you in the sight of the nations.

42 And you shall know that I am the Lord, when I have brought you into the land of Israel, into the land concerning which I lifted up my hand to give it to your fathers.

43 And you shall there remember your ways, and your devices wherewith you defiled yourselves; and you shall bewail yourselves for all your wickedness.

44 And you shall know that I am the Lord, when I have done thus to you, that my name may not be profaned in your evil ways, and in your corrupt devices, says the Lord.

Chapter 21

1 And the word of the Lord came to me, saying,

2 Son of man, set your face against Thæman, and look toward Darom, and prophesy against the chief forest of Nageb,

3 and you shall say to the forest of Nageb, Hear the word of the Lord; thus says the Lord, even the Lord; Behold, I will kindle a fire in you, and it shall devour in you every green tree, and every dry tree: the flame that is kindled shall not be quenched, and every face shall be scorched with it from the south to the north.

4 And all flesh shall know that I the Lord have kindled it: it shall not be quenched.

5 And I said, Not so, O Lord God! they say to me, Is not this that is spoken a parable?

6 And the word of the Lord came to me, saying,

7 Therefore prophesy, son of man, set your face steadfastly toward Jerusalem, and look toward their holy places, and you shall prophesy against the land of Israel,

8 and you shall say to the land of Israel, Thus says the Lord; Behold, I am against you, and I will draw forth my sword out of its sheath, and I will destroy out of you the transgressor and unrighteous.

9 Because I will destroy out of you the unrighteous and the transgressor, therefore so shall my sword come forth out of its sheath against all flesh from the south to the north:

10 and all flesh shall know that I the Lord have drawn forth my sword out of its sheath: it shall not return any more.

11 And you, son of man, groan with the breaking of your loins; you shall even groan heavily in their sight.

12 And it shall come to pass, if they shall say to you, Wherefore do you groan? that you shall say, For the report; because it comes: and every heart shall break, and all hands shall become feeble, and all flesh and every spirit shall faint, and all thighs shall be defiled with moisture: behold, it comes, says the Lord.

13 And the word of the Lord came to me, saying,

14 Son of man, prophesy, and you shall say, Thus says the Lord; Say, Sword, sword, be sharpened and rage,

15 that you may slay victims; be sharpened that you may be bright, ready for slaughter, slay, set at nought, despise every tree.

16 And he made it ready for his hand to hold: the sword is sharpened, it is ready to put into the hand of the slayer.

17 Cry out and howl, son of man: for this sword is come upon my people, this sword is come upon all the princes of Israel: they shall be as strangers: judgment with the sword is come upon my people: therefore clap yours hands, for sentence has been passed:

18 and what if even the tribe be rejected? it shall not be, says the Lord God.

19 And you, son of man, prophesy, and clap yours hands, and take a second sword: the third sword is the sword of the slain, the great sword of the slain: and you shall strike them with amazement, lest the heart should faint

20 and the weak ones be multiplied at every gate—they are given up to the slaughter of the sword: it is well fitted for slaughter, it is well fitted for glittering.

21 And do you go on, sharpen yourself on the right and on the left whithersoever your face may set itself.

22 And I also will clap my hands, and let loose my fury: I the Lord have spoken it.

23 And the word of the Lord came to me, saying,

24 And you, son of man, appoint you two ways, that the sword of the king of Babylon may enter in: the two shall go forth of one country; and there shall be a force at the top of the way of the city, you shall set it at the top of the way,

25 that the sword may enter in upon Rabbah of the children of Ammon, and upon Judea, and upon Jerusalem in the midst thereof.

26 For the king of Babylon shall stand on the old way, at the head of the two ways, to use divination, to make bright the arrow, and to enquire of the graven images, and to examine the victims.

27 On his right was the divination against Jerusalem, to cast a mound, to open the mouth in shouting, to lift up the voice with crying, to cast a mound against her gates, to cast up a heap, and to build forts.

28 And he was to them as one using divination before them, and he himself recounting his iniquities, that they might be borne in mind.

29 Therefore thus says the Lord, Because you have caused your iniquities to be remembered, in the discovery of your wickedness, so that your sins should be seen, in all your wickedness and in your evil practices; because you have caused remembrance of them, in these shall you be taken.

30 And you profane wicked prince of Israel, whose day, even an end, is come in a season of iniquity, thus says the Lord;

31 You have taken off the mitre and put on the crown, it shall not have such another after it: you have abased that which was high, and exalted that which was low.

32 Injustice, injustice, injustice, will I make it: woe to it: such shall it be until he comes to whom it belongs; and I will deliver it to him.

33 And you, son of man, prophesy, and you shall say, Thus says the Lord, concerning the children of Ammon, and concerning their reproach; and you shall say, O sword, sword, drawn for slaughter, and drawn for destruction, awake, that you may gleam.

34 While you are seeing vain visions, and while you are prophesying falsehoods, to bring yourself upon the necks of ungodly transgressors, the day is come, even an end, in a season of iniquity.

35 Turn, rest not in this place wherein you were born: in your own land will I judge you.

36 And I will pour out my wrath upon you, I will blow upon you with the fire of my wrath, and I will deliver you into the hands of barbarians skilled in working destruction.

37 You shall be fuel for fire; your blood shall be in the midst of your land; there shall be no remembrance at all of you: for I the Lord have spoken it.

Chapter 22

1 And the word of the Lord came to me, saying,

2 And you, son of man, will you judge the bloody city? yea, declare you to her all her iniquities.

3 And you shall say, Thus says the Lord God: O city that sheds blood in the midst of her, so that her time should come, and that forms devices against herself, to defile herself;

4 in their blood which you have shed, you have transgressed; and in your devices which you have formed, you have polluted yourself; and you have brought nigh your days, and have brought on the time of your years: therefore have I made you a reproach to the Gentiles, and a mockery to all the countries,

5 to those near you, and to those far distant from you; and they shall mock you, you that are notoriously unclean, and abundant in iniquities.

6 Behold, the princes of the house of Israel have conspired in you each one with his kindred, that they might shed blood.

7 In you they have reviled father and mother; and in you they have behaved unjustly toward the stranger: they have oppressed the orphan and widow.

8 And they have set at nought my holy things, and in you they have profaned my sabbaths.

9 There are robbers in you, to shed blood in you; and in you they have eaten upon the mountains: they have wrought ungodliness in the midst of you.

10 In you they have uncovered the father's shame; and in you they have humbled her that was set apart for uncleanness.

11 They have dealt unlawfully each one with his neighbour's wife; and each one in ungodliness has defiled

his daughter-in-law: and in you they have humbled each one his sister, the daughter of his father.

12 In you they have received gifts to shed blood; they have received in you interest and usurious increase; and by oppression you have brought your wickedness to the full, and have forgotten me, says the Lord.

13 And if I shall smite my hand at your iniquities which you have accomplished, which you have wrought, and at your blood that has been shed in the midst of you,

14 shall your heart endure? shall yours hands be strong in the days which I bring upon you? I the Lord have spoken, and will do it.

15 And I will scatter you among the nations, and disperse you in the countries, and your uncleanness shall be removed out of you.

16 And I will give heritages in you in the sight of the nations, and you shall know that I am the Lord.

17 And the word of the Lord came to me, saying,

18 Son of man, behold, the house of Israel are all become to me as it were mixed with brass, and iron, and tin, and lead; they are mixed up in the midst of silver.

19 Therefore say, Thus says the Lord God; Because you have become one mixture, therefore I will gather you into the midst of Jerusalem.

20 As silver, and brass, and iron, and tin, and lead, are gathered into the midst of the furnace, to blow fire into it, that they may be melted: so will I take you in my wrath, and I will gather and melt you.

21 And I will blow upon you in the fire of my wrath, and you shall be melted in the midst thereof.

22 As silver is melted in the midst of a furnace, so shall you be melted in the midst thereof; and you shall know that I the Lord have poured out my wrath upon you.

23 And the word of the Lord came to me, saying,

24 Son of man, say to her, You are the land that is not rained upon, neither has rain come upon you in the day of wrath:

25 whose princes in the midst of her are as roaring lions seizing prey, devouring souls by oppression, and taking bribes; and your widows are multiplied in the midst of you.

26 Her priests also have set at nought my law, and profaned my holy things: they have not distinguished between the holy and profane, nor have they distinguished between the unclean and the clean, and have hid their eyes from my sabbaths, and I was profaned in the midst of them.

27 Her princes in the midst of her are as wolves ravening to shed blood, that they may get dishonest gain.

28 And her prophets that daub them shall fall, that see vanities, that prophesy falsehoods, saying, Thus says the Lord, when the Lord has not spoken.

29 That sorely oppress the people of the land with injustice, and commit robbery; oppressing the poor and needy, and not dealing justly with the stranger.

30 And I sought from among them a man behaving uprightly, and standing before me perfectly in the time of wrath, so that I should not utterly destroy her: but I found him not.

31 So I have poured out my wrath upon her in the fury of mine anger, to accomplish it. I have recompensed their ways on their own heads, says the Lord God.

Chapter 23

1 And the word of the Lord came to me, saying,

2 Son of man, there were two women, daughters of one mother:

3 and they went a-whoring in Egypt in their youth: there their breasts fell, there they lost their virginity.

4 And their names were Oola the elder, and Ooliba her sister: and they were mine, and bore sons and daughters: and as for their names, Samaria was Oola, and Jerusalem was Ooliba.

5 And Oola went a-whoring from me, and doted on her lovers, on the Assyrians that were her neighbours,

6 clothed with purple, princes and captains; they were young men and choice, all horsemen riding on horses.

7 And she bestowed her fornication upon them; all were choice sons of the Assyrians: and on whomsoever she doted herself, with them she defiled herself in all their devices.

8 And she forsook not her fornication with the Egyptians: for in her youth they committed fornication with her, and they deflowered her, and poured out their fornication upon her.

9 Therefore I delivered her into the hands of her lovers, into the hands of the children of the Assyrians, on whom she doted.

10 They uncovered her shame: they took her sons and daughters, and slew her with the sword: and she became a byword among women; and they wrought vengeance in her for the sake of the daughters.

11 And her sister Ooliba saw it, and she indulged in her fondness more corruptly than she, and in her fornication more than the fornication of her sister.

12 She doted upon the sons of the Assyrians, princes and captains, her neighbours, clothed with fine linen, horsemen riding on horses; they were all choice young men.

13 And I saw that they were defiled, that the two had one way.

14 And she increased her fornication, and she saw men painted on the wall, likenesses of the Chaldeans painted with a pencil,

15 having variegated girdles on their loins, having also richly dyed attire upon their heads; all had a princely appearance, the likeness of the children of the Chaldeans, of their native land.

16 And she doted upon them as soon as she saw them, and sent forth messengers to them into the land of the Chaldeans.

17 And the sons of Babylon came to her, into the bed of rest, and they defiled her in her fornication, and she was defiled by them, and her soul was alienated from them.

18 And she exposed her fornication, and exposed her shame: and my soul was alienated from her, even as my soul was alienated from her sister.

19 And you did multiply your fornication, so as to call to remembrance the days of your youth, wherein you did commit whoredom in Egypt,

20 and you did dote upon the Chaldeans, whose flesh is as the flesh of asses, and their members as the members of horses.

21 And you did look upon the iniquity of your youth, the things which you wrought in Egypt in your lodging, where were the breasts of your youth.

22 Therefore, Ooliba, thus says the Lord; Behold, I will stir up your lovers against you, from whom your soul is alienated, and I will bring them upon you round about,

23 the children of Babylon, and all the Chaldeans, Phacuc, and Sue, and Hychue, and all the sons of the Assyrians with them; choice young men, governors and captains, all princes and renowned, riding on horses.

24 And they all shall come upon you from the north, chariots and wheels, with a multitude of nations, shields and targets; and the enemy shall set a watch against you round about: and I will set judgment before them, and they shall take vengeance on you with their judgments.

25 And I will bring upon you my jealousy, and they shall deal with you in great wrath: they shall take away your nose and your ears; and shall cast down your remnant with the sword: they shall take your sons and your daughters; and your remnant fire shall devour.

26 And they shall strip you of your raiment, and take away your ornaments.

27 So I will turn back your ungodliness from you, and your fornication from the land of Egypt: and you shall not lift up your eyes upon them, and shall no more remember Egypt.

28 Wherefore thus says the Lord God; Behold, I will deliver you into the hands of those whom you hate, from whom your soul is alienated.

29 And they shall deal with you in hatred, and shall take all the fruits of your labours and your toils, and you shall be naked and bare: and the shame of your fornication shall be exposed: and your ungodliness and your fornication

30 brought this upon you, in that you went a-whoring after the nations, and did defile yourself with their devices.

31 You did walk in the way of your sister; and I will put her cup into yours hands.

32 Thus says the Lord; Drink your sister's cup, deep and large, and full, to cause complete drunkenness.

33 And you shall be thoroughly weakened; and the cup of destruction, the cup of your sister Samaria,

34 drink you it, and I will take away her feasts and her new moons: for I have spoken it, says the Lord.

35 Therefore thus says the Lord; Because you have forgotten me, and cast me behind your back, therefore receive you the reward of your ungodliness and your fornication.

36 And the Lord said to me; Son of man, will you not judge Oola and Ooliba? and declare to them their iniquities?

37 For they have committed adultery, and blood was in their hands, they committed adultery with their devices, and they passed through the fire to them their children which they bore to me.

38 So long too as they did these things to me, they defiled my sanctuary, and profaned my sabbaths.

39 And when they sacrificed their children to their idols, they also went into my sanctuary to profane it: and whereas they did thus in the midst of my house;

40 and whereas they did thus to the men that came from afar, to whom they sent messengers, and as soon as they came, immediately you did wash yourself, and did paint your eyes and adorn yourself with ornaments,

41 and sat on a prepared bed, and before it there was a table set out, and as for mine incense and mine oil, they rejoiced in them,

42 and they raised a sound of music, and that with men coming from the wilderness out of a multitude of men, and they put bracelets on their hands, and a crown of glory on their heads;

43 Therefore I said, Do they not commit adultery with these? and has she also gone a-whoring after the manner of a harlot?

44 And they went in to her, as men go in to a harlot; so they went in to Oola and to Ooliba to work iniquity.

45 And they are just men, and shall take vengeance on them with the judgment of an adulteress and the judgment of blood: for they are adulteresses, and blood is in their hands.

46 Thus says the Lord God, Bring up a multitude upon them, and send trouble and plunder into the midst of them.

47 And stone them with the stones of a multitude, and pierce them with their swords: they shall slay their sons and their daughters, and shall burn up their houses.

48 And I will remove ungodliness out of the land, and all the women shall be instructed, and shall not do according to their ungodliness.

49 And your ungodliness shall be recompensed upon you, and you shall bear the guilt of your devices: and you shall know that I am the Lord.

Chapter 24

1 And the word of the Lord came to me, in the ninth year, in the tenth month, on the tenth day of the month, saying,

2 Son of man, write for yourself daily from this day, on which the king of Babylon set himself against Jerusalem, even from this day.

3 And speak a parable to the provoking house, and you shall say to them, Thus says the Lord; Set on the caldron, and pour water into it:

4 and put the pieces into it, every prime piece, the leg and shoulder taken off from the bones,

5 which are taken from choice cattle, and burn the bones under them: her bones are boiled and cooked in the midst of her.

6 Therefore thus says the Lord; O bloody city, the caldron in which there is scum, and the scum has not gone out of, she has brought it forth piece by piece, no lot has fallen upon it.

7 For her blood is in the midst of her; I have set it upon a smooth rock: I have not poured it out upon the earth, so that the earth should cover it;

8 that my wrath should come up for complete vengeance to be taken: I set her blood upon a smooth rock, so as not to cover it.

9 Therefore thus says the Lord, I will also make the firebrand great,

10 and I will multiply the wood, and kindle the fire, that the flesh may be consumed, and the liquor boiled away;

11 and that it may stand upon the coals, that her brass may be thoroughly heated, and be melted in the midst of her filthiness, and her scum may be consumed,

12 and her abundant scum may not come forth of her.

13 Her scum shall become shameful, because you did defile yourself: and what if you shall be purged no more until I have accomplished my wrath?

14 I the Lord have spoken; and it shall come, and I will do it; I will not delay, neither will I have any mercy: I will judge you, says the Lord, according to your ways, and according to your devices: therefore will I judge you according to your bloodshed, and according to your devices will I judge you, you unclean, notorious, and abundantly provoking one.

15 And the word of the Lord came to me, saying,

16 Son of man, behold I take from you the desire of your eyes by violence: you shall not lament, neither shall you weep.

17 You shall groan for blood, and have mourning upon your loins; your hair shall not be braided upon you, and your sandals shall be on your feet; you shall in no wise be comforted by their lips, and you shall not eat the bread of men.

18 And I spoke to the people in the morning, as he commanded me in the evening, and I did in the morning as it was commanded me.

19 And the people said to me, Will you not tell us what these things are that you do?

20 Then I said to them, The word of the Lord came to me, saying,

21 Say to the house of Israel, Thus says the Lord; Behold, I will profane my sanctuary, the boast of your strength, the desire of your eyes, and for which your souls are concerned; and your sons and your daughters, whom you have left, shall fall by the sword.

22 And you shall do as I have done: you shall not be comforted at their mouth, and you shall not eat the bread of men.

23 And your hair shall be upon your head, and your shoes on your feet: neither shall you at all lament or weep; but you shall pine away in your iniquities, and shall comfort every one his brother.

24 And Ezekiel shall be for a sign to you: according to all that I have done shall you do, when these things shall come; and you shall know that I am the Lord.

25 And you, son of man, shall it not be in the day when I take their strength from them, the pride of their boasting, the desires of their eyes, and the pride of their soul, their sons and their daughters,

26 that in that day he that escapes shall come to you, to tell it you in your ears?

27 In that day your mouth shall be opened to him that escapes; you shall speak, and shall be no longer dumb: and you shall be for a sign to them, and they shall know that I am the Lord.

Chapter 25

1 And the word of the Lord came to me, saying,

2 Son of man, set your face steadfastly against the children of Ammon, and prophesy against them;

3 and you shall say to the children of Ammon, Hear you the word of the Lord; thus says the Lord; Forasmuch as you have rejoiced against my sanctuary, because it was profaned; and against the land of Israel, because it was laid waste; and against the house of Judah, because they went into captivity;

4 therefore, behold, I will deliver you to the children of Kedem for an inheritance, and they shall lodge in you with their stuff, and they shall pitch their tents in you: they shall eat your fruits, and they shall drink your milk.

5 And I will give up the city of Ammon for camels' pastures, and the children of Ammon for a pasture of sheep: and you shall know that I am the Lord.

6 For thus says the Lord; Because you have clapped yours hands, and stamped with your foot, and heartily rejoiced against the land of Israel;

7 therefore I will stretch out my hand against you, and I will make you a spoil to the nations; and I will utterly destroy you from among the peoples, and I will completely cut you off from out of the countries: and you shall know that I am the Lord.

8 Thus says the Lord; Because Moab has said, Behold, are not the house of Israel and Judah like all the other nations?

9 Therefore, behold, I will weaken the shoulder of Moab from his frontier cities, even the choice land, the house of Bethasimuth above the fountain of the city, by the sea-side.

10 I have given him the children of Kedem in addition to the children of Ammon for an inheritance, that there may be no remembrance of the children of Ammon.

11 And I will execute vengeance on Moab; and they shall know that I am the Lord.

12 Thus says the Lord; Because of what the Idumeans have done in taking vengeance on the house of Judah, and because they have remembered injuries, and have exacted full recompence;

13 therefore thus says the Lord; I will also stretch out my hand upon Edom, and will utterly destroy out of it man and beast; and will make it desolate; and they that are pursued out of Thæman shall fall by the sword.

14 And I will execute my vengeance on Edom by the hand of my people Israel: and they shall deal in Edom according to mine anger and according to my wrath, and they shall know my vengeance, says the Lord.

15 Therefore thus says the Lord, Because the Philistines have wrought revengefully, and raised up vengeance rejoicing from their heart to destroy the Israelites to a man;

16 therefore thus says the Lord; Behold, I will stretch out my hand upon the Philistines, and will utterly destroy the Cretans, and will cut off the remnant that dwell by the sea-coast.

17 And I will execute great vengeance upon them; and they shall know that I am the Lord, when I have brought my vengeance upon them.

Chapter 26

1 And it came to pass in the eleventh year, on the first day of the month, that the word of the Lord came to me, saying,

2 Son of man, because Tyre has said against Jerusalem, Aha, she is crushed: the nations are destroyed: she is turned to me: she that was full is made desolate:

3 therefore thus says the Lord; Behold, I am against you, O Tyre, and I will bring up many nations against you, as the sea comes up with its waves.

4 And they shall cast down the walls of Tyre, and shall cast down your towers: and I will scrape her dust from off her, and make her a bare rock.

5 She shall be in the midst of the sea a place for repairing nets: for I have spoken it, says the Lord: and it shall be a spoil for the nations.

6 And her daughters which are in the field shall be slain with the sword, and they shall know that I am the Lord.

7 For thus says the Lord; Behold, I will bring up against you, O Tyre, Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon from the north: he is a king of kings, with horses, and chariots, and horsemen, and a concourse of very many nations.

8 He shall slay your daughters that are in the field with the sword, and shall set a watch against you, and build forts around you, and carry a rampart round against you, and set up warlike works, and array his spears against you.

9 He shall cast down with his swords your walls and your towers.

10 By reason of the multitude of his horses their dust shall cover you, and by reason of the sound of his horsemen and the wheels of his chariots your walls shall be shaken, when he enters into your gates, as one entering into a city from the plain.

11 With the hoofs of his horses they shall trample all your streets: he shall slay your people with the sword, and shall bring down to the ground the support of your strength.

12 And he shall prey upon your power, and plunder your substance, and shall cast down your walls, and break down

your pleasant houses: and he shall cast your stones and your timber and your dust into the midst of your sea.

13 And he shall destroy the multitude of your musicians, and the sound of your psalteries shall be heard no more.

14 And I will make you a bare rock: you shall be a place to spread nets upon; you shall be built no more: for I the Lord have spoken it, says the Lord.

15 For thus says the Lord God to Tyre; Shall not the isles shake at the sound of your fall, while the wounded are groaning, while they have drawn a sword in the midst of you?

16 And all the princes of the nations of the sea shall come down from their thrones, and shall take off their crowns from their heads, and shall take off their embroidered raiment: they shall be utterly amazed; they shall sit upon the ground, and fear their own destruction, and shall groan over you.

17 And they shall take up a lamentation for you, and shall say to you, How are you destroyed from out of the sea, the renowned city, that brought her terror upon all her inhabitants.

18 And the isles shall be alarmed at the day of your fall.

19 For thus says the Lord God; When I shall make the city desolate, as the cities that shall not be inhabited, when I have brought the deep up upon you,

20 and great waters shall cover you; and I shall bring you down to them that go down to the pit, to the people of old time, and shall cause you to dwell in the depths of the earth, as in everlasting desolation, with them that go down to the pit, that you may not be inhabited, nor stand upon the land of life;

21 I will make you a destruction, and you shall be no more for ever, says the Lord God.

Chapter 27

1 And the word of the Lord came to me, saying,

2 And you, son of man, take up a lamentation against Tyre;

3 and you shall say to Tyre that dwells at the entrance of the sea, to the mart of the nations coming from many islands, Thus says the Lord to Tyre; You have said, I have clothed myself with my beauty.

4 In the heart of the sea your sons have put beauty upon you for Beelim.

5 Cedar in Senir was employed for you in building: boards of cypress timber were taken out of Lebanon, and wood to make you masts of fir.

6 They made your oars of wood out of the land of Basan; your sacred utensils they made of ivory, your shady houses of wood from the isles of Chetiim.

7 Fine linen with embroidery from Egypt supplied your couch, to put honour upon you, and to clothe you with blue and purple from the isles of Elisai; and they became your coverings.

8 And your princes were the dwellers in Sidon, and the Aradians were your rowers: your wise men, O Tyre, who were in you, these were your pilots.

9 The elders of the Biblians, and their wise men, who were in you, these helped your counsel: and all the ships of the sea and their rowers traded for you to the utmost west.

10 Persians and Lydians and Libyans were in your army: your warriors hung in you shields and helmets; these gave you your glory.

11 The sons of the Aradians and your army were upon your walls; there were guards in your towers: they hung their quivers on your battlements round about; these completed your beauty.

12 The Carthaginians were your merchants because of the abundance of all your strength; they furnished your market with silver, and gold, and iron, and tin, and lead.

13 Greece, both the whole world, and the adjacent coasts, these traded with you in the persons of men, and they gave as your merchandise vessels of brass.

14 Out of the house of Thogarma horses and horsemen furnished your market.

15 The sons of the Rhodians were your merchants; from the islands they multiplied your merchandise, even elephants' teeth: and to them that came in you did return your prices,

16 even men as your merchandise, from the multitude of your trading population, myrrh and embroidered works from Tarshish: Ramoth also and Chorchor furnished your market.

17 Judah and the children of Israel, these were your merchants; in the sale of corn and ointments and cassia: and they gave the best honey, and oil, and resin, to your trading population.

18 The people of Damascus were your merchants by reason of the abundance of all your power; wine out of Chelbon, and wool from Miletus; and they brought wine into your market.

19 Out of Asel came wrought iron, and there is the sound of wheels among your trading population.

20 The people of Dædan were your merchants, with choice cattle for chariots.

21 Arabia and all the princes of Kedar, these were your traders with you, bringing camels, and lambs, and rams, in which they trade with you.

22 The merchants of Sabba and Ramma, these were your merchants, with choice spices, and precious stones: and they brought gold to your market.

23 Charra, and Chanaa, these were your merchants: Assur, and Charman, were your merchants:

24 bringing for merchandise blue, and choice stores bound with cords, and cypress wood.

25 Ships were your merchants, in abundance, with your trading population: and you were filled and very heavily loaded in the heart of the sea.

26 Your rowers have brought you into great waters: the south wind has broken you in the heart of the sea.

27 Your forces, and your gain, and that of your traders, and your rowers, and your pilots, and your counsellors, and they that traffic with you, and all your warriors that are in you: and all your company in the midst of you shall perish in the heart of the sea, in the day of your fall.

28 At the cry of your voice your pilots shall be greatly terrified.

29 And all the rowers and the mariners shall come down from the ships, and the pilots of the sea shall stand on the land.

30 And they shall wail over you with their voice, and cry bitterly, and put earth on their heads, and spread ashes under them.

32 And their sons shall take up a lament for you, even a lamentation for Tyre, saying,

33 How large a reward have you gained from the sea? you have filled nations out of your abundance; and out of your mixed merchandise you have enriched all the kings of the earth.

34 Now are you broken in the sea, your traders are in the deep water, and all your company in the midst of you: all your rowers have fallen.

35 All the dwellers in the islands have mourned over you, and their kings have been utterly amazed, and their countenance has wept.

36 Merchants from the nations have hissed at you; you are utterly destroyed, and shall not be any more for ever.

Chapter 28

1 And the word of the Lord came to me, saying,

2 And you, son of man, say to the prince of Tyre, Thus says the Lord; Because yours heart has been exalted, and you have said, I am God, I have inhabited the dwelling of God in the heart of the sea; yet you are man and not God, though you have set yours heart as the heart of God:

3 are you wiser than Daniel? or have not the wise instructed you with their knowledge?

4 Have you gained power for yourself by your own knowledge or your own prudence, and gotten gold and silver in your treasures?

5 By your abundant knowledge and your traffic you have multiplied your power; your heart has been lifted up by your power.

6 Therefore thus says the Lord; Since you have set yours heart as the heart of God;

7 because of this, behold, I will bring on you strange plagues from the nations; and they shall draw their swords against you, and against the beauty of your knowledge,

8 and they shall bring down your beauty to destruction. And they shall bring you down; and you shall die the death of the slain in the heart of the sea.

9 Will you indeed say, I am God, before them that slay you? whereas you are man, and not God.

10 You shall perish by the hands of strangers among the multitude of the uncircumcised: for I have spoken it, says the Lord.

11 And the word of the Lord came to me, saying,

12 Son of man, take up a lamentation for the prince of Tyre, and say to him, Thus says the Lord God; You are a seal of resemblance, and crown of beauty.

13 You were in the delight of the paradise of God; you have bound upon you every precious stone, the sardius, and topaz, and emerald, and carbuncle, and sapphire, and jasper, and silver, and gold, and ligure, and agate, and amethyst, and chrysolite, and beryl, and onyx: and you have filled your treasures and your stores in you with gold.

14 From the day that you were created you were with the cherub: I set you on the holy mount of God; you were in the midst of the stones of fire.

15 You were faultless in your days, from the day that you were created, until iniquity was found in you.

16 Of the abundance of your merchandise you have filled your storehouses with iniquity, and have sinned: therefore you have been cast down wounded from the mount of God, and the cherub has brought you out of the midst of the stones of fire.

17 Your heart has been lifted up because of your beauty; your knowledge has been corrupted with your beauty: because of the multitude of your sins I have cast you to the ground, I have caused you to be put to open shame before kings.

18 Because of the multitude of your sins and the iniquities of your merchandise, I have profaned your sacred things; and I will bring fire out of the midst of you, this shall devour you; and I will make you to be ashes upon your land before all that see you.

19 And all that know you among the nations shall groan over you: you are gone to destruction, and you shall not exist any more.

20 And the word of the Lord came to me, saying,

21 Son of man, set your face against Sidon, and prophesy against it,

22 and say, Thus says the Lord; Behold, I am against you, O Sidon; and I will be glorified in you; and you shall know that I am the Lord, when I have wrought judgments in you, and I will be sanctified in you.

23 Blood and death shall be in your streets; and men wounded with swords shall fall in you and on every side of you; and they shall know that I am the Lord.

24 And there shall no more be in the house of Israel a thorn of bitterness and a pricking briar proceeding from them that are round about them, who dishonoured them; and they shall know that I am the Lord.

25 Thus says the Lord God; I will also gather Israel from the nations, among whom they have been scattered, and I will be sanctified among them, and before the peoples and nations: and they shall dwell upon their land, which I gave to my servant Jacob.

26 Yea, they shall dwell upon it safely, and they shall build houses, and plant vineyards, and dwell securely, when I shall execute judgment on all that have dishonoured them, even on those that are round about them; and they shall know that I am the Lord their God, and the God of their fathers.

Chapter 29

1 In the twelfth year, in the tenth month, on the first day of the month, the word of the Lord came to me, saying,

2 Son of man, set your face against Pharaoh king of Egypt, and prophesy against him, and against the whole of Egypt:

3 and say, Thus says the Lord; Behold, I am against Pharaoh, the great dragon that lies in the midst of his rivers, that says, The rivers are mine, and I made them.

4 And I will put hooks in your jaws, and I will cause the fish of your river to stick to your sides, and I will bring you up out of the midst of your river:

5 and I will quickly cast down you and all the fish of your river: you shall fall on the face of the plain, and shall by no means be gathered, and shall not be brought together: I have given you for food to the wild beasts of the earth and to the fowls of the sky.

6 And all the dwellers in Egypt shall know that I am the Lord, because you have been a staff of reed to the house of Israel.

7 When they took hold of you with their hand, you did break: and when every hand was clapped against them, and when they leaned on you, you were utterly broken, and did crush the loins of them all.

8 Therefore thus says the Lord; Behold, I will bring a sword upon you, and will cut off from you man and beast;

9 and the land of Egypt shall be ruined and desert; and they shall know that I am the Lord; because you say, The rivers are mine, and I made them.

10 Therefore, behold, I am against you, and against all your rivers, and I will give up the land of Egypt to desolation, and the sword, and destruction, from Magdol and Syene even to the borders of the Ethiopians.

11 No foot of man shall pass through it, and no foot of beast shall pass through it, and it shall not be inhabited for forty years.

12 And I will cause her land to be utterly destroyed in the midst of a land that is desolate, and her cities shall be desolate forty years in the midst of cities that are desolate: and I will disperse Egypt among the nations, and will utterly scatter them into the countries.

13 Thus says the Lord; After forty years I will gather the Egyptians from the nations among whom they have been scattered;

14 and I will turn the captivity of the Egyptians, and will cause them to dwell in the land of Phathore, in the land whence they were taken;

15 and it shall be a base kingdom beyond all other kingdoms; it shall not any more be exalted over the nations; and I will make them few in number, that they may not be great among the nations.

16 And they shall no more be to the house of Israel a confidence bringing iniquity to remembrance, when they follow after them; and they shall know that I am the Lord.

17 And it came to pass in the twenty-seventh year, on the first day of the first month, the word of the Lord came to me, saying,

18 Son of man, Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon caused his army to serve a great service against Tyre; every head was bald, and every shoulder peeled; yet there was no reward to him or to his army serving against Tyre, nor for the service wherewith they served against it.

19 Thus says the Lord God; Behold, I will give to Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon the land of Egypt, and he shall take the plunder thereof, and seize the spoils thereof; and it shall be a reward for his army.

20 In return for his service wherewith he served against Tyre, I have given him the land of Egypt; thus says the Lord God:

21 In that day shall a horn spring forth for all the house of Israel, and I will give you an open mouth in the midst of them; and they shall know that I am the Lord.

Chapter 30

1 And the word of the Lord came to me, saying,

2 Son of man, prophesy, and say, Thus says the Lord; Woe, woe worth the day!

3 For the day of the Lord is nigh, a day of cloud; it shall be the end of the nations.

4 And a sword shall come upon the Egyptians, and there shall be tumult in Ethiopia, and in Egypt men shall fall down slain together, and her foundations shall fall.

5 Persians, and Cretans, and Lydians, and Libyans, and all the mixed multitude, and they of the children of my covenant, shall fall by the sword therein.

6 And the supports of Egypt shall fall; and the pride of her strength shall come down from Magdol to Syene: they shall fall by the sword in it, says the Lord.

7 And it shall be made desolate in the midst of desolate countries, and their cities shall be desolate in the midst of the desolate cities:

8 and they shall know that I am the Lord, when I shall send fire upon Egypt, and when all that help her shall be broken.

9 In that day shall messengers go forth hasting to destroy Ethiopia utterly, and there shall be tumult among them in the day of Egypt: for, behold, it comes.

10 Thus says the Lord God; I will also destroy the multitude of the Egyptians by the hand of Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon,

11 his hand and his people's; they are plagues sent forth from the nations to destroy the land: and they all shall unsheath their swords against Egypt, and the land shall be filled with slain.

12 And I will make their rivers desolate, and will destroy the land and the fulness of it by the hands of strangers: I the Lord have spoken.

13 For thus says the Lord God; I will also destroy the nobles from Memphis, and the princes of Memphis out of the land of Egypt; and they shall be no more.

14 And I will destroy the land of Phathore, and will send fire upon Tanis, and will execute vengeance on Diospolis.

15 And I will pour out my wrath upon Sais the strength of Egypt, and will destroy the multitude of Memphis.

16 And I will send fire upon Egypt; and Syene shall be sorely troubled; and there shall be a breaking in Diospolis, and waters shall be poured out.

17 The youths of Heliopolis and Bubastum shall fall by the sword, and the women shall go into captivity.

18 And the day shall be darkened in Taphnæ, when I have broken there the sceptres of Egypt: and the pride of her strength shall perish there: and a cloud shall cover her, and her daughters shall be taken prisoners.

19 And I will execute judgment on Egypt; and they shall know that I am the Lord.

20 And it came to pass in the eleventh year, in the first month, on the seventh day of the month, the word of the Lord came to me, saying,

21 Son of man, I have broken the arms of Pharaoh, king of Egypt; and, behold, it has not been bound up to be healed, to have a plaster put upon it, or to be strengthened to lay hold of the sword.

22 Therefore thus says the Lord God; Behold, I am against Pharaoh king of Egypt, and I will break his strong and outstretched arms, and will smite down his sword out of his hand.

23 And I will disperse the Egyptians among the nations, and will utterly scatter them among the countries.

24 And I will strengthen the arms of the king of Babylon, and put my sword into his hand: and he shall bring it upon Egypt, and shall take her plunder and seize her spoils.

25 Yea, I will strengthen the arms of the king of Babylon, and the arms of Pharaoh shall fail: and they shall know that I am the Lord, when I have put my sword into the hands of the king of Babylon, and he shall stretch it out over the land of Egypt.

26 And I will disperse the Egyptians among the nations, and utterly scatter them among the countries; and they all shall know that I am the Lord.

Chapter 31

1 And it came to pass in the eleventh year, in the third month, on the first day of the month, the word of the Lord came to me, saying,

2 Son of man, say to Pharaoh king of Egypt, and to his multitude; To whom have you compared yourself in your haughtiness?

3 Behold, the Assyrian was a cypress in Lebanon, and was fair in shoots, and high in stature: his top reached to the midst of the clouds.

4 The water nourished him, the depth made him grow tall; she led her rivers round about his plants, and she sent forth her streams to all the trees of the field.

5 Therefore was his stature exalted above all the trees of the field, and his branches spread far by the help of much water.

6 All the birds of the sky made their nests in his boughs, and under his branches all the wild beasts of the field bred; the whole multitude of nations dwelt under his shadow.

7 And he was fair in his height by reason of the multitude of his branches: for his roots were amidst much water.

8 And such cypresses as this were in the paradise of God; and there were no pines like his shoots, and there were no firs like his branches: no tree in the paradise of God was like him in his beauty,

9 because of the multitude of his branches: and the trees of God's paradise of delight envied him.

10 Therefore thus says the Lord; Because you are grown great, and have set your top in the midst of the clouds, and I saw when he was exalted;

11 therefore I delivered him into the hands of the prince of the nations, and he wrought his destruction.

12 And ravaging strangers from the nations have destroyed him, and have cast him down upon the mountains: his branches fell in all the valleys, and his boughs were broken in every field of the land; and all the people of the nations are gone down from their shelter, and have laid him low.

13 All the birds of the sky have settled on his fallen trunk, and all the wild beasts of the field came upon his boughs:

14 in order that none of the trees by the water should exalt themselves by reason of their size: whereas they set their top in the midst of the clouds, yet they continued not in their high state in their place, all that drank water, all were consigned to death, to the depth of the earth, in the midst of the children of men, with them that go down to the pit.

15 Thus says the Lord God; In the day wherein he went down to Hades, the deep mourned for him: and I stayed her floods, and restrained her abundance of water: and Lebanon saddened for him, all the trees of the field fainted for him.

16 At the sound of his fall the nations quaked, when I brought him down to Hades with them that go down to the pit: and all the trees of Delight comforted him in the heart, and the choice plants of Lebanon, all that drink water.

17 For they went down to hell with him among the slain with the sword; and his seed, even they that dwelt under his shadow, perished in the midst of their life.

18 To whom are you compared? descend, and be you debased with the trees of paradise to the depth of the earth: you shall lie in the midst of the uncircumcised with them that are slain by the sword. Thus shall Pharaoh be, and the multitude of his host, says the Lord God.

Chapter 32

1 And it came to pass in the twelfth year, in the tenth month, on the first day of the month, that the word of the Lord came to me, saying,

2 Son of man, take up a lamentation for Pharaoh king of Egypt, and say to him, You are become like a lion of the nations, and as the serpent that is in the sea: and you did make assaults with your rivers, and did disturb the water with your feet, and did trample your rivers.

3 Thus says the Lord; I will also cast over you the nets of many nations, and will bring you up with my hook:

4 and I will stretch you upon the earth: the fields shall be covered with you, and I will cause all the birds of the sky to settle upon you, and I will fill with you all the wild beasts of the earth.

5 And I will cast your flesh upon the mountains, and will saturate them with your blood.

6 And the land shall be drenched with your dung, because of your multitude upon the mountains: I will fill the valleys with you.

7 And I will veil the heavens when you are extinguished, and will darken the stars thereof; I will cover the sun with a cloud, and the moon shall not give her light.

8 All the bodies that give light in the sky, shall be darkened over you, and I will bring darkness upon the earth, says the Lord God.

9 And I will provoke to anger the heart of many people, when I shall lead you captive among the nations, to a land which you have not known.

10 And many nations shall mourn over you, and their kings shall be utterly amazed, when my sword flies in their faces, as they wait for their own fall from the day of your fall.

11 For thus says the Lord God; The sword of the king of Babylon shall come upon you,

12 with the swords of mighty men; and I will cast down your strength: they are all destroying ones from the nations, and they shall destroy the pride of Egypt, and all her strength shall be crushed.

13 And I will destroy all her cattle from beside the great water; and the foot of man shall not trouble it any more, and the step of cattle shall no more trample it.

14 Thus shall their waters then be at rest, and their rivers shall flow like oil, says the Lord,

15 when I shall give up Egypt to destruction, and the land shall be made desolate with the fulness thereof; when I shall scatter all that dwell in it, and they shall know that I am the Lord.

16 There is a lamentation, and you shall utter it; and the daughters of the nations shall utter it, even for Egypt, and they shall mourn for it over all the strength thereof, says the Lord God.

17 And it came to pass in the twelfth year, in the first month, on the fifteenth day of the month, the word of the Lord came to me, saying,

18 Son of man, lament over the strength of Egypt, for the nations shall bring down her daughters dead to the depth of the earth, to them that go down to the pit.

20 They shall fall with him in the midst of them that are slain with the sword, and all his strength shall perish: the giants also shall say to you,

21 Be you in the depth of the pit: to whom are you superior? yea, go down, and lie with the uncircumcised, in the midst of them that are slain with the sword.

22 There are Assur and all his company: all his slain have been laid there:

23 and their burial is in the depth of the pit, and his company are set round about his tomb: all the slain that fell by the sword, who had caused the fear of them to be upon the land of the living.

24 There is Ælam and all his host round about his tomb: all the slain that fell by the sword, and the uncircumcised that go down to the deep of the earth, who caused their fear to be upon the land of the living: and they have received their punishment with them that go down to the pit,

25 in the midst of the slain.

26 There were laid Mosoch, and Thobel, and all his strength round about his tomb: all his slain men, all the uncircumcised, slain with the sword, who caused their fear to be in the land of the living.

27 And they are laid with the giants that fell of old, who went down to Hades with their weapons of war: and they laid their swords under their heads, but their iniquities were upon their bones, because they terrified all men during their life.

28 And you shall lie in the midst of the uncircumcised, with them that have been slain by the sword.

29 There are laid the princes of Assur, who yielded their strength to a wound of the sword: these are laid with the slain, with them that go down to the pit.

30 There are the princes of the north, even all the captains of Assur, who go down slain to Hades: they lie uncircumcised among the slain with the sword together with their terror and their strength, and they have received their punishment with them that go down to the pit.

31 King Pharaoh shall see them, and shall be comforted over all their force, says the Lord God.

32 For I have caused his fear to be upon the land of the living: yet he shall lie in the midst of the uncircumcised with them that are slain with the sword, even Pharaoh, and all his multitude with him, says the Lord God.

Chapter 33

1 And the word of the Lord came to me, saying,

2 Son of man, speak to the children of your people, and you shall say to them, On whatsoever land I shall bring a sword, and the people of the land take one man of them, and set him for their watchman:

3 and he shall see the sword coming upon the land, and blow the trumpet, and sound an alarm to the people;

4 and he that hears the sound of the trumpet shall hear indeed, and yet not take heed, and the sword shall come upon him, and overtake him, his blood shall be upon his own head.

5 Because he heard the sound of the trumpet, and took no heed, his blood shall be upon him: but the other, because he took heed, has delivered his soul.

6 But if the watchman see the sword coming, and do not sound the trumpet, and the people do not watch; and the sword come, and take a soul from among them, that soul is taken because of its iniquity; but the blood thereof will I require at the watchman's hand.

7 And you, son of man, I have set you as a watchman to the house of Israel, and you shall hear a word from my mouth.

8 When I say to the sinner, You shall surely die; if you speak not to warn the wicked from his way, the wicked himself shall die in his iniquity; but his blood will I require at yours hand.

9 But if you forewarn the wicked of his way to turn from it, and he turn not from his way, he shall die in his ungodliness; but you have delivered your own soul.

10 And you, son of man, say to the house of Israel; Thus have you spoken, saying, Our errors, and our iniquities weigh upon us, and we pine away in them, and how then shall we live?

11 Say to them, Thus says the Lord; As I live, I desire not the death of the ungodly, as that the ungodly should turn from his way and live: turn you heartily from your way; for why will you die, O house of Israel?

12 Say to the children of your people, The righteousness of the righteous shall not deliver him, in the day wherein he errs: and the iniquity of the ungodly shall not harm him, in the day wherein he turns from his iniquity, but the righteous erring shall not be able to deliver himself.

13 When I say to the righteous, You shall live; and he trusts in his righteousness, and shall commit iniquity, none of his righteousnesses shall be remembered; in his unrighteousness which he has wrought, in it shall he die.

14 And when I say to the ungodly, You shall surely die; and he shall turn from his sin, and do judgment and justice,

15 and return the pledge, and repay that which he has robbed, and walk in the ordinances of life, so as to do no wrong; he shall surely live, and shall not die.

16 None of his sins which he has committed shall be remembered: because he has wrought judgment and righteousness; by them shall he live.

17 Yet the children of your people will say, The way of the Lord is not straight: whereas this their way is not straight.

18 When the righteous turns away from his righteousness, and shall commit iniquities, then shall he die in them.

19 And when the sinner turns from his iniquity, and shall do judgment and righteousness, he shall live by them.

20 And this is that which you said, The way of the Lord is not straight. I will judge you, O house of Israel, every one for his ways.

21 And it came to pass in the tenth year of our captivity, in the twelfth month, on the fifth day of the month, that one that had escaped from Jerusalem came to me, saying, The city is taken.

22 Now the hand of the Lord had come upon me in the evening, before he came; and he opened my mouth, when he came to me in the morning: and my mouth was open, it was no longer kept closed.

23 And the word of the Lord came to me, saying,

24 Son of man, they that inhabit the desolate places on the land of Israel say, Abraam was one, and he possessed the land: and we are more numerous; to us the land is given for a possession.

25 Therefore say to them, Thus says the Lord God,

27 As I live, surely they that are in the desolate places shall fall by swords, and they that are in the open plain shall be given for food to the wild beasts of the field, and them that are in the fortified cities and them that are in the caves I will slay with pestilence.

28 And I will make the land desert, and the pride of her strength shall perish; and the mountains of Israel shall be made desolate by reason of no man passing through.

29 And they shall know that I am the Lord; and I will make their land desert, and it shall be made desolate because of all their abominations which they have wrought.

30 And as for you, son of man, the children of your people are they that speak concerning you by the walls, and in the porches of the houses, and they talk one to another, saying, Let us come together, and let us hear the words that proceed from the Lord.

31 They approach you as a people comes together, and sit before you, and hear your words, but they will not do them: for there is falsehood in their mouth, and their heart goes after their pollutions.

32 And you are to them as the sound of a sweet, well-tuned psaltery, and they will hear your words, but they will not do them.

33 But whenever it shall come to pass, they will say, Behold, it is come: and they shall know that there was a prophet in the midst of them.

Chapter 34

1 And the word of the Lord came to me, saying,

2 Son of man, prophesy against the shepherds of Israel, prophesy, and say to the shepherds, Thus says the Lord God; O shepherds of Israel, do shepherds feed themselves? do not the shepherds feed the sheep?

3 Behold, you feed on the milk, and clothe yourselves with the wool, and slay the fat: but you feed not my sheep.

4 The weak one you have not strengthened, and the sick you have not cherished, and the bruised you have not bound up, and the stray one you have not turned back, and the lost you have not sought; and the strong you have wearied with labour.

5 And my sheep were scattered, because there were no shepherds: and they became meat to all the wild beasts of the field.

6 And my sheep were scattered on every mountain, and on every high hill: yea, they were scattered on the face of the earth, and there was none to seek them out, nor to bring them back.

7 Therefore, you shepherds, hear the word of the Lord.

8 As I live, says the Lord God, surely because my sheep became a prey, and my sheep became meat to all the wild beasts of the field, because there were no shepherds, and the shepherds sought not out my sheep, and the shepherds fed themselves, but fed not my sheep.

9 For this cause, O shepherds,

10 thus says the Lord God, Behold, I am against the shepherds; and I will require my sheep at their hands, and will turn them back that they shall not feed my sheep, and the shepherds shall no longer feed them; and I will deliver my sheep out of their mouth, and they shall no longer be meat for them.

11 For thus says the Lord God, Behold, I will seek out my sheep, and will visit them.

12 As the shepherd seeks his flock, in the day when there is darkness and cloud, in the midst of the sheep that are separated: so will I seek out my sheep, and will bring them back from every place where they were scattered in the day of cloud and darkness.

13 And I will bring them out from the Gentiles, and will gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land, and will feed them upon the mountains of Israel, and in the valleys, and in every inhabited place of the land.

14 I will feed them in a good pasture, on a high mountain of Israel: and their folds shall be there, and they shall lie down, and there shall they rest in perfect prosperity, and they shall feed in a fat pasture on the mountains of Israel.

15 I will feed my sheep, and I will cause them to rest; and they shall know that I am the Lord: thus says the Lord God.

16 I will seek that which is lost, and I will recover the stray one, and will bind up that which was broken, and will strengthen the fainting, and will guard the strong, and will feed them with judgment.

17 And as for you, you sheep, thus says the Lord God, Behold, I will distinguish between sheep and sheep, between rams and he-goats.

18 And is it not enough for you that you fed on the good pasture, that you trampled with your feet the remnant of your pasture? and that you drank the standing water, that you disturbed the residue with your feet?

19 So my sheep fed on that which you had trampled with your feet; and they drank the water that had been disturbed by your feet.

20 Therefore thus says the Lord God; Behold, I will separate between the strong sheep and the weak sheep.

21 You did thrust with your sides and shoulders, and pushed with your horns, and you cruelly treated all the sick.

22 Therefore I will save my sheep, and they shall not be any more for a prey; and will judge between ram and ram.

23 And I will raise up one shepherd over them, and he shall tend them, even my servant David, and he shall be their shepherd;

24 and I the Lord will be to them a God, and David a prince in the midst of them; I the Lord have spoken it.

25 And I will make with David a covenant of peace, and I will utterly destroy evil beasts from off the land; and they shall dwell in the wilderness, and sleep in the forests.

26 And I will settle them round about my mountain; and I will give you the rain, the rain of blessing.

27 And the trees that are in the field shall yield their fruit, and the earth shall yield her strength, and they shall dwell in the confidence of peace on their land, and they shall know that I am the Lord, when I have broken their yoke; and I will deliver them out of the hand of those that enslaved them.

28 And they shall no more be a spoil to the nations, and the wild beasts of the land shall no more at all devour them; and they shall dwell safely, and there shall be none to make them afraid.

29 And I will raise up for them a plant of peace, and they shall no more perish with hunger upon the land, and they shall no more bear the reproach of the nations.

30 And they shall know that I am the Lord their God, and they my people. O house of Israel, says the Lord God,

31 you are my sheep, even the sheep of my flock, and I am the Lord your God, says the Lord God.

Chapter 35

1 And the word of the Lord came to me, saying,

2 Son of man, set your face against mount Seir, and prophesy against it,

3 and say to it, Thus says the Lord God; Behold, I am against you, O mount Seir, and I will stretch out my hand against you, and will make you a waste, and you shall be made desolate.

4 And I will cause desolation in your cities, and you shall be desolate, and you shall know that I am the Lord.

5 Because you have been a perpetual enemy, and have laid wait craftily for the house of Israel, with the hand of enemies with a sword, in the time of injustice, at the last:

6 Therefore, as I live, says the Lord God, verily you have sinned even to blood, therefore blood shall pursue you.

7 And I will make mount Seir a waste, and desolate, and I will destroy from off it men and cattle:

8 and I will fill your hills and your valleys with slain men, and in all your plains there shall fall in you men slain with the sword.

9 I will make you a perpetual desolation, and your cities shall not be inhabited any more: and you shall know that I am the Lord.

10 Because you saidst, The two nations and the two countries shall be mine, and I shall inherit them; whereas the Lord is there:

11 therefore, as I live, says the Lord, I will even deal with you according to your enmity, and I will be made known to you when I shall judge you:

12 and you shall know that I am the Lord. I have heard the voice of your blasphemies, whereas you have said, The desert mountains of Israel are given to us for food;

13 and you have spoken swelling words against me with your mouth: I have heard them.

14 Thus says the Lord; When all the earth is rejoicing, I will make you desert.

15 You shall be desert, O mount Seir, and all Edom; and it shall be utterly consumed: and you shall know that I am the Lord their God.

Chapter 36

1 And you, son of man, prophesy to the mountains of Israel, and say to the mountains of Israel, Hear you the word of the Lord:

2 Thus says the Lord God; Because the enemy has said against you, Aha, the old waste places are become a possession for us:

3 therefore prophesy, and say, Thus says the Lord God; Because you have been dishonoured, and hated by those round about you, that you might be a possession to the remainder of the nations, and you became a by-word, and a reproach to the nations:

4 therefore, you mountains of Israel, hear the word of the Lord; Thus says the Lord to the mountains, and to the hills, and to the streams, and to the valleys, and to the places that have been made desolate and destroyed, and to the cities that have been deserted, and have become a spoil and a trampling to the nations that were left round about;

5 therefore thus says the Lord; Verily in the fire of my wrath have I spoken against the rest of the nations, and against all Edom, because they have appropriated my land to themselves for a possession with joy, disregarding the lives of the inhabitants, to destroy it by plunder:

6 therefore prophesy concerning the land of Israel, and say to the mountains, and to the hills, and to the valleys, and to the forests, Thus says the Lord; Behold, I have spoken in my jealousy and in my wrath, because you have borne the reproaches of the heathen:

7 therefore I will lift up my hand against the nations that are round about you; they shall bear their reproach.

8 But your grapes and your fruits, O mountains of Israel, shall my people eat; for they are hoping to come.

9 For, behold, I am toward you, and I will have respect to you, and you shall be tilled and sown:

10 and I will multiply men upon you, even all the house of Israel to the end: and the cities shall be inhabited, and the desolate land shall be built upon.

11 And I will multiply men and cattle upon you; and I will cause you to dwell as at the beginning, and will treat you well, as in your former times: and you shall know that I am the Lord.

12 And I will increase men upon you, even my people Israel; and they shall inherit you, and you shall be to them for a possession; and you shall no more be bereaved of them.

13 Thus says the Lord God: Because they said to you, You land devour men, and have been bereaved of your nation;

14 therefore you shall no more devour men, and you shall no more bereave your nation, says the Lord God.

15 And there shall no more be heard against you the reproach of the nations, and you shall no more bear the revilings of the peoples, says the Lord God.

16 And the word of the Lord came to me, saying,

17 Son of man, the house of Israel dwelt upon their land, and defiled it by their way, and with their idols, and with their uncleannesses; and their way was before me like the uncleanness of a removed woman.

18 So I poured out my wrath upon them:

19 and I dispersed them among the nations, and utterly scattered them through the countries: I judged them according to their way and according to their sin.

20 And they went in among the nations, among which they went, and they profaned my holy name, while it was said of them, These are the people of the Lord, and they came forth out of his land.

21 But I spared them for the sake of my holy name, which the house of Israel profaned among the nations, among whom they went.

22 Therefore say to the house of Israel, Thus says the Lord; I do not this, O house of Israel, for your sakes, but because of my holy name, which you have profaned among the nations, among whom you went.

23 And I will sanctify my great name, which was profaned among the nations, which you profaned in the midst of them; and the nations shall know that I am the Lord, when I am sanctified among you before their eyes.

24 And I will take you out from the nations, and will gather you out of all the lands, and will bring you into your own land:

25 and I will sprinkle clean water upon you, and you shall be purged from all your uncleannesses, and from all your idols, and I will cleanse you.

26 And I will give you a new heart, and will put a new spirit in you: and I will take away the heart of stone out of your flesh, and will give you a heart of flesh.

27 And I will put my Spirit in you, and will cause you to walk in mine ordinances, and to keep my judgments, and do them.

28 And you shall dwell upon the land which I gave to your fathers; and you shall be to me a people, and I will be to you a God.

29 And I will save you from all your uncleannesses: and I will call for the corn, and multiply it, and will not bring famine upon you.

30 And I will multiply the fruit of the trees, and the produce of the field, that you may not bear the reproach of famine among the nations.

31 And you shall remember your evil ways, and your practices that were not good, and you shall be hateful in your own sight for your transgressions and for your abominations.

32 Not for your sakes do I this, says the Lord God, as it is known to you: be you ashamed and confounded for your ways, O house of Israel.

33 Thus says the Lord God; In the day wherein I shall cleanse you from all your iniquities I will also cause the cities to be inhabited, and the waste places shall be built upon:

34 and the desolate land shall be cultivated, whereas it was desolate in the eyes of every one that passed by.

35 And they shall say, That desolate land is become like a garden of delight; and the waste and desolate and ruined cities are inhabited.

36 And the nations, as many as shall have been left round about you, shall know that I the Lord have built the ruined cities and planted the waste lands: I the Lord have spoken, and will do it.

37 Thus says the Lord God; Yet for this will I be sought by the house of Israel, to establish them; I will multiply them even men as sheep;

38 as holy sheep, as the sheep of Jerusalem in her feasts; thus shall the desert cities be full of flocks of men: and they shall know that I am the Lord.

Chapter 37

1 And the hand of the Lord came upon me, and the Lord brought me forth by the Spirit, and set me in the midst of the plain, and it was full of human bones.

2 And he led me round about them every way: and, behold, there were very many on the face of the plain, very dry.

3 And he said to me, Son of man, will these bones live? and I said, O Lord God, you know this.

4 And he said to me, Prophesy upon these bones, and you shall say to them, You dry bones, hear the word of the Lord.

5 Thus says the Lord to these bones; Behold, I will bring upon you the breath of life:

6 and I will lay sinews upon you, and will bring up flesh upon you, and will spread skin upon you, and will put my Spirit into you, and you shall live; and you shall know that I am the Lord.

7 So I prophesied as the Lord commanded me: and it came to pass while I was prophesying, that, behold, there was a shaking, and the bones approached each one to his joint.

8 And I looked, and, behold, sinews and flesh grew upon them, and skin came upon them above: but there was no breath in them.

9 And he said to me, Prophesy to the wind, prophesy, son of man, and say to the wind, Thus says the Lord; Come from the four winds, and breathe upon these dead men, and let them live.

10 So I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath entered into them, and they lived, and stood upon their feet, a very great congregation.

11 And the Lord spoke to me, saying, Son of man, these bones are the whole house of Israel: and they say, Our bones are become dry, our hope has perished, we are quite spent.

12 Therefore prophesy and say, Thus says the Lord; Behold, I will open your tombs, and will bring you up out of your tombs, and will bring you into the land of Israel.

13 And you shall know that I am the Lord, when I have opened your graves, that I may bring up my people from their graves.

14 And I will put my Spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you upon your own land: and you shall know that I am the Lord; I have spoken, and will do it, says the Lord.

15 And the word of the Lord came to me, saying,

16 Son of man, take for yourself a rod, and write upon it, Judah, and the children of Israel his adherents; and you shall take for yourself another rod, and you shall inscribe it for Joseph, the rod of Ephraim, and all the children of Israel that belong to him.

17 And you shall join them together for yourself, so as that they should bind themselves into one stick; and they shall be in yours hand.

18 And it shall come to pass, when the children of your people shall say to you, Will you not tell us what you mean by these things?

19 Then shall you say to them, Thus says the Lord; Behold, I will take the tribe of Joseph, which is in the hand of Ephraim, and the tribes of Israel that belong to him, and I will add them to the tribe of Judah, and they shall become one rod in the hand of Judah.

20 And the rods on which you did write shall be in yours hand in their presence.

21 And you shall say to them, Thus says the Lord God; Behold, I will take the whole house of Israel out of the midst of the nations, among whom they have gone, and I will gather them from all that are round about them, and I will bring them into the land of Israel.

22 And I will make them a nation in my land, even on the mountains of Israel; and they shall have one prince: and they shall be no more two nations, neither shall they be divided any more at all into two kingdoms:

23 that they may no more defile themselves with their idols; and I will deliver them from all their transgressions whereby they have sinned, and will cleanse them; and they

shall be to me a people, and I the Lord will be to them a God.

24 And my servant David shall be a prince in the midst of them: there shall be one shepherd of them all; for they shall walk in mine ordinances, and keep my judgments, and do them.

25 And they shall dwell in their land, which I have given to my servant Jacob, where their fathers dwelt; and they shall dwell upon it: and David my servant shall be their prince for ever.

26 And I will make with them a covenant of peace; it shall be an everlasting covenant with them; and I will establish my sanctuary in the midst of them for ever.

27 And my tabernacle shall be among them; and I will be to them a God, and they shall be my people.

28 And the nations shall know that I am the Lord that sanctifies them, when my sanctuary is in the midst of them for ever.

Chapter 38

1 And the word of the Lord came to me, saying,

2 Son of man, set your face against Gog, and the land of Magog, Rhos, prince of Mesoch and Thobel, and prophesy against him,

3 and say to him, Thus says the Lord God; Behold, I am against you, Rhos prince of Mesoch and Thobel:

4 and I will gather you, and all yours host, horses and horsemen, all wearing breast-plates, with a great multitude, shields and helmets and swords:

5 Persians, and Ethiopians, and Libyans; all with helmets and shields.

6 Gomer, and all belonging to him; the house of Thorgama, from the end of the north, and all belonging to him; and many nations with you.

7 Be you prepared, prepare yourself, you, and all your multitude that is assembled with you, and you shall be to me for a guard.

8 He shall be prepared after many days, and he shall come at the end of years, and shall come to a land that is brought back from the sword, when the people are gathered from many nations against the land of Israel, which was entirely desolate: and he is come forth out of the nations, and they shall all dwell securely.

9 And you shall go up as rain, and shall arrive as a cloud to cover the land, and there shall be you, and all that are about you, and many nations with you.

10 Thus says the Lord God; It shall also come to pass in that day, that thoughts shall come up into yours heart, and you shall devise evil devices.

11 And you shall say, I will go up to the rejected land; I will come upon them that are at ease in tranquillity, and dwelling in peace, all inhabiting a land in which there is no wall, nor bars, nor have they doors;

12 to seize plunder, and to take their spoil; to turn my hands against the desolate land that is now inhabited, and against a nation that is gathered from many nations, that have acquired property, dwelling in the midst of the land.

13 Sabba, and Dædan, and Carthaginian merchants, and all their villages shall say to you, You are come for plunder to take a prey, and to get spoils: you have gathered your multitude to take silver and gold, to carry off property, to take spoils.

14 Therefore prophesy, son of man, and say to Gog, Thus says the Lord; Will you not arise in that day, when my people Israel are dwelling securely,

15 and come out of your place from the farthest north, and many nations with you? all of them mounted on horses, a great gathering, and a large force?

16 And you shall come up upon my people Israel as a cloud to cover the land; it shall come to pass in the last days, that I will bring you up upon my land, that all the nations may know me, when I am sanctified in you before them.

17 Thus says the Lord God, to Gog; You are he concerning whom I spoke in former times, by the hand of my servants the prophets of Israel, in those days and years, that I would bring you up against them.

18 And it shall come to pass in that day, in the day when Gog shall come against the land of Israel, says the Lord God,

19 that my wrath and my jealousy shall arise, I have spoken in the fire of mine anger, verily in that day there shall be a great shaking in the land of Israel;

20 and the fish of the sea shall quake at the presence of the Lord, and the birds of the sky and the wild beasts of the field, and all the reptiles that creep upon the earth, and all the men that are on the face of the earth; and the mountains shall be rent, and the valleys shall fall, and every wall on the land shall fall.

21 And I will summon against it even every fear, says the Lord: the sword of every man shall be against his brother.

22 And I will judge him with pestilence, and blood, and sweeping rain, and hailstones; and I will rain upon him fire and brimstone, and upon all that are with him, and upon many nations with him.

23 And I will be magnified, and sanctified, and glorified; and I will be known in the presence of many nations, and they shall know that I am the Lord.

Chapter 39

1 And you, son of man, prophesy against Gog, and say, Thus says the Lord; Behold, I am against you, O Gog, Rhos prince of Mesoch and Thobel:

2 and I will assemble you, and guide you, and raise you up on the extremity of the north, and I will bring you up upon the mountains of Israel.

3 And I will destroy your bow out of your left hand, and your arrows out of your right hand, and I will cast you down on the mountains of Israel;

4 and you and all that belong to you shall fall, and the nations that are with you shall be given to multitudes of birds, even to every fowl, and I have given you to all the wild beasts of the field to be devoured.

5 You shall fall on the face of the field: for I have spoken it, says the Lord.

6 And I will send a fire upon Gog, and the islands shall be securely inhabited: and they shall know that I am the Lord.

7 And my holy name shall be known in the midst of my people Israel; and my holy name shall no more be profaned: and the nations shall know that I am the Lord, the Holy One in Israel.

8 Behold it is come, and you shall know that it shall be, says the Lord God; this is the day concerning which I have spoken.

9 And they that inhabit the cities of Israel shall come forth, and make a fire with the arms, the shields and spears, and bows and arrows, and hand-staves, and lances, and they shall keep fire burning with them for seven years:

10 and they shall not take any wood out of the field, neither shall they cut any out of the forests, but they shall burn the weapons with fire: and they shall plunder those that plundered them, and spoil those that spoiled them, says the Lord.

11 And it shall come to pass that in that day I will give to Gog a place of renown, a tomb in Israel, the burial-place of them that approach the sea: and they shall build round about the outlet of the valley, and there they shall bury Gog and all his multitude: and the place shall then be called the burial-place of Gog.

12 And the house of Israel shall bury them, that the land may be cleansed in the space of seven months.

13 Yea, all the people of the land shall bury them; and it shall be to them a place of renown in the day wherein it was glorified, says the Lord.

14 And they shall appoint men continually to go over the land, to bury them that have been left on the face of the earth, to cleanse it after the space of seven months, and they shall seek them out.

15 And every one that goes through the land, and sees a man's bone, shall set up a mark by it, until the buriers shall have buried it in the valley, the burial-place of Gog.

16 For the name of the city shall be Burial-place: so shall the land be cleansed.

17 And you, son of man, say, Thus says the Lord; Say to every winged bird, and to all the wild beasts of the field, Gather yourselves, and come; gather yourselves from all places round about to my sacrifice, which I have made for you, even a great sacrifice on the mountains of Israel, and you shall eat flesh, and drink blood.

18 You shall eat the flesh of mighty men, and you shall drink the blood of the princes of the earth, rams, and calves and goats, and they are all fatted calves.

19 And you shall eat fat till you are full, and shall drink wine till you are drunken, of my sacrifice which I have prepared for you.

20 And you shall be filled at my table, eating horse, and rider, and mighty man, and every warrior, says the Lord.

21 And I will set my glory among you, and all the nations shall see my judgment which I have wrought, and my hand which I have brought upon them.

22 And the house of Israel shall know that I am the Lord their God, from this day and onwards.

23 And all the nations shall know that the house of Israel were led captive because of their sins, because they rebelled against me, and I turned away my face from them, and delivered them into the hands of their enemies, and they all fell by the sword.

24 According to their uncleannesses and according to their transgressions did I deal with them, and I turned away my face from them.

25 Therefore thus says the Lord God, Now will I turn back captivity in Jacob, and will have mercy on the house of Israel, and will be jealous for the sake of my holy name.

26 And they shall bear their reproach, and the iniquity which they committed when they dwelt upon their land in peace. Yet there shall be none to terrify them

27 when I have brought them back from the nations, and gathered them out of the countries of the nations: and I will be sanctified among them in the presence of the nations.

28 And they shall know that I am the Lord their God, when I have been manifested to them among the nations.

29 And I will no more turn away my face from them, because I have poured out my wrath upon the house of Israel, says the Lord God.

Chapter 40

1 And it came to pass in the twenty-fifth year of our captivity, in the first month, on the tenth day of the month, in the fourteenth year after the taking of the city, in that day the hand of the Lord was upon me, and brought me

2 in a vision of God into the land of Israel, and set me on a very high mountain, and upon it there was as it were the frame of a city before me.

3 And he brought me in thither, and, behold, there was a man, and the appearance of him was as the appearance of shining brass, and in his hand was a builder's line, and a measuring reed; and he stood at the gate.

4 And the man said to me, Look with your eyes at him whom you have seen, son of man, and hear with your ears, and lay up in yours heart all things that I show you; for you have come in hither that I might show you, and you shall show all things that you see to the house of Israel.

5 And behold a wall round about the house without, and in the man's hand a reed, the measure of it was six cubits by the cubit, and a span: and he measured across the front wall; the breadth was equal to the reed, and the length of it equal to the reed.

6 And he entered by seven steps into the gate that looks eastward, and he measured across the porch of the gate equal to the reed.

7 And the chamber was equal in length to the reed, and equal in breadth to the reed; and the porch between the chambers six cubits; and the second chamber equal in breadth to the reed, and equal in length to the reed, and the porch five cubits.

8 And the third chamber equal in length to the reed, and equal in breadth to the reed.

9 And the porch of the gateway (near the porch of the gate) eight cubits; and the posts thereof two cubits; and the porch of the gate was inward:

10 and the chambers of the gate of the chamber in front were three on one side and three on the other, and there was one measure to the three: there was one measure to the porches on this side and on that.

11 And he measured the breadth of the door of the gateway, ten cubits; and the breadth of the gateway thirteen cubits.

12 And the space before the chambers was narrowed to a cubit in front of the chambers on this side and on that side: and the chamber was six cubits this way, and six cubits that way.

13 And he measured the gate from the wall of one chamber to the wall of the other chamber: the breadth was twenty-five cubits, the one gate over against the other gate.

14 And the open space of the porch of the gate without, was twenty cubits to the chambers round about the gate.

15 And the open space of the gate without to the open space of the porch of the gate within was fifty cubits.

16 And there were secret windows to the chambers, and to the porches within the gate of the court round about, and in the same manner windows to the porches round about within: and on the porch there were palm-trees on this side and on that side.

17 And he brought me into the inner court, and, behold, there were chambers, and peristyles round about the court; thirty chambers within the ranges of columns.

18 And the porticos were behind the gates; according to the length of the gates, was the lower peristyle.

19 And he measured the breadth of the court, from the open space of the outer gate inwards to the open space of the gate looking outwards: a hundred cubits was the distance to the place of the gate looking eastward: and he brought me to the north;

20 and behold a gate looking northwards belonging to the outer court, and he measured it, both the length of it and the breadth;

21 and the chambers, three on this side and three on that; and the posts, and the porches, and the palm-trees thereof: and they were according to the measures of the gate that looks eastward: the length thereof was fifty cubits, and the breadth thereof was twenty-five cubits.

22 And its windows, and its porches, and its palm-trees, were according to the dimensions of the gate looking eastward; and they went up to it by seven steps; and the porches were within.

23 And there was a gate to the inner court looking toward the north gate, after the manner of the gate looking toward the east; and he measured the court from gate to gate, a hundred cubits.

24 And he brought me to the south side, and behold a gate looking southwards: and he measured it, and its chambers, and its posts, and its porches, according to these dimensions.

25 And its windows and its porches round about were according to the windows of the porch: the length thereof was fifty cubits, and the breadth thereof was five and twenty cubits.

26 And it had seven steps, and porches within: and it had palm-trees on the posts, one on one side, and one on the other side.

27 And there was a gate opposite the gate of the inner court southward: and he measured the court from gate to gate, a hundred cubits in breadth southward.

28 And he brought me into the inner court of the south gate: and he measured the gate according to these measures;

29 and the chambers, and the posts, and the porches, according to these measures: and there were windows to it and to the porches round about: its length was fifty cubits, and its breadth twenty-five cubits,

31 from the porch to the outer court: and there were palm-trees to the post thereof, and eight steps.

32 And he brought me in at the gate that looks eastward: and he measured it according to these measures:

33 and the chambers, and the posts, and the porches according to these measures: and there were windows to it, and porches round about: the length of it was fifty cubits, and the breadth of it twenty-five cubits.

34 And there were porches opening into the inner court, and palm-trees on the posts on this side and on that side: and it had eight steps.

35 And he brought me in at the northern gate, and measured it according to these measures;

36 and the chambers, and the posts, and the porches: and it had windows round about, and it had its porches: the length of it was fifty cubits, and the breadth twenty-five cubits.

37 And its porches were toward the inner court; and there were palm-trees to the posts on this side and on that side: and it had eight steps.

38 Its chambers and its door-ways, and its porches at the second gate served as a drain,

39 that they might slay in it the sin-offerings, and the trespass-offerings.

40 And behind the drain for the whole-burnt-offerings at the north gate, two tables eastward behind the second gate; and behind the porch of the gate two tables eastward.

41 Four on one side and four on the other side behind the gate; upon them they kill the victims, in front of the eight tables of sacrifices.

42 And there were four tables of hewn stone for whole-burnt-offerings, the breadth of them was a cubit and a half, and the length of them two cubits and a half, and their height was a cubit: on them they shall place the instruments with which they slay there the whole-burnt-offerings and the victims.

43 And they shall have within a border of hewn stone round about of a span broad, and over the tables above screens for covering them from the wet and from the heat.

44 And he brought me into the inner court, and behold there were two chambers in the inner court, one behind the gate looking to the north, turning southward, and one behind the southern gate, but which looks to the north.

45 And he said to me, This chamber that looks to the south, is for the priests that keep the charge of the house.

46 And the chamber that looks to the north is for the priests that keep the charge of the altar: they are the sons of Sadduc, those of the tribe of Levi who draw near to the Lord to serve him.

47 And he measured the court, the length whereof was a hundred cubits, and the breadth a hundred cubits, on its four sides; and the altar in front of the house.

48 And he brought me into the porch of the house; and he measured the post of the porch, the breadth was five cubits on one side and five cubits on the other side; and the breadth of the door was fourteen cubits, and the side-pieces of the door of the porch were three cubits on one side, and three cubits on the other side.

49 And the length of the porch was twenty cubits, and the breadth twelve cubits; and they went up to it by ten steps; and there were pillars to the porch, one on this side and one on that side.

Chapter 41

1 And he brought me into the temple, the porch of which he measured, six cubits the breadth on one side, and six cubits the breadth of the porch on the other side.

2 And the breadth of the gateway was ten cubits, and the side-pieces of the gateway were five cubits on this side, and five cubits on that side: and he measured the length of it, forty cubits, and the breadth, twenty cubits.

3 And he went into the inner court, and measured the post of the door, two cubits; and the door, six cubits; and the side-pieces of the door, seven cubits on one side, and seven cubits on the other side.

4 And he measured the length of the doors, forty cubits; and the breadth, twenty cubits, in front of the temple: and he said, This is the holy of holies.

5 And he measured the wall of the house, six cubits: and the breadth of each side, four cubits round about.

6 And the sides were twice ninety, side against side; and there was a space in the wall of the house at the sides round about, that they should be for them that take hold of them to see, that they should not at all touch the walls of the house.

7 And the breadth of the upper side was made according to the projection out of the wall, against the upper one round about the house, that it might be enlarged above, and that men might go up to the upper chambers from those below, and from the ground-sills to the third story.

8 And as for the height of the house round about, each space between the sides was equal to a reed of six cubits;

9 and the breadth of the wall of each side without was five cubits; and the spaces that were left between the sides of the house,

10 and between the chambers, were a width of twenty cubits, the circumference of the house.

11 And the doors of the chambers were toward the space left by the one door that looked northward, and there was one door southward; and the breadth of the remaining open space was five cubits in extent round about.

12 And the partition wall in front of the remaining space, toward the west, was seventy cubits in breadth; the breadth of the partition wall was five cubits round about, and the length of it ninety cubits.

13 And he measured in front of the house a length of a hundred cubits, and the remaining spaces and the partitions; and the walls thereof were in length a hundred cubits.

14 And the breadth in front of the house, and the remaining spaces before it were a hundred cubits.

15 And he measured the length of the partition in front of the space left by the back parts of that house; and the spaces left on this side and on that side were in length a hundred cubits: and the temple and the corners and the outer porch were ceiled.

16 And the windows were latticed, giving light round about to the three stories, so as to look through: and the house and the parts adjoining were planked round about, and so was the floor, and from the floor up to the windows, and the window shutters folded back in three parts for one to look through.

17 And almost all the way to the inner, and close to the outer side, and upon all the wall round about within and without,

18 were carved cherubs and palm-trees between the cherubs, and each cherub had two faces.

19 The face of a man was toward one palm-tree on this side and on that side, and the face of a lion toward another palm-tree on this side and on that side: the house was carved all round.

20 From the floor to the ceiling were cherubs and palm-trees carved.

21 And the holy place and the temple opened on four sides; in front of the holy places the appearance was as the look of

22 a wooden altar, the height of it three cubits, and the length two cubits, and the breadth two cubits; and it had horns, and the base of it and the sides of it were of wood: and he said to me, This is the table, which is before the face of the Lord.

23 And the temple had two doors, and the sanctuary had two doors, with two turning leaves apiece;

24 two leaves to the one, and two leaves to the other door.

25 And there was carved work upon them, and cherubs on the doors of the temple, and palm-trees according to the carving of the sanctuary; and there were stout planks in front of the porch without.

26 And there were secret windows; and he measured from side to side, to the roofing of the porch; and the sides of the house were closely planked.

Chapter 42

1 And he brought me into the inner court eastward, opposite the northern gate: and he brought me in, and behold five chambers near the vacant space, and near the northern partition,

2 a hundred cubits in length toward the north, and in breadth fifty,

3 ornamented accordingly as the gates of the inner court, and arranged accordingly as the peristyles of the outer court, with triple porticos fronting one another.

4 And in front of the chambers was a walk ten cubits in breadth, the length reaching to a hundred cubits; and their doors were northward.

5 And the upper walks were in like manner: for the peristyle projected from it, even from the range of columns below, and there was a space between; so were there a peristyle and a space between, and so were there two porticos.

6 For they were triple, and they had not pillars like the pillars of the outer ones: therefore they projected from the lower ones and the middle ones from the ground.

7 And there was light without, corresponding to the chambers of the outer court looking toward the front of the northern chambers; the length of them was fifty cubits.

8 For the length of the chambers looking toward the inner court was fifty cubits, and these are the ones that front the others; the whole was a hundred cubits.

9 And there were doors of these chambers for an outlet towards the east, so that one should go through them out of the outer court,

10 by the opening of the walk at the corner; and the south parts were toward the south, toward the remaining space, and toward the partition, and so were the chambers.

11 And the walk was in front of them, according to the measures of the chambers toward the north, both according to the length of them, and according to the breadth of them, and according to all their openings, and according to all their turnings, and according to their lights, and according to their doors.

12 So were the measures of the chambers toward the south, and according to the doors at the entrance of the walk, as it were the distance of a reed for light, and eastward as one went in by them.

13 And he said to me, The chambers toward the north, and the chambers toward the south, in front of the void spaces, these are the chambers of the sanctuary, wherein the priests the sons of Sadduc, who draw nigh to the Lord, shall eat the most holy things: and there shall they lay the most holy things, and the meat-offering, and the sin-offerings, and the trespass-offerings; because the place is holy.

14 None shall go in thither except the priests, and they shall not go forth of the holy place into the outer court, that they that draw nigh to me may be continually holy, and may not touch their garments in which they minister, with defilement, for they are holy; and they shall put on other garments whenever they come in contact with the people.

15 So the measurement of the house within was accomplished: and he brought me forth by the way of the gate that looks eastward, and measured the plan of the house round about in order.

16 And he stood behind the gate looking eastward, and measured five hundred cubits with the measuring reed.

17 And he turned to the north and measured in front of the north side five hundred cubits with the measuring reed.

18 And he turned to the west, and measured in front of the west side, five hundred cubits with the measuring reed.

19 And he turned to the south, and measured in front of the south side, five hundred cubits by the measuring reed.

20 The four sides he measured by the same reed, and he marked out the house and the circumference of the parts round about, a space of five hundred cubits eastward, and a breadth of five hundred cubits, to make a division between the sanctuary and the outer wall, that belonged to the design of the house.

Chapter 43

1 Moreover he brought me to the gate looking eastward, and led me forth.

2 And, behold, the glory of the God of Israel came by the eastern way; and there was a voice of an army, as the sound of many redoubling their shouts, and the earth shone like light from the glory round about.

3 And the vision which I saw was like the vision which I saw when I went in to anoint the city: and the vision of the chariot which I saw was like the vision which I saw at the river Chobar; and I fell upon my face.

4 And the glory of the Lord came into the house, by the way of the gate looking eastward.

5 And the Spirit took me up, and brought me into the inner court; and, behold, the house of the Lord was full of glory.

6 And I stood, and behold there was a voice out of the house of one speaking to me, and a man stood near me,

7 and he said to me, Son of man, you have seen the place of my throne, and the place of the soles of my feet, in which my name shall dwell in the midst of the house of Israel for ever; and the house of Israel shall no more profane my holy name, they and their princes, by their fornication, or by the murders of their princes in the midst of them;

8 when they set my door-way by their door-way, and my thresholds near to their thresholds: and they made my wall as it were joining myself and them, and they profaned my holy name with their iniquities which they wrought: and I destroyed them in my wrath and with slaughter.

9 And now let them put away from me their fornication, and the murders of their princes, and I will dwell in the midst of them for ever.

10 And you, son of man, shew the house to the house of Israel, that they may cease from their sins; and shew its aspect and the arrangement of it.

11 And they shall bear their punishment for all the things that they have done: and you shall describe the house, and its entrances, and the plan thereof, and all its ordinances, and you shall make known to them all the regulations of it, and describe them before them: and they shall keep all my commandments, and all my ordinances, and do them.

12 And you shall shew the plan of the house on the top of the mountain: all its limits round about shall be most holy.

13 And these are the measures of the altar by the cubit of a cubit and a span, the cavity shall be a cubit deep, and a cubit shall be the breadth, and the border on the rim of it round about shall be a span: and this shall be the height of the altar

14 from the bottom at the commencement of the hollow part to this great mercy-seat, from beneath was two cubits, and the breadth was a cubit; and from the little mercy-seat to the great mercy-seat, four cubits, and the breadth was a cubit.

15 And the altar shall be four cubits; and from the altar and above the horns a cubit.

16 And the altar shall be of the length of twelve cubits, by twelve cubits in breadth, square upon its four sides.

17 And the mercy-seat shall be fourteen cubits in length, by fourteen cubits in breadth on its four sides; and there shall be a border to it carried round about it of half a cubit; and the rim of it shall be a cubit round about; and the steps thereof looking eastward.

18 And he said to me, Son of man, thus says the Lord God of Israel; These are the ordinances of the altar in the day of its being made, to offer upon it whole-burnt-offerings, and to pour blood upon it.

19 And you shall appoint to the priests the Levites of the seed of Sadduc, that draw nigh to me, says the Lord God, to minister to me, a calf of the herd for a sin-offering.

20 And they shall take of its blood, and shall put it on the four horns of the altar, and upon the four corners of the propitiatory, and upon the base round about, and they shall make atonement for it.

21 And they shall take the calf of the sin-offering, and it shall be consumed by fire in the separate place of the house, outside the sanctuary.

22 And on the second day they shall take two kids of the goats without blemish for a sin-offering; and they shall make atonement for the altar, as they made atonement with the calf.

23 And after they have finished the atonement, they shall bring an unblemished calf of the herd, and an unblemished ram of the flock.

24 And you shall offer them before the Lord, and the priests shall sprinkle salt upon them, and shall offer them up as whole-burnt-offerings to the Lord.

25 Seven days shall you offer a kid daily for a sin-offering, and a calf of the herd, and a ram out of the flock: they shall sacrifice them unblemished for seven days:

26 and they shall make atonement for the altar, and shall purge it; and they shall consecrate themselves.

27 And it shall come to pass from the eighth day and onward, that the priests shall offer your whole-burnt-offerings on the altar, and your peace-offerings; and I will accept you, says the Lord.

Chapter 44

1 Then he brought me back by the way of the outer gate of the sanctuary that looks eastward; and it was shut.

2 And the Lord said to me, This gate shall be shut, it shall not be opened, and no one shall pass through it; for the Lord God of Israel shall enter by it, and it shall be shut.

3 For the prince, he shall sit in it, to eat bread before the Lord; he shall go in by the way of the porch of the gate, and shall go forth by the way of the same.

4 And he brought me in by the way of the gate that looks northward, in front of the house: and I looked, and, behold, the house was full of the glory of the Lord: and I fell upon my face.

5 And the Lord said to me, Son of man, attend with yours heart, and see with your eyes, and hear with your ears all that I say to you, according to all the ordinances of the house of the Lord, and all the regulations thereof; and you shall attend well to the entrance of the house, according to all its outlets, in all the holy things.

6 And you shall say to the provoking house, even to the house of Israel, Thus says the Lord God; Let it suffice you to have committed all your iniquities, O house of Israel!

7 that you have brought in aliens, uncircumcised in heart, and uncircumcised in flesh, to be in my sanctuary, and to profane it, when you offered bread, flesh, and blood; and you transgressed my covenant by all your iniquities;

8 and you appointed others to keep the charges in my sanctuary.

9 Therefore thus says the Lord God; No alien, uncircumcised in heart or uncircumcised in flesh, shall enter into my sanctuary, of all the children of strangers that are in the midst of the house of Israel.

10 But as for the Levites who departed far from me when Israel went astray from me after their imaginations, they shall even bear their iniquity.

11 Yet they shall minister in my sanctuary, being porters at the gates of the house, and serving the house: they shall slay the victims and the whole-burnt-offerings for the people, and they shall stand before the people to minister to them.

12 Because they ministered to them before their idols, and it became to the house of Israel a punishment of iniquity; therefore have I lifted up my hand against them, says the Lord God.

13 And they shall not draw nigh to me to minister to me in the priests' office, nor to approach the holy things of the children of Israel, nor to approach my holy of holies: but they shall bear their reproach for the error wherein they erred.

14 They shall bring them to keep the charges of the house, for all the service of it, and for all that they shall do.

15 The priests the Levites, the sons of Sadduc, who kept the charges of my sanctuary when the house of Israel went astray from me, these shall draw nigh to me to minister to me, and shall stand before my face, to offer sacrifice to me, the fat and the blood, says the Lord God.

16 These shall enter into my sanctuary, and these shall approach my table, to minister to me, and they shall keep my charges.

17 And it shall come to pass when they enter the gates of the inner court, that they shall put on linen robes; and they shall not put on woollen garments when they minister at the gate of the inner court.

18 And they shall have linen mitres upon their heads, and shall have linen drawers upon their loins; and they shall not tightly gird themselves.

19 And when they go out into the outer court to the people, they shall put off their robes, in which they minister; and they shall lay them up in the chambers of the sanctuary, and shall put on other robes, and they shall not sanctify the people with their robes.

20 And they shall not shave their heads, nor shall they pluck off their hair; they shall carefully cover their heads.

21 And no priest shall drink any wine, when they go into the inner court.

22 Neither shall they take to themselves to wife a widow, or one that is put away, but a virgin of the seed of Israel: but if there should happen to be a priest's widow, they shall take her.

23 And they shall teach my people to distinguish between holy and profane, and they shall make known to them the difference between unclean and clean.

24 And these shall attend at a judgment of blood to decide it: they shall rightly observe my ordinances, and judge my judgments, and keep my statutes and my commandments in all my feasts; and they shall hallow my sabbaths.

25 And they shall not go in to the dead body of a man to defile themselves: only a priest may defile himself for a father, or for a mother, or for a son, or for a daughter, or for a brother, or for his sister, who has not been married.

26 And after he has been cleansed, let him number to himself seven days.

27 And on whatsoever day they shall enter into the inner court to minister in the holy place, they shall bring a propitiation, says the Lord God.

28 And it shall be to them for an inheritance: I am their inheritance: and no possession shall be given them among the children of Israel; for I am their possession.

29 And these shall eat the meat-offerings, and the sin-offerings, and the trespass-offerings; and every special offering in Israel shall be theirs.

30 And the first-fruits of all things, and the first-born of all animals and all offerings, of all your first-fruits there shall be a share for the priests; and you shall give your earliest produce to the priest, to bring your blessings upon your houses.

31 And the priests shall eat no bird or beast that dies of itself, or is taken of wild beasts.

Chapter 45

1 And when you measure the land for inheritance, you shall set apart first-fruits to the Lord, a holy space of the land, in length twenty and five thousand reeds, and in breadth twenty thousand; it shall be holy in all the borders thereof round about.

2 And there shall be a sanctuary out of this, five hundred reeds in length by five hundred in breadth, a square round about; and there shall be a vacant space beyond this of fifty cubits round about.

3 And out of this measurement shall you measure the length five and twenty thousand, and the breadth twenty thousand: and in it shall be the holy of holies.

4 Of the land shall be a portion for the priests that minister in the holy place, and it shall be for them that draw nigh to minister to the Lord: and it shall be to them a place for houses set apart for their sacred office;

5 the length shall be twenty-five thousand, and the breadth twenty thousand: and the Levites that attend the house, they shall have cities to dwell in for a possession.

6 And you shall appoint for the possession of the city five thousand in breadth, and in length twenty-five thousand: after the manner of the first-fruits of the holy portion, they shall be for all the house of Israel.

7 And the prince shall have a portion out of this, and out of this there shall be a portion for the first-fruits of the sanctuary, and for the possession of the city, in front of the first-fruits of the sanctuary, and in front of the possession of the city westward, and from the western parts eastward: and the length shall be equal to one of the parts of the western borders, and the length shall be to the eastern borders of the land.

8 And he shall have it for a possession in Israel: and the princes of Israel shall no more oppress my people; but the house of Israel shall inherit the land according to their tribes.

9 Thus says the Lord God; Let it suffice you, you princes of Israel: remove injustice and misery, execute judgment and justice; take away oppression from my people, says the Lord God.

10 You shall have a just balance, and a just measure, and a just chœnix for measure.

11 And in like manner there shall be one chœnix as a measure of capacity; the tenth of the gomor shall be the chœnix, and the tenth of the gomor shall be in fair proportion to the gomor.

12 And the weights shall be twenty oboli, your pound shall be five shekels, fifteen shekels and fifty shekels.

13 And these are the first-fruits which you shall offer; a sixth part of a gomor of wheat, and the sixth part of it shall consist of an ephah of a cor of barley.

14 And you shall give as the appointed measure of oil one bath of oil out of ten baths; for ten baths are a gomor.

15 And one sheep from the flock out of ten, as an oblation from all the tribes of Israel, for sacrifices, and for whole-burnt-offerings, and for peace-offerings, to make atonement for you, says the Lord God.

16 And all the people shall give these first-fruits to the prince of Israel.

17 And through the prince shall be offered the whole-burnt-offerings and the meat-offerings, and the drink-offerings in the feasts, and at the new moons, and on the sabbaths; and in all the feasts of the house of Israel: he shall offer the sin-offerings, and the meat-offering, and the

whole-burnt-offerings, and the peace-offerings, to make atonement for the house of Israel.

18 Thus says the Lord God; In the first month, on the first day of the month, you shall take a calf without blemish out of the herd, to make atonement for the holy place.

19 And the priest shall take of the blood of the atonement, and put it on the thresholds of the house, and upon the four corners of the temple, and upon the altar, and upon the thresholds of the gate of the inner court.

20 And thus shall you do in the seventh month; on the first day of the month you shall take a rate from each one; and you shall make atonement for the house.

21 And in the first month, on the fourteenth day of the month, you shall have the feast of the passover; seven days shall you eat unleavened bread.

22 And the prince shall offer in that day a calf for a sin-offering for himself, and the house, and for all the people of the land.

23 And for the seven days of the feast he shall offer as whole-burnt-offerings to the Lord seven calves and seven rams without blemish daily for the seven days; and a kid of the goats daily for a sin-offering, and a meat-offering.

24 And you shall prepare a cake for the calf, and cakes for the ram, and a hin of oil for the cake.

25 And in the seventh month, on the fifteenth day of the month, you shall sacrifice in the feast in the same way seven days, as they sacrificed the sin-offerings, and the whole-burnt-offerings, and the freewill-offering, and the oil.

Chapter 46

1 Thus says the Lord God; The gate that is in the inner court, that looks eastward, shall be shut the six working days; but let it be opened on the sabbath-day, and it shall be opened on the day of the new moon.

2 And the prince shall enter by the way of the porch of the inner gate, and shall stand at the entrance of the gate, and the priests shall prepare his whole-burnt-offerings and his peace-offerings, and he shall worship at the entrance of the gate: then shall he come forth; but the gate shall not be shut till evening.

3 And the people of the land shall worship at the entrance of that gate, both on the sabbaths and at the new moons, before the Lord.

4 And the prince shall offer whole-burnt-offerings to the Lord on the sabbath-day, six lambs without blemish, and a ram without blemish;

5 and a freewill-offering, a meat-offering for the ram, and a meat-offering for the lambs, the gift of his hand, and a hin of oil for the meat-offering.

6 And on the day of the new moon a calf without blemish, and six lambs, and there shall be a ram without blemish;

7 and a meat-offering for the ram, and there shall be a meat-offering for the calf as a freewill-offering, and for the lambs, according as his hand can furnish, and there shall be a hin of oil for the cake.

8 And when the prince goes in, he shall go in by the way of the porch of the gate, and he shall go forth by the way of the gate.

9 And whenever the people of the land shall go in before the Lord at the feasts, he that goes in by the way of the north gate to worship shall go forth by the way of the south gate; and he that goes in by the way of the south gate shall go forth by the way of the north gate: he shall not return by the gate by which he entered, but he shall go forth opposite it.

10 And the prince shall enter with them in the midst of them when they go in; and when they go forth, he shall go forth.

11 And in the feasts and in the general assemblies the freewill oblation shall be a meat-offering for the calf, and a meat-offering for the ram, and for the lambs, as his hand can furnish, and a hin of oil for the meat-offering.

12 And if the prince should prepare as a thanksgiving a whole-burntpeace-offering to the Lord, and should open for himself the gate looking eastward, and offer his whole-burnt-offering, and his peace-offerings, as he does on the sabbath-day; then shall he go out, and shall shut the doors after he has gone out.

13 And he shall prepare daily as a whole-burnt-offering to the Lord a lamb of a year old without blemish: in the morning shall he prepare it.

14 And he shall prepare a freewill-offering for it in the morning, the sixth part of a measure of flour, and a third part of a hin of oil to mix therewith the fine flour, as a freewill-offering to the Lord, a perpetual ordinance.

15 You shall prepare the lamb, and the freewill-offering, and the oil in the morning, for a perpetual whole-burnt-sacrifice.

16 Thus says the Lord God; If the prince shall give a gift to one of his sons out of his inheritance, this shall be to his sons a possession as an inheritance.

17 But if he give a gift to one of his servants, then it shall belong to him until the year of release; and then he shall restore it to the prince: but of the inheritance of his sons the possession shall continue to them.

18 And the prince shall by no means take of the inheritance of the people, to oppress them: he shall give an inheritance to his sons out of his own possession: that my people be not scattered, every one from his possession.

19 And he brought me into the entrance of the place behind the gate, into the chamber of the sanctuary belonging to the priests, that looks toward the north: and, behold, there was a place set apart.

20 And he said to me, This is the place where the priests shall boil the trespass-offerings and the sin-offerings, and there shall they bake the meat-offering always; so as not to carry them out into the outer court, to sanctify the people.

21 And he brought me into the outer court, and led me round upon the four sides of the court; and, behold, there was a court on each of the sides of the court,

22 on every side a court, even a court for all the four sides, and each little court belonging to the court was in length forty cubits, and in breadth thirty cubits, there was one measure to the four.

23 And there were chambers in them round about, round about the four, and cooking-places formed under the chambers round about.

24 And he said to me, These are the cooks' houses, where they that serve the house shall boil the sacrifices of the people.

Chapter 47

1 And he brought me to the entrance of the house; and, behold, water issued from under the porch eastward, for the front of the house looked eastward; and the water came down from the right side, from the south to the altar.

2 And he brought me out by the way of the northern gate, and he led me round by the way outside to the gate of the court that looks eastward; and, behold, water came down from the right side,

3 in the direction in which a man went forth opposite; and there was a measuring line in his hand, and he measured a thousand cubits with the measure;

4 and he passed through the water; it was water of a fountain: and again he measured a thousand, and passed through the water; and the water was up to the thighs: and again he measured a thousand; and he passed through water up to the loins.

5 And again he measured a thousand; and he could not pass through: for the water rose as of a torrent which men cannot pass over.

6 And he said to me, Have you seen this, son of man? Then he brought me, and led me back to the brink of the river

7 as I returned; and, behold, on the brink of the river there were very many trees on this side and on that side.

8 And he said to me, This is the water that goes forth to Galilee that lies eastward, and it is gone down to Arabia, and has reached as far as to the sea to the outlet of the water: and it shall heal the waters.

9 And it shall come to pass, that every animal of living and moving creatures, all on which the river shall come, shall live: and there shall be there very many fish; for this water shall go thither, and it shall heal them, and they shall live: everything on which the river shall come shall live.

10 And fishers shall stand there from Ingadin to Enagallim; it shall be a place to spread out nets upon; it shall be distinct; and the fishes thereof shall be as the fishes of the great sea, a very great multitude.

11 But at the outlet of the water, and the turn of it, and where it overflows its banks, they shall not heal at all; they are given to salt.

12 And every fruit tree shall grow by the river, even on the bank of it on this side and on that side: they shall not decay upon it, neither shall their fruit fail: they shall bring forth the first-fruit of their early crop, for these their waters come forth of the sanctuary: and their fruit shall be for meat, and their foliage for health.

13 Thus says the Lord God; You shall inherit these borders of the land; they are given by lot to the twelve tribes of the children of Israel.

14 And you shall inherit it, each according to his brother's portion, even the land concerning which I lifted up my hand to give it to your fathers: and this land shall fall to you by lot.

15 And these are the borders of the land that lies northward, from the great sea that comes down, and divides the entrance of Emaseldam;

16 Maabthera, Ebrameliam, between the coasts of Damascus and the coasts of Emathi, the habitation of Saunan, which places are above the coasts of Auranitis.

17 These are the borders from the sea, from the habitations of Ænan, the coasts of Damascus, and the northern coasts.

18 And the eastern coasts between Loranitis, and Damascus, and the land of Gilead, and the land of Israel, the Jordan divides to the sea that is east of the city of palm-trees. These are the eastern coasts.

19 And the southern and south-western coasts are from Thæman and the city of palm-trees, to the water of Marimoth Cadem, reaching forth to the great sea. This part is the south and south-west.

20 This part of the great sea forms a border, till one comes opposite the entrance of Emath, even as far as the entrance thereof. These are the parts west of Emath.

21 So you shall divide this land to them, even to the tribes of Israel.

22 You shall cast the lot upon it, for yourselves and the strangers that sojourn in the midst of you, who have begotten children in the midst of you: and they shall be to you as natives among the children of Israel; they shall eat

with you in their inheritance in the midst of the tribes of Israel.

23 And they shall be in the tribe of proselytes among the proselytes that are with them: there shall you give them an inheritance, says the Lord God.

Chapter 48

1 And these are the names of the tribes from the northern corner, on the side of the descent that draws a line to the entrance of Emath the palace of Ælam, the border of Damascus northward on the side of Emath the palace; and they shall have the eastern parts as far as the sea, for Dan, one portion.

2 And from the borders of Dan eastward as far as the west sea-coast, for Asser, one.

3 And from the borders of Asser, from the eastern parts as far as the west coasts, for Nephthalim, one.

4 And from the borders of Nephthalim, from the east as far as the west coasts, for Manasseh, one.

5 And from the borders of Manasseh, from the eastern parts as far as the west coasts, for Ephraim, one.

6 And from the borders of Ephraim, from the eastern parts to the west coasts, for Reuben, one.

7 And from the borders of Reuben, from the eastern parts as far as the west coasts, for Judah, one.

8 And from the borders of Judah, from the eastern parts shall be the offering of first-fruits, in breadth twenty-five thousand reeds, and in length as one of the portions measured from the east even to the western parts: and the sanctuary shall be in the midst of them.

9 As for the first-fruits which they shall offer to the Lord, it shall be in length twenty-five thousand, and in breadth twenty-five thousand.

10 Out of this shall be the first-fruits of the holy things to the priests, northward, five and twenty-thousand, and towards the west, ten thousand, and southward, five and twenty thousand: and the mountain of the sanctuary, shall be in the midst of it,

11 for the priests, for the consecrated sons of Sadduc, who keep the charges of the house, who erred not in the error of the children of Israel, as the Levites erred.

12 And the first-fruits shall be given to them out of the first-fruits of the land, even a most holy portion from the borders of the Levites.

13 And the Levites shall have the part, next to the borders of the priests, in length twenty-five thousand, and in breadth ten thousand: the whole length shall be five and twenty thousand, and the breadth twenty thousand.

14 No part of it shall be sold, nor measured as for sale, neither shall the first-fruits of the land be taken away: for they are holy to the Lord.

15 But concerning the five thousand that remain in the breadth in the five and twenty thousand, they shall be a suburb to the city for dwelling, and for a space before it: and the city shall be in the midst thereof.

16 And these shall be its dimensions; from the northern side four thousand and five hundred, and from the southern side four thousand and five hundred, and from the eastern side four thousand and five hundred, and from the western side they shall measure four thousand five hundred.

17 And there shall be a space to the city northward two hundred and fifty, and southward two hundred and fifty, and eastward two hundred and fifty, and westward two hundred and fifty.

18 And the remainder of the length that is next to the first-fruits of the holy portion shall be ten thousand eastward, and ten thousand westward: and they shall be the first-fruits of the sanctuary; and the fruits thereof shall be for bread to them that labour for the city.

19 And they that labour for the city shall labour for it out of all the tribes of Israel.

20 The whole offering shall be a square of twenty-five thousand by twenty-five thousand: you shall separate again part of it, the first-fruits of the sanctuary, from the possession of the city.

21 And the prince shall have the remainder on this side and on that side from the first-fruits of the sanctuary, and there shall be a possession of the city, for five and twenty thousand cubits in length, to the eastern and western borders, for five and twenty thousand to the western borders, next to the portions of the prince; and the first-fruits of the holy things and the sanctuary of the house shall be in the midst of it.

22 And there shall be a portion taken from the Levites, from the possession of the city in the midst of the princes between the borders of Judah and the borders of Benjamin, and it shall be the portion of the princes.

23 And as for the rest of the tribes, from the eastern parts as far as the western, Benjamin shall have one portion.

24 And from the borders of Benjamin, from the eastern parts to the western, Simeon, one.

25 And from the borders of Simeon, from the eastern parts to the western, Issachar, one.

26 And from the borders of Issachar, from the eastern parts to the western, Zebulun, one.

27 And from the borders of Zebulun, from the east to the western parts, Gad, one.

28 And from the borders of Gad, from the eastern to the south-western parts; his coasts shall even be from Thæman,

and the water of Barimoth Kadesh, for an inheritance, unto the great sea.

29 This is the land, which you shall divide by lot to the tribes of Israel, and these are their portions, says the Lord God.

30 And these are the goings out of the city northward, four thousand and five hundred by measure.

31 And the gates of the city shall be after the names of the tribes of Israel: three gates northward; the gate of Reuben, one, and the gate of Judah, one, and the gate of Levi, one.

32 And eastward four thousand and five hundred: and three gates; the gate of Joseph, one, and the gate of Benjamin, one, and the gate of Dan, one.

33 And southward, four thousand and five hundred by measure: and three gates; the gate of Simeon, one, and the gate of Issachar, one, and the gate of Zebulun, one.

34 And westward, four thousand and five hundred by measure: and three gates; the gate of Gad, one, and the gate of Asser, one, and the gate of Nephthalim, one.

35 The circumference, eighteen thousand measures: and the name of the city, from the day that it shall be finished, shall be the name thereof.

Daniel

Chapter 1

1 IN the third year of the reign of Jehoiakim king of Judah, came Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon to Jerusalem, and besieged it.

2 And the Lord gave into his hand Jehoiakim king of Judah, and part of the vessels of the house of God: and he brought them into the land of Shinar to the house of his god; and he brought the vessels into the treasure-house of his god.

3 And the king told Asphanez his chief eunuch, to bring in some of the captive children of Israel, and of the seed of the kingdom, and of the princes;

4 young men in whom was no blemish, and beautiful in appearance, and skilled in all wisdom, and possessing knowledge, and acquainted with prudence, and who had ability to stand in the house before the king, and the king gave commandment to teach them the learning and language of the Chaldeans.

5 And the king appointed them a daily portion from the king's table, and from the wine which he drank; and gave orders to nourish them three years, and that afterwards they should stand before the king.

6 Now these were among them of the children of Judah, Daniel, and Ananias, and Azarias, and Misael.

7 And the chief of the eunuchs gave them names: to Daniel, Baltasar; and to Ananias, Sedrach; and to Misael, Misach; and to Azarias, Abdenago.

8 And Daniel purposed in his heart, that he would not defile himself with the king's table, nor with the wine of his drink: and he intreated the chief of the eunuchs that he might not defile himself.

9 Now God had brought Daniel into favour and compassion with the chief of the eunuchs.

10 And the chief of the eunuchs said to Daniel, I fear my lord the king, who has appointed your meat and your drink, lest he see your countenances gloomy in comparison of the young men your equals; so shall you endanger my head to the king.

11 And Daniel said to Amelsad, whom the chief of the eunuchs had appointed over Daniel, Ananias, Misael, and Azarias,

12 Prove now your servants ten days; and let them give us pulse, and let us eat, and let us drink water:

13 and let our countenances be seen by you, and the countenances of the children that eat at the king's table; and deal with your servants according as you shall see.

14 And he hearkened to them, and proved them ten days.

15 And at the end of the ten days their countenances appeared fairer and stouter in flesh than the children that fed at the king's table.

16 So Amelsad took away their supper and the wine of their drink, and gave them pulse.

17 And as for these four children, God gave them understanding and prudence in all learning and wisdom: and Daniel had understanding in all visions and dreams.

18 And at the end of the days, after which the king had given orders to bring them in, then the chief of the eunuchs brought them in before Nebuchadnezzar.

19 And the king spoke with them; and there were not found out of them all any like Daniel, and Ananias, and Misael, and Azarias: and they stood before the king.

20 And in every matter of wisdom and knowledge wherein the king questioned them, he found them ten times wiser than all the enchanters and sorcerers that were in all his kingdom.

21 And Daniel continued till the first year of king Cyrus.

Chapter 2

1 In the second year of his reign Nebuchadnezzar dreamed a dream, and his spirit was amazed, and his sleep departed from him.

2 And the king gave orders to call the enchanters, and the magicians, and the sorcerers, and the Chaldeans, to declare to the king his dreams. And they came and stood before the king.

3 And the king said to them, I have dreamed, and my spirit was troubled to know the dream.

4 And the Chaldeans spoke to the king in the Syrian language, saying, O king, live for ever: do you tell the dream to your servants, and we will declare the interpretation.

5 The king answered the Chaldeans, The thing has departed from me: if you do not make known to me the dream and the interpretation, you shall be destroyed, and your houses shall be spoiled.

6 But if you make known to me the dream, and the interpretation thereof, you shall receive of me gifts and presents and much honour: only tell me the dream, and the interpretation thereof.

7 They answered the second time, and said, Let the king tell the dream to his servants, and we will declare the interpretation.

8 And the king answered and said, I verily know that you are trying to gain time, because you see that the thing has gone from me.

9 If then you do not tell me the dream, I know that you have concerted to utter before me a false and corrupt tale, until the time shall have past: tell me my dream, and I shall know that you will also declare to me the interpretation thereof.

10 The Chaldeans answered before the king, and said, There is no man upon the earth, who shall be able to make known the king's matter: forasmuch as no great king or ruler asks such a question of an enchanter, magician, or Chaldean.

11 For the question which the king asks is difficult, and there is no one else who shall answer it before the king, but the gods, whose dwelling is not with any flesh.

12 Then the king in rage and anger commanded to destroy all the wise men of Babylon.

13 So the decree went forth, and they began to slay the wise men; and they sought Daniel and his fellows to slay them.

14 Then Daniel answered with counsel and prudence to Arioch the captain of the royal guard, who was gone forth to kill the wise men of Babylon; saying,

15 Chief magistrate of the king, wherefore has the peremptory command proceeded from the king? So Arioch made known the matter to Daniel.

16 And Daniel intreated the king to give him time, and that he might thus declare to the king the interpretation of it.

17 So Daniel went into his house, and made known the matter to Ananias, and Misael, and Azarias, his friends.

18 And they sought mercies from the God of heaven concerning this mystery; that Daniel and his friends might not perish with the rest of the wise men of Babylon.

19 Then the mystery was revealed to Daniel in a vision of the night: and Daniel blessed the God of heaven, and said,

20 May the name of God be blessed from everlasting and to everlasting: for wisdom and understanding are his.

21 And he changes times and seasons: he appoints kings, and removes them, giving wisdom to the wise, and prudence to them that have understanding:

22 he reveals deep and secret matters; knowing what is in darkness, and the light is with him.

23 I give thanks to you, and praise you, O God of my fathers, for you have given me wisdom and power, and have made known to me the things which we asked of you; and you have made known to me the king's vision.

24 And Daniel came to Arioch, whom the king had appointed to destroy the wise men of Babylon, and said to him; Destroy not the wise men of Babylon, but bring me in before the king, and I will declare the interpretation to the king.

25 Then Arioch in haste brought in Daniel before the king, and said to him, I have found a man of the children of the captivity of Judea, who will declare the interpretation to the king.

26 And the king answered and said to Daniel, whose name was Baltasar, Can you declare to me the dream which I saw, and the interpretation thereof?

27 And Daniel answered before the king, and said, The mystery which the king asks the explanation of is not in the power of the wise men, magicians, enchanters, or soothsayers to declare to the king.

28 But there is a God in heaven revealing mysteries, and he has made known to king Nebuchadnezzar what things must come to pass in the last days. Your dream, and the visions of your head upon your bed, are as follows,

29 O king: your thoughts upon your bed arose as to what must come to pass hereafter: and he that reveals mysteries has made known to you what must come to pass.

30 Moreover, this mystery has not been revealed to me by reason of wisdom which is in me beyond all others living, but for the sake of making known the interpretation to the king, that you might know the thoughts of yours heart.

31 You, O king, saw, and behold an image: that image was great, and the appearance of it excellent, standing before your face; and the form of it was terrible.

32 It was an image, the head of which was of fine gold, its hands and breast and arms of silver, its belly and thighs of brass,

33 its legs of iron, its feet, part of iron and part of earthenware.

34 You saw until a stone was cut out of a mountain without hands, and it smote the image upon its feet of iron and earthenware, and utterly reduced them to powder.

35 Then once for all the earthenware, the iron, the brass, the silver, the gold, were ground to powder, and became as chaff from the summer threshingfloor; and the violence of the wind carried them away, and no place was found for them: and the stone which had smitten the image became a great mountain, and filled all the earth.

36 This is the dream; and we will tell the interpretation thereof before the king.

37 You, O king, art a king of kings, to whom the God of heaven has given a powerful and strong and honourable kingdom,

38 in every place where the children of men dwell: and he has given into yours hand the wild beasts of the field, and the birds of the sky and the fish of the sea, and he has made you lord of all.

39 You are the head of gold. And after you shall arise another kingdom inferior to you, and a third kingdom which is the brass, which shall have dominion over all the earth;

40 and a fourth kingdom, which shall be strong as iron: as iron beats to powder and subdues all things, so shall it beat to powder and subdue.

41 And whereas you saw the feet and the toes, part of earthenware and part of iron, the kingdom shall be divided; yet there shall be in it of the strength of iron, as you saw the iron mixed with earthenware.

42 And whereas the toes of the feet were part of iron and part of earthenware, part of the kingdom shall be strong, and part of it shall be broken.

43 Whereas you saw the iron mixed with earthenware, they shall be mingled with the seed of men: but they shall not cleave together, as the iron does not mix itself with earthenware.

44 And in the days of those kings the God of heaven shall set up a kingdom which shall never be destroyed: and his kingdom shall not be left to another people, but it shall beat to pieces and grind to powder all other kingdoms, and it shall stand for ever.

45 Whereas you saw that a stone was cut out of a mountain without hands, and it beat to pieces the earthenware, the iron, the brass, the silver, the gold; the great God has made known to the king what must happen hereafter: and the dream is true, and the interpretation thereof sure.

46 Then king Nebuchadnezzar fell upon his face, and worshipped Daniel, and gave orders to offer to him gifts and incense.

47 And the king answered and said to Daniel, Of a truth your God is a God of gods, and Lord of kings, who reveals mysteries; for you have been able to reveal this mystery.

48 And the king promoted Daniel, and gave him great and abundant gifts, and set him over the whole province of Babylon, and made him chief satrap over all the wise men of Babylon.

49 And Daniel asked of the king, and he appointed Sedrach, Misach, and Abdenago, over the affairs of the province of Babylon: but Daniel was in the king's palace.

Chapter 3

1 In his eighteenth year Nebuchadnezzar the king made a golden image, its height was sixty cubits, its breadth six cubits: and he set it up in the plain of Deira, in the province of Babylon.

2 And he sent forth to gather the governors, and the captains, and the heads of provinces, chiefs, and princes, and those who were in authority, and all the rulers of districts, to come to the dedication of the image.

3 So the heads of provinces, the governors, the captains, the chiefs, the great princes, those who were in authority, and all the rulers of districts, were gathered to the dedication of the image which king Nebuchadnezzar had set up; and they stood before the image.

4 Then a herald cried aloud, To you it is commanded, you peoples, tribes, and languages,

5 at what hour you shall hear the sound of the trumpet, and pipe, and harp, and sackbut, and psaltery, and every kind of music, you shall fall down and worship the golden image which king Nebuchadnezzar has set up.

6 And whosoever shall not fall down and worship, in the same hour he shall be cast into the burning fiery furnace.

7 And it came to pass when the nations heard the sound of the trumpet, and pipe, and harp, and sackbut, and psaltery, and all kinds of music, all the nations, tribes, and languages, fell down and worshipped the golden image which king Nebuchadnezzar had set up.

8 Then came near certain Chaldeans, and accused the Jews to the king, saying,

9 O king, live for ever.

10 You, O king, have made a decree, that every man who shall hear the sound of the trumpet, and pipe, and harp, sackbut, and psaltery, and all kinds of music,

11 and shall not fall down and worship the golden image, shall be cast into the burning fiery furnace.

12 There are certain Jews whom you have appointed over the affairs of the province of Babylon, Sedrach, Misach, and Abdenago, who have not obeyed your decree, O king: they serve not your gods, and worship not the golden image which you have set up.

13 Then Nebuchadnezzar in wrath and anger commanded to bring Sedrach, Misach, and Abdenago: and they were brought before the king.

14 And Nebuchadnezzar answered and said to them, Is it true, Sedrach, Misach, and Abdenago, that you serve not my gods, and worship not the golden image which I have set up?

15 Now then if you be ready, whensoever you shall hear the sound of the trumpet, and pipe, and harp, and sackbut, and psaltery, and harmony, and every kind of music, to fall down and worship the golden image which I have made; well: but if you worship not, in the same hour you shall be cast into the burning fiery furnace; and who is the God that shall deliver you out of my hand?

16 Then answered Sedrach, Misach, and Abdenago, and said to king Nebuchadnezzar, We have no need to answer you concerning this matter.

17 For our God whom we serve is in the heavens, able to deliver us from the burning fiery furnace, and he will rescue us from your hands, O king.

18 But if not, be it known to you, O king, that we will not serve your gods, nor worship the image which you have set up.

19 Then Nebuchadnezzar was filled with wrath, and the form of his countenance was changed toward Sedrach, Misach, and Abdenago: and he gave orders to heat the furnace seven times more than usual, until it should burn to the uttermost.

20 And he commanded mighty men to bind Sedrach, Misach, and Abdenago, and to cast them into the burning fiery furnace.

21 Then those men were bound with their coats, and caps, and hose, and were cast into the midst of the burning fiery furnace,

22 forasmuch as the king's word prevailed; and the furnace was made exceeding hot.

23 Then these three men, Sedrach, Misach, and Abdenago, fell bound into the midst of the burning furnace,

24 and walked in the midst of the flame, singing praise to God, and blessing the Lord.

25 Then Azarias stood up, and prayed on this manner; and opening his mouth in the midst of the fire said,

26 Blessed are you, O Lord God of our fathers: your name is worthy to be praised and glorified for evermore:

27 for you are righteous in all the things that you have done to us: yea, true are all your works, your ways are right, and all your judgments truth.

28 In all the things that you have brought upon us, and upon the holy city of our fathers, even Jerusalem, you have executed true judgment: for according to truth and judgment did you bring all these things upon us because of our sins.

29 For we have sinned and committed iniquity, departing from you. In all things have we trespassed, and not obeyed your commandments,

30 nor kept them, neither done as you have commanded us, that it might go well with us.

31 Wherefore all that you have brought upon us, and every thing that you have done to us, you have done in true judgment.

32 And you did deliver us into the hands of lawless enemies, most hateful forsakers of God, and to an unjust king, and the most wicked in all the world.

33 And now we cannot open our mouths, we are become a shame and reproach to your servants, and to them that worship you.

34 Yet deliver us not up wholly, for your name's sake, neither disannul you your covenant:

35 and cause not your mercy to depart from us, for your beloved Abraham's sake, for your servant Isaac's sake, and for your holy Israel's sake;

36 to whom you have spoken and promised, that you would multiply their seed as the stars of heaven, and as the sand that lies upon the seashore.

37 For we, O Lord, are become less than any nation, and be kept under this day in all the world because of our sins.

38 Neither is there at this time prince, or prophet, or leader, or burnt offering, or sacrifice, or oblation, or incense, or place to sacrifice before you, and to find mercy.

39 Nevertheless in a contrite heart and an humble spirit let us be accepted. Like as in the burnt offerings of rams and bullocks, and like as in ten thousands of fat lambs:

40 so let our sacrifice be in your sight this day, and grant that we may wholly go after you: for they shall not be confounded that put their trust in you.

41 And now we follow you with all our heart, we fear you, and seek your face. Put us not to shame:

42 but deal with us after your lovingkindness, and according to the multitude of your mercies.

43 Deliver us also according to your marvellous works, and give glory to your name, O Lord:

44 and let all them that do your servants hurt be ashamed; and let them be confounded in all their power and might, and let their strength be broken;

45 and let them know that you are Lord, the only God, and glorious over the whole world.

46 And the king's servants, that put them in, ceased not to make the oven hot with rosin, pitch, tow, and small wood;

47 so that the flame streamed forth above the furnace forty and nine cubits.

48 And it passed through, and burned those Chaldeans it found about the furnace.

49 But the angel of the Lord came down into the oven together with Azarias and his fellows, and smote the flame of the fire out of the oven;

50 and made the midst of the furnace as it had been a moist whistling wind, so that the fire touched them not at all, neither hurt nor troubled them.

51 Then the three, as out of one mouth, praised, glorified, and blessed, God in the furnace, saying,

52 Blessed are you, O Lord God of our fathers: and to be praised and exalted above all for ever. And blessed is your glorious and holy name: and to be praised and exalted above all for ever.

53 Blessed are you in the temple of your holy glory: and to be praised and glorified above all for ever.

54 Blessed are you that behold the depths, and sit upon the cherubim: and to be praised and exalted above all for ever.

55 Blessed are you on the glorious throne of your kingdom: and to be praised and glorified above all for ever.

56 Blessed are you in the firmament of heaven: and above all to be praised and glorified for ever.

57 O all you works of the Lord, bless you the Lord: praise and exalt him above all for ever.

58 O you heavens, bless you the Lord: praise and exalt him above all for ever.

59 O you angels of the Lord, bless you the Lord: praise and exalt him above all for ever.

60 O all you waters that be above the heaven, bless you the Lord: praise and exalt him above all for ever.

61 O all you powers of the Lord, bless you the Lord: praise and exalt him above all for ever.

62 O you sun and moon, bless you the Lord: praise and exalt him above all for ever.

63 O you stars of heaven, bless you the Lord: praise and exalt him above all for ever.

64 O every shower and dew, bless you the Lord: praise and exalt him above all for ever.

65 O all you winds, bless you the Lord: praise and exalt him above all for ever.

66 O you fire and heat, bless you the Lord: praise and exalt him above all for ever.

71 O you nights and days, bless you the Lord: praise and exalt him above all for ever.

72 O you light and darkness, bless you the Lord: praise and exalt him above all for ever.

72a O you frost and heat, bless you the Lord: praise and exalt him above all for ever.

72b O you frost and snow, bless you the Lord: praise and exalt him above all for ever.

73 O you lightnings and clouds, bless you the Lord: praise and exalt him above all for ever.

74 O let the earth bless the Lord: praise and exalt him above all for ever.

75 O you mountains and little hills, bless you the Lord: praise and exalt him above all for ever.

76 O all you things that grow on the earth, bless you the Lord: praise and exalt him above all for ever.

77 O you seas and rivers, bless you the Lord: praise and exalt him above all for ever.

78 O you fountains, bless you the Lord: praise and exalt him above all for ever.

79 O you whales, and all that move in the waters, bless you the Lord: praise and exalt him above all for ever.

80 O all you fowls of the air, bless you the Lord: praise and exalt him above all for ever.

81 O all you beasts and cattle, bless you the Lord: praise and exalt him above all for ever.

82 O you children of men, bless you the Lord: praise and exalt him above all for ever.

83 O Israel, bless you the Lord: praise and exalt him above all for ever.

84 O you priests of the Lord, bless you the Lord: praise and exalt him above all for ever.

85 O you servants of the Lord, bless you the Lord: praise and exalt him above all for ever.

86 O you spirits and souls of the righteous, bless you the Lord: praise and exalt him above all for ever.

87 O you holy and humble men of heart, bless you the Lord: praise and exalt him above all for ever.

88 O Ananias, Azarias, and Misael, bless you the Lord; praise and exalt him above all for ever: for he has delivered us from hell, and saved us from the hand of death, and delivered us out of the midst of the furnace and burning flame: even out of the midst of the fire has he delivered us.

89 O give thanks unto the Lord, because he is gracious: for his mercy endures for ever.

90 O all you that worship the Lord, bless the God of gods, praise him and give him thanks: for his mercy endures for ever.

91 And Nebuchadnezzar heard them singing praises; and he wondered, and rose up in haste, and said to his nobles, Did we not cast three men bound into the midst of the fire? and they said to the king, Yes, O king.

92 And the king said, But I see four men loose, and walking in the midst of the fire, and there has no harm happened to them; and the appearance of the fourth is like the Son of God.

93 Then Nebuchadnezzar drew near to the door of the burning fiery furnace, and said, Sedrach, Misach, and Abdenago, you servants of the most high God, proceed forth, and come hither. So Sedrach, Misach, and Abdenago, came forth out of the midst of the fire.

94 Then were assembled the satraps, and captains, and heads of provinces, and the royal princes; and they saw the men, and perceived that the fire had not had power against their bodies, and the hair of their head was not burnt, and their coats were not scorched, nor was the smell of fire upon them.

95 And king Nebuchadnezzar answered and said, Blessed be the God of Sedrach, Misach, and Abdenago, who has sent his angel, and delivered his servants, because they trusted in him; and they have changed the king's word, and delivered

their bodies to be burnt, that they might not serve nor worship any god, except their own God.

96 Wherefore I publish a decree: Every people, tribe, or language, that shall speak reproachfully against the God of Sedrach, Misach, and Abdenago, shall be destroyed, and their houses shall be plundered: because there is no other God who shall be able to deliver thus.

97 Then the king promoted Sedrach, Misach, and Abdenago, in the province of Babylon, and advanced them, and gave them authority to rule over all the Jews who were in his kingdom.

Chapter 4

1 King Nebuchadnezzar to all nations, tribes, and tongues, who dwell in all the earth; Peace be multiplied to you.

2 It seemed good to me to declare to you the signs and wonders which the most high God has wrought with me,

3 how great and mighty they are: his kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and his power to all generations.

4 I Nebuchadnezzar was thriving in my house, and prospering.

5 I saw a vision, and it terrified me, and I was troubled on my bed, and the visions of my head troubled me.

6 And I made a decree to bring in before me all the wise men of Babylon, that they might make known to me the interpretation of the dream.

7 So the enchanters, magicians, soothsayers, and Chaldeans came in: and I told the dream before them; but they did not make known to me the interpretation thereof;

8 until Daniel came, whose name is Baltasar, according to the name of my God, who has within him the Holy Spirit of God; to whom I said,

9 O Baltasar, chief of the enchanters, of whom I know that the Holy Spirit of God is in you, and no mystery is too hard for you, hear the vision of my dream which I had, and tell me the interpretation of it.

10 I had a vision upon my bed; and behold a tree in the midst of the earth, and its height was great.

11 The tree grew large and strong, and its height reached to the sky, and its extent to the extremity of the whole earth:

12 its leaves were fair, and its fruit abundant, and in it was meat for all; and under it the wild beasts of the field took shelter, and the birds of the sky lodged in the branches of it, and all flesh was fed of it.

13 I beheld in the night vision upon my bed, and, behold, a watcher and an holy one came down from heaven, and cried aloud, and thus he said,

14 Cut down the tree, and pluck off its branches, and shake off its leaves, and scatter its fruit: let the wild beasts be removed from under it, and the birds from its branches.

15 Only leave the stump of its roots in the earth, and bind it with an iron and brass band; and it shall lie in the grass that is without and in the dew of heaven, and its portion shall be with the wild beasts in the grass of the field.

16 His heart shall be changed from that of man, and the heart of a wild beast shall be given to him; and seven times shall pass over him.

17 The matter is by the decree of the watcher, and the demand is a word of the holy ones; that the living may know that the Lord is most high over the kingdom of men, and he will give it to whomsoever he shall please, and will set up over it that which is set at nought of men.

18 This is the vision which I king Nebuchadnezzar saw: and do you, Baltasar, declare the interpretation, for none of the wise men of my kingdom are able to shew me the interpretation of it: but you, Daniel, art able; for the Holy Spirit of God is in you.

19 Then Daniel, whose name is Baltasar, was amazed about one hour, and his thoughts troubled him. And Baltasar answered and said, My lord, let the dream be to them that hate you, and the interpretation of it to your enemies.

20 The tree which you saw, that grew large and strong, whose height reached to the sky and its extent to all the earth;

21 and whose leaves were flourishing, and its fruit abundant, (and it was meat for all; under it the wild beasts lodged, and the birds of the sky took shelter in its branches:)

22 is yourself, O king; for you are grown great and powerful, and your greatness has increased and reached to heaven, and your dominion to the ends of the earth.

23 And whereas the king saw a watcher and a holy one coming down from heaven, and he said, Strip the tree, and destroy it; only leave the stump of its roots in the ground, and bind it with a band of iron and brass; and it shall lie in the grass that is without, and in the dew of heaven, and its portion shall be with wild beasts, until seven times have passed over it;

24 this is the interpretation of it, O king, and it is a decree of the Most High, which has come upon my lord the king.

25 And they shall drive you forth from men, and your dwelling shall be with wild beasts, and they shall feed you with grass as an ox, and you shall have your lodging under the dew of heaven, and seven times shall pass over you, until you know that the Most High is Lord of the kingdom of men, and will give it to whom he shall please.

26 And whereas they said, Leave the stumps of the roots of the tree; your kingdom abides sure to you from the time that you shall know the power of the heavens.

27 Therefore, O king, let my counsel please you, and atone for your sins by alms, and your iniquities by compassion on the poor: it may be God will be long-suffering to your trespasses.

28 All these things came upon king Nebuchadnezzar.

29 After a twelvemonth, as he walked in his palace in Babylon,

30 the king answered and said, Is not this great Babylon, which I have built for a royal residence, by the might of my power, for the honour of my glory?

31 While the word was yet in the king's mouth, there came a voice from heaven, saying, To you, king Nebuchadnezzar, they say, The kingdom has departed from you.

32 And they shall drive you from men, and your dwelling shall be with the wild beasts of the field, and they shall feed you with grass as an ox: and seven times shall pass over you, until you know that the Most High is Lord of the kingdom of men, and he will give it to whomsoever he shall please.

33 In the same hour the word was fulfilled upon Nebuchadnezzar: and he was driven forth from men, and he ate grass as an ox, and his body was bathed with the dew of heaven, until his hairs were grown like lions' hairs, and his nails as birds' claws.

34 And at the end of the time I Nebuchadnezzar lifted up mine eyes to heaven, and my reason returned to me, and I blessed the Most High, and praised him that lives for ever, and gave him glory; for his dominion is an everlasting dominion, and his kingdom lasts to all generations:

35 and all the inhabitants of the earth are reputed as nothing: and he does according to his will in the army of heaven, and among the inhabitants of the earth: and there is none who shall withstand his power, and say to him, What have you done?

36 At the same time my reason returned to me, and I came to the honour of my kingdom; and my natural form returned to me, and my princes, and my nobles, sought me, and I was established in my kingdom, and more abundant majesty was added to me.

37 Now therefore I Nebuchadnezzar praise and greatly exalt and glorify the King of heaven; for all his works are true, and his paths are judgment: and all that walk in pride he is able to abase.

Chapter 5

1 Baltasar the king made a great supper for his thousand nobles, and there was wine before the thousand.

2 And Baltasar drinking gave orders as he tasted the wine that they should bring the gold and silver vessels, which Nebuchadnezzar his father had brought forth from the temple in Jerusalem; that the king, and his nobles, and his mistresses, and his concubines, should drink out of them.

3 So the gold and silver vessels were brought which Nebuchadnezzar had taken out of the temple of God in Jerusalem; and the king, and his nobles, and his mistresses, and his concubines, drank out of them.

4 They drank wine, and praised the gods of gold, and of silver, and of brass, and of iron, and of wood, and of stone.

5 In the same hour came forth fingers of a man's hand, and wrote in front of the lamp on the plaster of the wall of the king's house: and the king saw the knuckles of the hand that wrote.

6 Then the king's countenance changed, and his thoughts troubled him, and the joints of his loins were loosed, and his knees smote one another.

7 And the king cried aloud to bring in the magicians, Chaldeans, and soothsayers; and he said to the wise men of Babylon, Whosoever shall read this writing, and make known to me the interpretation, shall be clothed with scarlet, and there shall be a golden chain upon his neck, and he shall be the third ruler in my kingdom.

8 Then came in all the king's wise men: but they could not read the writing, nor make known the interpretation to the king.

9 And king Baltasar was troubled, and his countenance changed upon him, and his nobles were troubled with him.

10 Then the queen came into the banquet house, and said, O king, live for ever: let not your thoughts trouble you, and let not your countenance be changed.

11 There is a man in your kingdom, in whom is the Spirit of God; and in the days of your father watchfulness and understanding were found in him; and king Nebuchadnezzar your father made him chief of the enchanters, magicians, Chaldeans, and soothsayers.

12 For there is an excellent spirit in him, and sense and understanding are in him, interpreting dreams as he does, and answering hard questions, and solving difficulties: it is Daniel, and the king gave him the name of Baltasar: now then let him be called, and he shall tell you the interpretation of the writing.

13 Then Daniel was brought in before the king: and the king said to Daniel, Are you Daniel, of the children of the captivity of Judea, which the king my father brought?

14 I have heard concerning you, that the Spirit of God is in you, and that watchfulness and understanding and excellent wisdom have been found in you.

15 And now the wise men, magicians, and soothsayers have come in before me, to read the writing, and make known to me the interpretation: but they could not tell it me.

16 And I have heard concerning you, that you are able to make interpretations: now then if you shall be able to read the writing, and to make known to me the interpretation of it, you shall be clothed with purple, and there shall be a golden chain upon your neck, and you shall be third ruler in my kingdom.

17 And Daniel said before the king, Let your gifts be to yourself, and give the present of yours house to another; but I will read the writing, and will make known to you the interpretation of it.

18 O king, the most high God gave to your father Nebuchadnezzar a kingdom, and majesty, and honour, and glory:

19 and by reason of the majesty which he gave to him, all nations, tribes and languages trembled and feared before him: whom he would he slew; and whom he would he smote; and whom he would he exalted; and whom he would he abased.

20 But when his heart was lifted up, and his spirit was emboldened to act proudly, he was deposed from his royal throne, and his honour was taken from him.

21 And he was driven forth from men; and his heart was given him after the nature of wild beasts, and his dwelling was with the wild asses; and they fed him with grass as an ox, and his body was bathed with the dew of heaven; until he knew that the most high God is Lord of the kingdom of men, and will give it to whomsoever he shall please.

22 And you accordingly, his son, O Baltasar, have not humbled yours heart before God: know you not all this?

23 And you have been exalted against the Lord God of heaven; and they have brought before you the vessels of his house, and you, and your nobles, and your mistresses, and your concubines, have drunk wine out of them; and you have praised the gods of gold, and silver, and brass, and iron, and wood, and stone, which see not, and which hear not, and know not: and the God in whose hand are your breath and all your ways have you not glorified.

24 Therefore from his presence has been sent forth the knuckle of a hand; and he has ordered this writing.

25 And this is the ordered writing, Mane, Thekel, Phares.

26 This is the interpretation of the sentence: Mane; God has measured your kingdom, and finished it.

27 Thekel; it has been weighed in the balance, and found wanting.

28 Phares; your kingdom is divided, and given to the Medes and Persians.

29 Then Baltasar commanded, and they clothed Daniel with scarlet, and put the golden chain about his neck, and proclaimed concerning him that he was the third ruler in the kingdom.

30 In the same night was Baltasar the Chaldean king slain.

Chapter 6

1 And Darius the Mede succeeded to the kingdom, being sixty-two years old.

2 And it pleased Darius, and he set over the kingdom a hundred and twenty satraps, to be in all his kingdom;

3 and over them three governors, of whom one was Daniel; for the satraps to give account to them, that the king should not be troubled.

4 And Daniel was over them, for there was an excellent spirit in him; and the king set him over all his kingdom.

5 Then the governors and satraps sought to find occasion against Daniel; but they found against him no occasion, nor trespass, nor error, because he was faithful.

6 And the governors said, We shall not find occasion against Daniel, except in the ordinances of his God.

7 Then the governors and satraps stood by the king, and said to him, King Darius, live for ever.

8 All who preside over your kingdom, captains and satraps, chiefs and local governors, have taken counsel together, to establish by a royal statute and to confirm a decree, that whosoever shall ask a petition of any god or man for thirty days, save of you, O king, shall be cast into the den of lions.

9 Now then, O king, establish the decree, and publish a writ, that the decree of the Persians and Medes be not changed.

10 Then king Darius commanded the decree to be written.

11 And when Daniel knew that the decree was ordered, he went into his house; and his windows were opened in his chambers toward Jerusalem, and three times in the day he knelt upon his knees, and prayed and gave thanks before his God, as he used to do before.

12 Then these men watched, and found Daniel praying and supplicating to his God.

13 And they came and said to the king, O king, have you not made a decree, that whatsoever man shall ask a petition of any god or man for thirty days, but of you, O king, shall be cast into the den of lions? And the king said, The word is true, and the decree of the Medes and Persians shall not pass.

14 Then they answered and said before the king, Daniel of the children of the captivity of Judea, has not submitted to your decree; and three times in the day he makes his requests of his God.

15 Then the king, when he heard the saying, was much grieved for Daniel, and he greatly exerted himself for

Daniel to deliver him: and he exerted himself till evening to deliver him.

16 Then those men said to the king, Know, O king, that the law of the Medes and Persians is, that we must not change any decree or statute which the king shall make.

17 Then the king commanded, and they brought Daniel, and cast him into the den of lions. But the king said to Daniel, Your God whom you serve continually, he will deliver you.

18 And they brought a stone, and put it on the mouth of the den; and the king sealed it with his ring, and with the ring of his nobles; that the case might not be altered with regard to Daniel.

19 And the king departed to his house, and lay down fasting, and they brought him no food; and his sleep departed from him. But God shut the mouths of the lions, and they did not molest Daniel.

20 Then the king arose very early in the morning, and came in haste to the den of lions.

21 And when he drew near to the den, he cried with a loud voice, Daniel, servant of the living God, has your God, whom you serve continually, been able to deliver you from the lion's mouth?

22 And Daniel said to the king, O king, live for ever.

23 My God has sent his angel, and stopped the lions' mouths, and they have not hurt me: for uprightness was found in me before him; and moreover before you, O king, I have committed no trespass.

24 Then the king was very glad for him, and he commanded to bring Daniel out of the den. So Daniel was brought out of the den, and there was found no hurt upon him, because he believed in his God.

25 And the king commanded, and they brought the men that had accused Daniel, and they were cast into the den of lions, they, and their children, and their wives: and they reached not the bottom of the den before the lions had the mastery of them, and utterly broke to pieces all their bones.

26 Then king Darius wrote to all nations, tribes, and languages, who dwell in all the earth, saying, Peace be multiplied to you.

27 This decree has been set forth by me in every dominion of my kingdom, that men tremble and fear before the God of Daniel: for he is the living and eternal God, and his kingdom shall not be destroyed, and his dominion is for ever.

28 He helps and delivers, and works signs and wonders in the heaven and on the earth, who has rescued Daniel from the power of the lions.

29 And Daniel prospered in the reign of Darius, and in the reign of Cyrus the Persian.

Chapter 7

1 In the first year of Baltasar king of the Chaldeans Daniel had a dream, and visions of his head upon his bed: and he wrote his dream.

2 I Daniel beheld, and, lo, the four winds of heaven blew violently upon the great sea.

3 And there came up four great beasts out of the sea, differing from one another.

4 The first was as a lioness, and her wings as an eagle's: I beheld until her wings were plucked, and she was lifted off from the earth, and she stood on human feet, and a man's heart was given to her.

5 And, behold, a second beast like a bear, and it supported itself on one side, and there were three ribs in its mouth, between its teeth: and thus they said to it, Arise, devour much flesh.

6 After this one I looked, and behold another wild beast as a leopard, and it had four wings of a bird upon it: and the wild beast had four heads, and power was given to it.

7 After this one I looked, and behold a fourth beast, dreadful and terrible, and exceedingly strong, and its teeth were of iron; devouring and crushing to atoms, and it trampled the remainder with its feet: and it was altogether different from all the beasts that were before it; and it had ten horns.

8 I noticed his horns, and, behold, another little horn came up in the midst of them, and before it three of the former horns were rooted out: and, behold, there were eyes as the eyes of a man in this horn, and a mouth speaking great things.

9 I beheld until the thrones were set, and the Ancient of days sat; and his raiment was white as snow, and the hair of his head as pure wool: his throne was a flame of fire, and his wheels burning fire.

10 A stream of fire rushed forth before him: thousand thousands ministered to him, and ten thousands of myriads attended upon him: the judgment sat, and the books were opened.

11 I beheld then because of the voice of the great words which that horn spoke, until the wild beast was slain and destroyed, and his body given to be burnt with fire.

12 And the dominion of the rest of the wild beasts was taken away; but a prolonging of life was given them for certain times.

13 I beheld in the night vision, and, lo, one coming with the clouds of heaven as the Son of man, and he came on to the Ancient of days, and was brought near to him.

14 And to him was given the dominion, and the honour, and the kingdom; and all nations, tribes, and languages,

shall serve him: his dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and his kingdom shall not be destroyed.

15 As for me Daniel, my spirit in my body trembled, and the visions of my head troubled me.

16 And I drew near to one of them that stood by, and I sought to learn of him the truth of all these things: and he told me the truth, and made known to me the interpretation of the things.

17 These four beasts are four kingdoms that shall rise up on the earth:

18 which shall be taken away; and the saints of the Most High shall take the kingdom, and possess it for ever and ever.

19 Then I enquired carefully concerning the fourth beast; for it differed from every other beast, exceeding dreadful: its teeth were of iron, and its claws of brass, devouring, and utterly breaking to pieces, and it trampled the remainder with its feet:

20 and concerning its ten horns that were in its head, and the other that came up, and rooted up some of the former, which had eyes, and a mouth speaking great things, and his look was bolder than the rest.

21 I beheld, and that horn made war with the saints, and prevailed against them;

22 until the Ancient of days came, and he gave judgment to the saints of the Most High; and the time came on, and the saints possessed the kingdom.

23 And he said, The fourth beast shall be the fourth kingdom on the earth, which shall excel all other kingdoms, and shall devour the whole earth, and trample and destroy it.

24 And his ten horns are ten kings that shall arise: and after them shall arise another, who shall exceed all the former ones in wickedness, and he shall subdue three kings.

25 And he shall speak words against the Most High, and shall wear out the saints of the Most High, and shall think to change times and law: and power shall be given into his hand for a time and times and half a time.

26 And the judgment has sat, and they shall remove his dominion to abolish it, and to destroy it utterly.

27 And the kingdom and the power and the greatness of the kings that are under the whole heaven were given to the saints of the Most High; and his kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and all powers shall serve and obey him.

28 Hitherto is the end of the matter. As for me Daniel, my thoughts greatly troubled me, and my countenance was changed: but I kept the matter in my heart.

Chapter 8

1 In the third year of the reign of king Baltasar a vision appeared to me, even to me Daniel, after that which appeared to me at the first.

2 And I was in Susa the palace, which is in the land of Ælam, and I was on the bank of Ubal.

3 And I lifted up mine eyes, and saw, and, behold, a ram standing in front of the Ubal; and he had high horns; and one was higher than the other, and the high one came up last.

4 And I saw the ram butting westward, and northward, and southward; and no beast could stand before him, and there was none that could deliver out of his hand; and he did according to his will, and became great.

5 And I was considering, and, behold, a he-goat came from the south-west on the face of the whole earth, and touched not the earth: and the goat had a horn between his eyes.

6 And he came to the ram that had the horns, which I had seen standing in front of the Ubal, and he ran at him with the violence of his strength.

7 And I saw him coming up close to the ram, and he was furiously enraged against him, and he smote the ram, and broke both his horns: and there was no strength in the ram to stand before him, but he cast him on the ground, and trampled on him; and there was none that could deliver the ram out of his hand.

8 And the he-goat grew exceedingly great: and when he was strong, his great horn was broken; and four other horns rose up in its place toward the four winds of heaven.

9 And out of one of them came forth one strong horn, and it grew very great toward the south, and toward the host:

10 and it magnified itself to the host of heaven; and there fell to the earth some of the host of heaven and of the stars, and they trampled on them.

11 And this shall be until the chief captain shall have delivered the captivity: and by reason of him the sacrifice was disturbed, and he prospered; and the holy place shall be made desolate.

12 And a sin-offering was given for the sacrifice, and righteousness was cast down to the ground; and it practised, and prospered.

13 And I heard one saint speaking, and a saint said to a certain one speaking, How long shall the vision continue, even the removal of the sacrifice, and the bringing in of the sin of desolation; and how long shall the sanctuary and host be trampled?

14 And he said to him, Evening and morning there shall be two thousand and four hundred days; and then the sanctuary shall be cleansed.

15 And it came to pass, as I, even I Daniel, saw the vision, and sought to understand it, that, behold, there stood before me as the appearance of a man.

16 And I heard the voice of a man between the banks of the Ubal; and he called, and said, Gabriel, cause that man to understand the vision.

17 And he came and stood near where I stood: and when he came, I was struck with awe, and fell upon my face: but he said to me, Understand, son of man: for yet the vision is for an appointed time.

18 And while he spoke with me, I fell upon my face to the earth: and he touched me, and set me on my feet.

19 And he said, Behold, I make you know the things that shall come to pass at the end of the wrath: for the vision is yet for an appointed time.

20 The ram which you saw that had the horns is the king of the Medes and Persians.

21 The he-goat is the king of the Greeks: and the great horn which was between his eyes, he is the first king.

22 And as for the one that was broken, in whose place there stood up four horns, four kings shall arise out of his nation, but not in their own strength.

23 And at the latter time of their kingdom, when their sins are coming to the full, there shall arise a king bold in countenance, and understanding riddles.

24 And his power shall be great, and he shall destroy wonderfully, and prosper, and practise, and shall destroy mighty men, and the holy people.

25 And the yoke of his chain shall prosper: there is craft in his hand; and he shall magnify himself in his heart, and by craft shall destroy many, and he shall stand up for the destruction of many, and shall crush them as eggs in his hand.

26 And the vision of the evening and morning that was mentioned is true: and do you seal the vision; for it is for many days.

27 And I Daniel fell asleep, and was sick: then I arose, and did the king's business; and I wondered at the vision, and there was none that understood it.

Chapter 9

1 In the first year of Darius the son of Assuerus, of the seed of the Medes, who reigned over the kingdom of the Chaldeans,

2 I Daniel understood by books the number of the years which was the word of the Lord to the prophet Jeremiah, even seventy years for the accomplishment of the desolation of Jerusalem.

3 And I set my face toward the Lord God, to seek him diligently by prayer and supplications, with fastings and sackcloth.

4 And I prayed to the Lord my God, and confessed, and said, O Lord, the great and wonderful God, keeping your covenant and your mercy to them that love you, and to them that keep your commandments; we have sinned,

5 we have done iniquity, we have transgressed, and we have departed and turned aside from your commandments and from your judgments:

6 and we have not hearkened to your servants the prophets, who spoke in your name to our kings, and our princes, and our fathers, and to all the people of the land.

7 To you, O Lord, belongs righteousness, and to us confusion of face, as at this day; to the men of Judah, and to the dwellers in Jerusalem, and to all Israel, to them that are near, and to them that are far off in all the earth, wherever you have scattered them, for the sin which they committed.

8 In you, O Lord, is our righteousness, and to us belongs confusion of face, and to our kings, and to our princes, and to our fathers, forasmuch as we have sinned.

9 To you, the Lord our God, belong compassions and forgivenesses, whereas we have departed from you;

10 neither have we hearkened to the voice of the Lord our God, to walk in his laws, which he set before us by the hands of his servants the prophets.

11 Moreover all Israel have transgressed your law, and have refused to hearken to your voice; so the curse has come upon us, and the oath that is written in the law of Moses the servant of God, because we have sinned against him.

12 And he has confirmed his words, which he spoke against us, and against our judges who judged us, by bringing upon us great evils, such as have not happened under the whole heaven, according to what has happened in Jerusalem.

13 As it is written in the law of Moses, all these evils have come upon us: yet we have not besought the Lord our God, that we might turn away from our iniquities, and have understanding in all your truth.

14 The Lord also has watched, and brought the evils upon us: for the Lord our God is righteous in all his work which he has executed, but we have not hearkened to his voice.

15 And now, O Lord our God, who brought your people out of the land of Egypt with a mighty hand, and made to yourself a name, as at this day; we have sinned, we have transgressed.

16 O Lord, your mercy is over all: let, I pray you, your wrath turn away, and your anger from your city Jerusalem, even your holy mountain: for we have sinned, and because of our iniquities, and those of our fathers, Jerusalem and

your people are become a reproach among all that are round about us.

17 And now, O Lord our God, hearken to the prayer of your servant, and his supplications, and cause your face to shine on your desolate sanctuary, for your own sake, O Lord.

18 Incline your ear, O my God, and hear; open your eyes and behold our desolation, and that of your city on which your name is called: for we do not bring our pitiful case before you on the ground of our righteousness, but on the ground of your manifold compassions, O Lord.

19 Hearken, O Lord; be propitious, O Lord; attend, O Lord; delay not, O my God, for your own sake: for your name is called upon your city and upon your people.

20 And while I was yet speaking, and praying, and confessing my sins and the sins of my people Israel, and bringing my pitiful case before the Lord my God concerning the holy mountain;

21 yea, while I was yet speaking in prayer, behold the man Gabriel, whom I had seen in the vision at the beginning, came flying, and he touched me about the hour of the evening sacrifice.

22 And he instructed me, and spoke with me, and said, O Daniel, I am now come forth to impart to you understanding.

23 At the beginning of your supplication the word came forth, and I am come to tell you; for you are a man much beloved: therefore consider the matter, understand the vision.

24 Seventy weeks have been determined upon your people, and upon the holy city, for sin to be ended, and to seal up transgressions, and to blot out the iniquities, and to make atonement for iniquities, and to bring in everlasting righteousness, and to seal the vision and the prophet, and to anoint the Most Holy.

25 And you shall know and understand, that from the going forth of the command for the answer and for the building of Jerusalem until Christ the prince there shall be seven weeks, and sixty-two weeks: and then the time shall return, and the street shall be built, and the wall, and the times shall be exhausted.

26 And after the sixty-two weeks, the anointed one shall be destroyed, and there is no judgment in him: and he shall destroy the city and the sanctuary with the prince that is coming: they shall be cut off with a flood, and to the end of the war which is rapidly completed he shall appoint the city to desolations.

27 And one week shall establish the covenant with many: and in the midst of the week my sacrifice and drink-offering shall be taken away: and on the temple shall be the abomination of desolations; and at the end of the time an end shall be put to the desolation.

Chapter 10

1 In the third year of Cyrus king of the Persians a thing was revealed to Daniel, whose name was called Baltasar; and the thing was true, and great power and understanding in the vision was given to him.

2 In those days I Daniel was mourning three full weeks.

3 I ate no pleasant bread, and no flesh or wine entered into my mouth, neither did I anoint myself with oil, until three whole weeks were accomplished.

4 On the twenty-fourth day of the first month, I was near the great river, which is Tigris Eddekel.

5 And I lifted up mine eyes, and looked, and behold a man clothed in linen, and his loins were girt with gold of Ophaz:

6 and his body was as Tarshish, and his face was as the appearance of lightning, and his eyes as lamps of fire, and his arms and his legs as the appearance of shining brass, and the voice of his words as the voice of a multitude.

7 And I Daniel only saw the vision: and the men that were with me saw not the vision; but a great amazement fell upon them, and they fled in fear.

8 So I was left alone, and saw this great vision, and there was no strength left in me, and my glory was turned into corruption, and I retained no strength.

9 Yet I heard the voice of his words: and when I heard him I was pricked in the heart, and I fell with my face to the earth.

10 And, behold, a hand touched me, and it raised me on my knees.

11 And he said to me, O Daniel, man greatly beloved, understand the words which I speak to you, and stand upright: for I am now sent to you. And when he had spoken to me this word, I stood trembling.

12 And he said to me, Fear not, Daniel: for from the first day that you did set yours heart to understand, and to afflict yourself before the Lord your God, your words were heard, and I am come because of your words.

13 But the prince of the kingdom of the Persians withstood me twenty-one days: and behold, Michael, one of the princes, came to help me; and I left him there with the chief of the kingdom of the Persians:

14 and I have come to inform you of all that shall befall your people in the last days: for the vision is yet for many days.

15 And when he had spoken with me according to these words, I turned my face to the ground, and was pricked in the heart.

16 And, behold, as it were the likeness of a son of man touched my lips; and I opened my mouth, and spoke, and said to him that stood before me, O my lord, at the sight of you my bowels were turned within me, and I had no strength.

17 And how shall your servant be able, O my lord, to speak with this my lord? and as for me, from henceforth strength will not remain in me, and there is no breath left in me.

18 And there touched me again as it were the appearance of a man, and he strengthened me,

19 and said to me, Fear not, man greatly beloved: peace be to you, quit yourself like a man, and be strong. And when he had spoken with me, I received strength, and said, Let my lord speak; for you have strengthened me.

20 And he said, Know you, wherefore I am come to you? and now I will return to fight with the prince of the Persians: and I was going in, and the prince of the Greeks came.

21 But I will tell you that which is ordained in the scripture of truth: and there is no one that holds with me in these matters but Michael your prince.

Chapter 11

1 And I in the first year of Cyrus stood to strengthen and confirm him.

2 And now I will tell you the truth. Behold, there shall yet rise up three kings in Persia: and the fourth shall be very far richer than all: and after that he is master of his wealth, he shall rise up against all the kingdoms of the Greeks.

3 And there shall rise up a mighty king, and he shall be lord of a great empire, and shall do according to his will.

4 And when his kingdom shall stand up, it shall be broken, and shall be divided to the four winds of heaven; but not to his posterity, nor according to his dominion which he ruled over: for his kingdom shall be plucked up, and given to others beside these.

5 And the king of the south shall be strong; and one of their princes shall prevail against him, and shall obtain a great dominion.

6 And after his years they shall associate; and the daughter of the king of the south shall come to the king of the north, to make agreements with him: but she shall not retain power of arm; neither shall his seed stand: and she shall be delivered up, and they that brought her, and the maiden, and he that strengthened her in these times.

7 But out of the flower of her root there shall arise one on his place, and shall come against the host, and shall enter into the strongholds of the king of the north, and shall fight against them, and prevail.

8 Yea, he shall carry with a body of captives into Egypt their gods with their molten images, and all their precious vessels of silver and gold; and he shall last longer than the king of the north.

9 And he shall enter into the kingdom of the king of the south, and shall return to his own land.

10 And his sons shall gather a multitude among many: and one shall certainly come, and overflow, and pass through, and he shall rest, and collect his strength.

11 And the king of the south shall be greatly enraged, and shall come forth, and shall war with the king of the north: and he shall raise a great multitude; but the multitude shall be delivered into his hand.

12 And he shall take the multitude, and his heart shall be exalted; and he shall cast down many thousands; but he shall not prevail.

13 For the king of the north shall return, and bring a multitude greater than the former, and at the end of the times of years an invading army shall come with a great force, and with much substance.

14 And in those times many shall rise up against the king of the south; and the children of the spoilers of your people shall exalt themselves to establish the vision; and they shall fail.

15 And the king of the north shall come in, and cast up a mound, and take strong cities: and the arms of the king of the south shall withstand, and his chosen ones shall rise up, but there shall be no strength to stand.

16 And he that comes in against him shall do according to his will, and there is no one to stand before him: and he shall stand in the land of beauty, and it shall be consumed by his hand.

17 And he shall set his face to come in with the force of his whole kingdom, and shall cause everything to prosper with him: and he shall give him the daughter of women to corrupt her: but she shall not continue, neither be on his side.

18 And he shall turn his face to the islands, and shall take many, and cause princes to cease from their reproach: nevertheless his own reproach shall return to him.

19 Then he shall turn back his face to the strength of his own land: but he shall become weak, and fall, and not be found.

20 And there shall arise out of his root one that shall cause a plant of the kingdom to pass over his place, earning kingly glory: and yet in those days shall he be broken, yet not openly, nor in war.

21 One shall stand on his place, who has been set at nought, and they have not put upon him the honour of the kingdom: but he shall come in prosperously, and obtain the kingdom by deceitful ways.

22 And the arms of him that overflows shall be washed away as with a flood from before him, and shall be broken, and so shall be the head of the covenant.

23 And because of the leagues made with him he shall work deceit: and he shall come up, and overpower them with a small nation.

24 And he shall enter with prosperity, and that into fertile districts; and he shall do what his fathers and his fathers' fathers have not done; he shall scatter among them plunder, and spoils, and wealth; and he shall devise plans against Egypt, even for a time.

25 And his strength and his heart shall be stirred up against the king of the south with a great force; and the king of the south shall engage in war with a great and very strong force; but his forces shall not stand, for they shall devise plans against him:

26 and they shall eat his provisions, and shall crush him, and he shall carry away armies as with a flood, and many shall fall down slain.

27 And as for both the kings, their hearts are set upon mischief, and they shall speak lies at one table; but it shall not prosper; for yet the end is for a fixed time.

28 And he shall return to his land with much substance; and his heart shall be against the holy covenant; and he shall perform great deeds, and return to his own land.

29 At the set time he shall return, and shall come into the south, but the last expedition shall not be as the first.

30 For the Citians issuing forth shall come against him, and he shall be brought low, and shall return, and shall be incensed against the holy covenant: and he shall do thus, and shall return, and have intelligence with them that have forsaken the holy covenant.

31 And seeds shall spring up out of him, and they shall profane the sanctuary of strength, and they shall remove the perpetual sacrifice, and make the abomination desolate.

32 And the transgressors shall bring about a covenant by deceitful ways: but a people knowing their God shall prevail, and do valiantly.

33 And the intelligent of the people shall understand much: yet they shall fall by the sword, and by flame, and by captivity, and by spoil of many days.

34 And when they are weak they shall be helped with a little help: but many shall attach themselves to them with treachery.

35 And some of them that understand shall fall, to try them as with fire, and to test them, and that they may be manifested at the time of the end, for the matter is yet for a set time.

36 And he shall do according to his will, and the king shall exalt and magnify himself against every god, and shall speak great swelling words, and shall prosper until the indignation shall be accomplished: for it is coming to an end.

37 And he shall not regard any gods of his fathers, nor the desire of women, neither shall he regard any deity: for he shall magnify himself above all.

38 And he shall honour the god of forces on his place: and a god whom his fathers knew not he shall honour with gold, and silver, and precious stones, and desirable things.

39 And he shall do thus in the strong places of refuge with a strange god, and shall increase his glory: and he shall subject many to them, and shall distribute the land in gifts.

40 And at the end of the time he shall conflict with the king of the south: and the king of the north shall come against him with chariots, and with horsemen, and with many ships; and they shall enter into the land: and he shall break in pieces, and pass on:

41 and he shall enter into the land of beauty, and many shall fail: but these shall escape out of his hand, Edom, and, Moab, and the chief of the children of Ammon.

42 And he shall stretch forth his hand over the land; and the land of Egypt shall not escape.

43 And he shall have the mastery over the secret treasures of gold and silver, and over all the desirable possessions of Egypt, and of the Libyans and Ethiopians in their strongholds.

44 But rumours and anxieties out of the east and from the north shall trouble him; and he shall come with great wrath to destroy many.

45 And he shall pitch the tabernacle of his palace between the seas in the holy mountain of beauty: but he shall come to his portion, and there is none to deliver him.

Chapter 12

1 And at that time Michael the great prince shall stand up, that stands over the children of your people: and there shall be a time of tribulation, such tribulation as has not been from the time that there was a nation on the earth until that time: at that time your people shall be delivered, even every one that is written in the book.

2 And many of them that sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to reproach and everlasting shame.

3 And the wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament, and some of the many righteous as the stars for ever and ever.

4 And you, Daniel, close the words, and seal the book to the time of the end; until many are taught, and knowledge is increased.

5 And I Daniel saw, and, behold, two others stood, one on one side of the bank of the river, and the other on the other side of the bank of the river.

6 And one said to the man clothed in linen, who was over the water of the river, When will be the end of the wonders which you have mentioned?

7 And I heard the man clothed in linen, who was over the water of the river, and he lifted up his right hand and his left hand to heaven, and sware by him that lives for ever, that it should be for a time of times and half a time: when the dispersion is ended they shall know all these things.

8 And I heard, but I understood not: and I said, O Lord, what will be the end of these things?

9 And he said, Go, Daniel: for the words are closed and sealed up to the time of the end.

10 Many must be tested, and thoroughly whitened, and tried with fire, and sanctified; but the transgressors shall transgress: and none of the transgressors shall understand; but the wise shall understand.

11 And from the time of the removal of the perpetual sacrifice, when the abomination of desolation shall be set up, there shall be a thousand two hundred and ninety days.

12 Blessed is he that waits, and comes to the thousand three hundred and thirty-five days.

13 But go you, and rest; for there are yet days and seasons to the fulfilment of the end; and you shall stand in your lot at the end of the days.

Hosea

Chapter 1

1 THE word of the Lord which came to Hosea the son of Beeri, in the days of Uzziah, and Jotham, and Ahaz, and Hezekiah, kings of Judah, and in the days of Jeroboam son of Joas, king of Israel.

2 The beginning of the word of the Lord by Hosea. And the Lord said to Hosea, Go, take to yourself a wife of fornication, and children of fornication: for the land will surely go a-whoring in departing from the Lord.

3 So he went and took Gomer, daughter of Debelaim; and she conceived, and bore him a son.

4 And the Lord said to him, Call his name Jezreel; for yet a little while, and I will avenge the blood of Jezreel on the house of Judah, and will make to cease the kingdom of the house of Israel.

5 And it shall be, in that day, that I will break the bow of Israel in the valley of Jezreel.

6 And she conceived again, and bore a daughter. And he said to him, Call her name, Unpitied: for I will no more have mercy on the house of Israel, but will surely set myself in array against them.

7 But I will have mercy on the house of Judah, and will save them by the Lord their God, and will not save them with bow, nor with sword, nor by war, nor by horses, nor by horsemen.

8 And she weaned Unpitied; and she conceived again, and bore a son.

9 And he said, Call his name, Not my people: for you are not my people, and I am not your God.

Chapter 2

1 Yet the number of the children of Israel was as the sand of the sea, which shall not be measured nor numbered; and it shall come to pass, that in the place where it was said to them, You are not my people, even they shall be called the sons of the living God.

2 And the children of Judah shall be gathered, and the children of Israel together, and shall appoint themselves one head, and shall come up out of the land: for great shall be the day of Jezreel.

3 Say to your brother, My people, and to your sister, Pitied.

4 Plead with your mother, plead: for she is not my wife, and I am not her husband: and I will remove her fornication out of my presence, and her adultery from between her breasts:

5 that I may strip her naked, and make her again as she was at the day of her birth: and I will make her desolate, and make her as a dry land, and will kill her with thirst.

6 And I will not have mercy upon her children; for they are children of fornication.

7 And their mother went a-whoring: she that bore them disgraced them: for she said, I will go after my lovers, that give me my bread and my water, and my garments, and my linen clothes, my oil and all my necessaries.

8 Therefore, behold, I hedge up her way with thorns, and will stop the ways, and she shall not find her path.

9 And she shall follow after her lovers, and shall not overtake them; and she shall seek them, but shall not find them: and she shall say, I will go, and return to my former husband; for it was better with me than now.

10 And she knew not that I gave her her corn, and wine, and oil, and multiplied silver to her: but she made silver and gold images for Baal.

11 Therefore I will return, and take away my corn in its season, and my wine in its time; and I will take away my raiment and my linen clothes, so that she shall not cover her nakedness.

12 And now I will expose her uncleanness before her lovers, and no one shall by any means deliver her out of my hand.

13 And I will take away all her gladness, her feasts, and her festivals at the new moon, and her sabbaths, and all her solemn assemblies.

14 And I will utterly destroy her vines, and her fig-trees, all things of which she said, These are my hire which my lovers have given me: and I will make them a testimony, and the wild beasts of the field, and the birds of the sky, and the reptiles of the earth shall devour them.

15 And I will recompense on her the days of Baalim, wherein she sacrificed to them, and put on her ear-rings, and her necklaces, and went after her lovers, and forgot me, says the Lord.

16 Therefore, behold, I will cause her to err, and will make her as desolate, and will speak comfortably to her.

17 And I will give her her possessions from thence, and the valley of Achor to open her understanding: and she shall be afflicted there according to the days of her infancy, and according to the days of her coming up out of the land of Egypt.

18 And it shall come to pass in that day, says the Lord, that she shall call me, My husband, and shall no longer call me Baalim.

19 And I will take away the names of Baalim out of her mouth, and their names shall be remembered no more at all.

20 And I will make for them in that day a covenant with the wild beasts of the field, and with the birds of the sky, and with the reptiles of the earth: and I will break the bow and the sword and the battle from off the earth, and will cause you to dwell safely.

21 And I will betroth you to myself for ever; yea, I will betroth you to myself in righteousness, and in judgment, and in mercy, and in tender compassions;

22 and I will betroth you to myself in faithfulness: and you shall know the Lord.

23 And it shall come to pass in that day, says the Lord, I will hearken to the heaven, and it shall hearken to the earth;

24 and the earth shall hearken to the corn, and the wine, and the oil; and they shall hearken to Jezreel.

25 And I will sow her to me on the earth; and will love her that was not loved, and will say to that which was not my people, You are my people; and they shall say, You are the Lord my God.

Chapter 3

1 And the Lord said to me, Go yet, and love a woman that loves evil things, and an adulteress, even as the Lord loves the children of Israel, and they have respect to strange gods, and love cakes of dried grapes.

2 So I hired her to myself for fifteen pieces of silver, and a homer of barley, and a flagon of wine.

3 And I said unto her, You shall wait for me many days; and you shall not commit fornication, neither shall you be for another man; and I will be for you.

4 For the children of Israel shall abide many days without a king, and without a prince, and without a sacrifice, and without an altar, and without a priesthood, and without manifestations.

5 And afterward shall the children of Israel return, and shall seek the Lord their God, and David their king; and shall be amazed at the Lord and at his goodness in the latter days.

Chapter 4

1 Hear the word of the Lord, you children of Israel: for the Lord has a controversy with the inhabitants of the land, because there is no truth, nor mercy, nor knowledge of God in the land.

2 Cursing, and lying, and murder, and theft, and adultery abound in the land, and they mingle blood with blood.

3 Therefore shall the land mourn, and shall be diminished with all that dwell in it, with the wild beasts of the field, and the reptiles of the earth, and with the birds of the sky, and the fish of the sea shall fail:

4 that neither any one may plead, nor any one reprove another: but my people are as a priest spoken against.

5 Therefore they shall fall by day, and the prophet with you shall fall: I have compared your mother unto night.

6 My people are like as if they had no knowledge: because you have rejected knowledge, I will also reject you, that you shall not minister as priest to me: and as you have forgotten the law of your God, I also will forget your children.

7 According to their multitude, so they sinned against me: I will turn their glory into shame.

8 They will devour the sins of my people, and will set their hearts on their iniquities.

9 And the priest shall be as the people: and I will avenge on them their ways, and I will recompense to them their counsels.

10 And they shall eat, and shall not be satisfied: they have gone a-whoring, and shall by no means prosper: because they have left off to take heed to the Lord.

11 The heart of my people has gladly engaged in fornication and wine and strong drink.

12 They asked counsel by means of signs, and they reported answer to them by their staves: they have gone astray in a spirit of whoredom, and gone grievously a-whoring from their God.

13 They have sacrificed on the tops of the mountains, and on the hills they have sacrificed under the oak and poplar, and under the shady tree, because the shade was good: therefore your daughters shall go a-whoring, and your daughters-in-law shall commit adultery.

14 And I will not visit upon your daughters when they shall commit fornication, nor your daughters-in-law when they shall commit adultery: for they themselves mingled themselves with harlots, and sacrificed with polluted ones, and the people that understood not entangled itself with a harlot.

15 But you, Israel, be not ignorant, and go you not, men of Judah, to Gilgal; and go not up to the house of On, and swear not by the living Lord.

16 For Israel was maddened like a mad heifer: now the Lord will feed them as a lamb in a wide place.

17 Ephraim, joined with idols, has laid stumbling-blocks in his own way.

18 He has chosen the Chananites: they have grievously gone a-whoring: they have loved dishonour through her insolence.

19 You are a blast of wind in her wings, and they shall be ashamed because of their altars.

Chapter 5

1 Hear these things, you priests; and attend, O house of Israel; and hearken, O house of the king; for the controversy is with you, because you have been a snare in Scopia, and as a net spread on Itabyrium,

2 which they that hunt the prey have fixed: but I will correct you.

3 I know Ephraim, and Israel is not far from me: for now Ephraim has gone grievously a-whoring, Israel is defiled.

4 They have not framed their counsels to return to their God, for the spirit of fornication is in them, and they have not known the Lord.

5 And the pride of Israel shall be brought low before his face; and Israel and Ephraim shall fall in their iniquities; and Judas also shall fall with them.

6 They shall go with sheep and calves diligently to seek the Lord; but they shall not find him, for he has withdrawn himself from them.

7 For they have forsaken the Lord; for strange children have been born to them: now shall the cankerworm devour them and their heritages.

8 Blow you the trumpet on the hills, sound aloud on the heights: proclaim in the house of On, Benjamin is amazed.

9 Ephraim has come to nought in the days of reproof: in the tribes of Israel I have shown faithful dealings.

10 The princes of Judah became as they that removed the bounds: I will pour out upon them my fury as water.

11 Ephraim altogether prevailed against his adversary, he trod judgment under foot, for he began to go after vanities.

12 Therefore I will be as consternation to Ephraim, and as a goad to the house of Judah.

13 And Ephraim saw his disease, and Judas his pain; then Ephraim went to the Assyrians, and sent ambassadors to king Jarim: but he could not heal you, and your pain shall in nowise cease from you.

14 Wherefore I am as a panther to Ephraim, and as a lion to the house of Judah: and I will tear, and go away; and I will take, and there shall be none to deliver.

15 I will go and return to my place, until they are brought to nought, and then shall they seek my face. In their affliction they will seek me early, saying,

Chapter 6

1 Let us go, and return to the Lord our God; for he has torn, and will heal us; he will smite, and bind us up.

2 After two days he will heal us: in the third day we shall arise, and live before him, and shall know him:

3 let us follow on to know the Lord: we shall find him ready as the morning, and he will come to us as the early and latter rain to the earth.

4 What shall I do unto you, Ephraim? What shall I do to you, Judah? whereas your mercy is as a morning cloud, and as the early dew that goes away.

5 Therefore have I mown down your prophets; I have slain them with the word of my mouth: and my judgment shall go forth as the light.

6 For I will have mercy rather than sacrifice, and the knowledge of God rather than whole-burnt-offerings.

7 But they are as a man transgressing a covenant:

8 there the city Gilead despised me, working vanity, troubling water.

9 And your strength is that of a robber: the priests have hid the way, they have murdered the people of Sicima; for they have wrought iniquity in the house of Israel.

10 I have seen horrible things there, even the fornication of Ephraim: Israel and Judah are defiled;

11 begin to gather grapes for yourself, when I turn the captivity of my people.

Chapter 7

1 When I have healed Israel, then shall the iniquity of Ephraim be revealed, and the wickedness of Samaria; for they have wrought falsehood: and a thief shall come in to him, even a robber spoiling in his way;

2 that they may concert together as men singing in their heart: I remember all their wickedness: now have their own counsels compassed them about; they came before my face.

3 They gladdened kings with their wickedness, and princes with their lies.

4 They are all adulterers, as an oven glowing with flame for hot-baking, on account of the kneading of the dough, until it is leavened.

5 In the days of our kings, the princes began to be inflamed with wine: he stretched out his hand with pestilent fellows.

6 Wherefore their hearts are inflamed as an oven, while they rage all the night: Ephraim is satisfied with sleep; the morning is come; he is burnt up as a flame of fire.

7 They are all heated like an oven, and have devoured their judges: all their kings are fallen; there was not among them one that called on me.

8 Ephraim is mixed among his people; Ephraim became a cake not turned.

9 Strangers devoured his strength, and he knew it not; and grey hairs came upon him, and he knew it not.

10 And the pride of Israel shall be brought down before his face: yet they have not returned to the Lord their God, neither have they diligently sought him for all this.

11 And Ephraim was as a silly dove, not having a heart: he called to Egypt, and they went to the Assyrians.

12 Whenever they shall go, I will cast my net upon them; I will bring them down as the birds of the sky, I will chasten them with the rumour of their coming affliction.

13 Woe to them! for they have started aside from me: they are cowards; for they have sinned against me: yet I redeemed them, but they spoke falsehoods against me.

14 And their hearts did not cry to me, but they howled on their beds: they pined for oil and wine.

15 They were instructed by me, and I strengthened their arms; and they devised evils against me.

16 They turned aside to that which is not, they became as a bent bow: their princes shall fall by the sword, by reason of the unbridled state of their tongue: this is their setting at nought in the land of Egypt.

Chapter 8

1 He shall come into their midst as the land, as an eagle against the house of the Lord, because they have transgressed my covenant, and have sinned against my law.

2 They shall soon cry out to me, saying, O God, we know you.

3 For Israel has turned away from good things; they have pursued an enemy.

4 They have made kings for themselves, but not by me: they have ruled, but they did not make it known to me: of their silver and their gold they have made images to themselves, that they might be destroyed.

5 Cast off your calf, O Samaria; mine anger is kindled against them: how long will they be unable to purge themselves in Israel?

6 Whereas the workman made it, and it is not God; wherefore your calf, Samaria, was a deceiver:

7 for they sowed blighted seed, and their destruction shall await them, a sheaf of corn that avails not to make meal; and even if it should produce it, strangers shall devour it.

8 Israel is swallowed up: now is he become among the nations as a worthless vessel.

9 For they have gone up to the Assyrians: Ephraim has been strengthened against himself; they loved gifts.

10 Therefore shall they be delivered to the nations: now I will receive them, and they shall cease a little to anoint a king and princes.

11 Because Ephraim has multiplied altars, his beloved altars are become sins to him.

12 I will write down a multitude of commands for him; but his statutes are accounted strange things, even the beloved altars.

13 For if they should offer a sacrifice, and eat flesh, the Lord will not accept them: now will he remember their iniquities, and will take vengeance on their sins: they have returned to Egypt, and they shall eat unclean things among the Assyrians.

14 And Israel has forgotten him that made him, and they have built fanes, and Judah has multiplied walled cities: but I will send fire on his cities, and it shall devour their foundations.

Chapter 9

1 Rejoice not, O Israel, neither make merry, as other nations: for you have gone a-whoring from your God; you have loved gifts upon every threshingfloor.

2 The threshing-floor and wine-press knew them not, and the wine disappointed them.

3 They dwelt not in the Lord's land: Ephraim dwelt in Egypt, and they shall eat unclean things among the Assyrians.

4 They have not offered wine to the Lord, neither have their sacrifices been sweet to him, but as the bread of mourning to them; all that eat them shall be defiled; for their bread for their soul shall not enter into the house of the Lord.

5 What will you do in the day of the general assembly, and in the day of the feast of the Lord?

6 Therefore, behold, they go forth from the trouble of Egypt, and Memphis shall receive them, and Machmas shall bury them: as for their silver, destruction shall inherit it; thorns shall be in their tents.

7 The days of vengeance are come, the days of your recompense are come; and Israel shall be afflicted as the prophet that is mad, as a man deranged: by reason of the multitude of your iniquities your madness has abounded.

8 The watchman of Ephraim was with God: the prophet is a crooked snare in all his ways: they have established madness in the house of God.

9 They have corrupted themselves according to the days of the hill: he will remember their iniquities, he will take vengeance on their sins.

10 I found Israel as grapes in the wilderness, and I saw their fathers as an early watchman in a fig-tree: they went in to Beel-phegor, and were shamefully estranged, and the abominable became as the beloved.

11 Ephraim has flown away as a bird; their glories from the birth, and the travail, and the conception.

12 For even if they should rear their children, yet shall they be utterly bereaved: wherefore also there is woe to them, though my flesh is of them.

13 Ephraim, even as I saw, gave their children for a prey; yea, Ephraim was ready to bring out his children to slaughter.

14 Give them, O Lord: what will you give them? a miscarrying womb, and dry breasts.

15 All their wickedness is in Galgal: for there I hated them: because of the wickedness of their practices, I will cast them out of my house, I will not love them any more: all their princes are disobedient.

16 Ephraim is sick, he is dried up at his roots, he shall in no wise any more bear fruit: wherefore even if they should beget children, I will kill the desired fruit of their womb.

17 God shall reject them, because they have not hearkened to him: and they shall be wanderers among the nations.

Chapter 10

1 Israel is a vine with goodly branches, her fruit is abundant: according to the multitude of her fruits she has multiplied her altars; according to the wealth of his land, he has set up pillars.

2 They have divided their hearts; now shall they be utterly destroyed: he shall dig down their altars, their pillars shall mourn.

3 Because now they shall say, We have no king, because we feared not the Lord:

4 and what should a king do for us, speaking false professions as his words? he will make a covenant: judgment shall spring up as a weed on the soil of the field.

5 The inhabitants of Samaria shall dwell near the calf of the house of On; for the people of it mourned for it: and as they provoked him, they shall rejoice at his glory, because he has departed from them.

6 And having bound it for the Assyrians, they carried it away as presents to king Jarim: Ephraim shall receive a gift, and Israel shall be ashamed of his counsel.

7 Samaria has cast off her king as a twig on the surface of the water.

8 And the altars of On, the sins of Israel, shall be taken away: thorns and thistles shall come up on their altars; and they shall say to the mountains, Cover us; and to the hills, Fall on us.

9 From the time the hills existed Israel has sinned: there they stood: war waged against the children of iniquity

10 to chastise them shall not overtake them on the hill, the nations shall be gathered against them, when they are chastened for their two sins.

11 Ephraim is a heifer taught to love victory, but I will come upon the fairest part of her neck: I will mount Ephraim; I will pass over Judah in silence; Jacob shall prevail against him.

12 Sow to yourselves for righteousness, gather in for the fruit of life: light you for yourselves the light of knowledge; seek the Lord till the fruits of righteousness come upon you.

13 Wherefore have you passed over ungodliness in silence, and reaped the sins of it? you have eaten false fruit; for you have trusted in your sins, in the abundance of your power.

14 Therefore shall destruction rise up among your people, and all your strong places shall be ruined: as prince Solomon departed out of the house of Jeroboam, in the days of battle they dashed the mother to the ground upon the children,

15 thus will I do to you, O house of Israel, because of the unrighteousness of your sins.

Chapter 11

1 Early in the morning were they cast off, the king of Israel has been cast off: for Israel is a child, and I loved him, and out of Egypt have I called his children.

2 As I called them, so they departed from my presence: they sacrificed to Baalim, and burnt incense to graven images.

3 Yet I bound the feet of Ephraim, I took him on my arm; but they knew not that I healed them.

4 When men were destroyed, I drew them with the bands of my love: and I will be to them as a man smiting another on his cheek: and I will have respect to him, I will prevail with him.

5 Ephraim dwelt in Egypt; and as for the Assyrian, he was his king, because he would not return.

6 And in his cities he prevailed not with the sword, and he ceased to war with his hands: and they shall eat of the fruit of their own devices:

7 and his people shall cleave fondly to their habitation; but God shall be angry with his precious things, and shall not at all exalt him.

8 How shall I deal with you, Ephraim? how shall I protect you, Israel? what shall I do with you? I will make you as Adama, and as Seboim; my heart is turned at once, my repentance is powerfully excited.

9 I will not act according to the fury of my wrath, I will not abandon Ephraim to be utterly destroyed: for I am God, and not man; the Holy One within you: and I will not enter into the city.

10 I will go after the Lord: he shall utter his voice as a lion: for he shall roar, and the children of the waters shall be amazed.

11 They shall be amazed and fly as a bird out of Egypt, and as a dove out of the land of the Assyrians: and I will restore them to their houses, says the Lord.

Chapter 12

1 Ephraim has compassed me with falsehood, and the house of Israel and Judah with ungodliness: but now God knows them, and they shall be called God's holy people.

2 But Ephraim is an evil spirit, he has chased the east wind all the day: he has multiplied empty and vain things, and made a covenant with the Assyrians, and oil has gone in the way of traffic into Egypt.

3 And the Lord has a controversy with Judah, in order to punish Jacob: according to his ways and according to his practices will he recompense him.

4 He took his brother by the heel in the womb, and in his labours he had power with God.

5 And he prevailed with the angel and was strong: they wept, and intreated me: they found me in the house of On, and there a word was spoken to them.

6 But the Lord God Almighty shall be his memorial.

7 You therefore shall return to your God: keep you mercy and judgment, and draw nigh to your God continually.

8 As for Canaan, in his hand is a balance of unrighteousness: he has loved to tyrannise.

9 And Ephraim said, Nevertheless I am rich, I have found refreshment to myself. None of his labours shall be found available to him, by reason of the sins which he has committed.

10 But I the Lord your God brought you up out of the land of Egypt: I will yet cause you to dwell in tabernacles, according to the days of the feast.

11 And I will speak to the prophets, and I have multiplied visions, and by the means of the prophets I was represented.

12 If Gilead exists not, then the chiefs in Gilead when they sacrificed were false, and their altars were as heaps on the ground of the field.

13 And Jacob retreated into the plain of Syria, and Israel served for a wife, and waited for a wife.

14 And the Lord brought Israel out of the land of Egypt by a prophet, and by a prophet was he preserved.

15 Ephraim was angry and excited, therefore his blood shall be poured out upon him, and the Lord shall recompense to him his reproach.

Chapter 13

1 According to the word of Ephraim he adopted ordinances for himself in Israel; and he established them for Baal, and died.

2 And now they have sinned increasingly, and have made for themselves a molten image of their silver, according to the fashion of idols, the work of artificers accomplished for them: they say, Sacrifice men, for the calves have come to an end.

3 Therefore shall they be as a morning cloud, and as the early dew that passes away, as chaff blown away from the threshing-floor, and as a vapour from tears.

4 But I am the Lord your God that establishes the heaven, and creates the earth, whose hands have framed the whole host of heaven: but I shewed them not to you that you should go after them: and I brought you up out of the land of Egypt, and you shall know no God but me; and there is no Saviour beside me.

5 I tended you as a shepherd in the wilderness, in an uninhabited land.

6 According to their pastures, so they were completely filled; and their hearts were exalted; therefore they forgot me.

7 And I will be to them as a panther, and as a leopard.

8 I will meet them by the way of the Assyrians, as a she-bear excited, and I will rend the caul of their heart, and the lions' whelps of the thicket shall devour them there; the wild beasts of the field shall rend them in pieces.

9 O Israel, who will aid you in your destruction?

10 Where is this your king? let him even save you in all your cities: let him judge you, of whom you saidst, Give me a king and a prince.

11 And I gave you a king in mine anger, and kept him back in my wrath.

12 Ephraim has framed a conspiracy of unrighteousness, his sin is hidden.

13 Pains as of a woman in travail shall come upon him: he is your wise son, because he shall not stay in the destruction of your children.

14 I will deliver them out of the power of Hades, and will redeem them from death: where is your penalty, O death? O Hades, where is your sting? comfort is hidden from mine eyes.

15 Forasmuch as he will cause a division among his brethren, the Lord shall bring upon him an east wind from the desert, and shall dry up his veins and quite drain his fountains: he shall dry up his land, and spoil all his precious vessels.

Chapter 14

1 Samaria shall be utterly destroyed: for she has resisted her God; they shall fall by the sword, and their sucklings shall be dashed against the ground, and their women with child ripped up.

2 Return, O Israel, to the Lord your God; for the people have fallen through your iniquities.

3 Take with you words, and turn to the Lord your God: speak to him, that you may not receive the reward of unrighteousness, but that you may receive good things: and we will render in return the fruit of our lips.

4 Assur shall never save us; we will not mount on horseback; we will no longer say to the works of our hands, Our gods. He who is in you shall pity the orphan.

5 I will restore their dwellings, I will love them truly: for he has turned away my wrath from him.

6 I will be as dew to Israel: he shall bloom as the lily, and cast forth his roots as Lebanon.

7 His branches shall spread, and he shall be as a fruitful olive, and his smell shall be as the smell of Lebanon.

8 They shall return, and dwell under his shadow: they shall live and be satisfied with corn, and he shall flower as a vine: his memorial shall be to Ephraim as the wine of Lebanon.

9 What has he to do any more with idols? I have afflicted him, and I will strengthen him: I am as a leafy juniper tree. From me is your fruit found.

10 Who is wise, and will understand these things? or prudent, and will know them? for the ways of the Lord are straight, and the righteous shall walk in them: but the ungodly shall fall therein.

Joel

Chapter 1

1 THE word of the Lord which came to Joel the son of Bathuel.

2 Hear these words, you elders, and hearken all you that inhabit the land. Have such things happened in your days, or in the days of your fathers?

3 Tell your children concerning them, and let your children tell their children, and their children another generation.

4 The leavings of the caterpillar has the locust eaten, and the leavings of the locust has the palmerworm eaten, and the leavings of the palmerworm has the cankerworm eaten.

5 Awake, you drunkards, from your wine, and weep: mourn, all you that drink wine to drunkenness: for joy and gladness are removed from your mouth.

6 For a strong and innumerable nation is come up against my land, their teeth are lion's teeth, and their back teeth those of a lion's whelp.

7 He has ruined my vine, and utterly broken my fig-trees: he has utterly searched my vine, and cast it down; he has peeled its branches.

8 Lament to me more than a virgin girded with sackcloth for the husband of her youth.

9 The meat-offering and drink-offering are removed from the house of the Lord: mourn, you priests that serve at the altar of the Lord.

10 For the plains languish: let the land mourn, for the corn languishes; the wine is dried up, the oil becomes scarce;

11 the husbandmen are consumed: mourn your property on account of the wheat and barley; for the harvest has perished from off the field.

12 The vine is dried up, and the fig-trees are become few; the pomegranate, and palm-tree, and apple, and all the trees of the field are dried up: for the sons of men have abolished joy.

13 Gird yourselves with sackcloth, and lament, you priests: mourn, you that serve at the altar: go in, sleep in sackcloths, you that minister to God: for the meat-offering and drink-offering are withheld from the house of your God.

14 Sanctify a fast, proclaim a solemn service, gather the elders and all the inhabitants of the land into the house of your God, and cry earnestly to the Lord,

15 Alas, alas, alas for the day! for the day of the Lord is nigh, and it will come as trouble upon trouble.

16 Your meat has been destroyed before your eyes, joy and gladness from out of the house of your God.

17 The heifers have started at their mangers, the treasures are abolished, the wine-presses are broken down; for the corn is withered.

18 What shall we store up for ourselves? the herds of cattle have mourned, because they had no pasture; and the flocks of sheep have been utterly destroyed.

19 To you, O Lord, will I cry: for fire has devoured the fair places of the wilderness, and a flame has burnt up all the trees of the field.

20 And the cattle of the field have looked up to you: for the fountains of waters have been dried up, and fire has devoured the fair places of the wilderness.

Chapter 2

1 Sound the trumpet in Zion, make a proclamation in my holy mountain, and let all the inhabitants of the land be confounded: for the day of the Lord is near;

2 for a day of darkness and gloominess is near, a day of cloud and mist: a numerous and strong people shall be spread upon the mountains as the morning; there has not been from the beginning one like it, and after it there shall not be again even to the years of many generations.

3 Before them is a consuming fire, and behind them is a flame kindled: the land before them is as a paradise of delight, and behind them a desolate plain: and there shall none of them escape.

4 Their appearance is as the appearance of horses; and as horsemen, so shall they pursue.

5 As the sound of chariots on the tops of mountains shall they leap, and as the sound of a flame of fire devouring stubble, and as a numerous and strong people setting themselves in array for battle.

6 Before them shall the people be crushed: every face shall be as the blackness of a caldron.

7 As warriors shall they run, and as men of war shall they mount on the walls; and each shall move in his right path, and they shall not turn aside from their tracks:

8 and not one shall stand aloof from his brother: they shall go on weighed down with their arms, and they fall upon their weapons, yet shall they in no wise be destroyed.

9 They shall seize upon the city, and run upon the walls, and go up upon the houses, and enter in through the windows as thieves.

10 Before them the earth shall be confounded, and the sky shall be shaken: the sun and the moon shall be darkened, and the stars shall withdraw their light.

11 And the Lord shall utter his voice before his host: for his camp is very great: for the execution of his words is mighty: for the day of the Lord is great, very glorious, and who shall be able to resist it?

12 Now therefore, says the Lord your God, turn to me with all your heart, and with fasting, and with weeping, and with lamentation:

13 and rend your hearts, and not your garments, and turn to the Lord your God: for he is merciful and compassionate, long-suffering, and plenteous in mercy, and repents of evils.

14 Who knows if he will return, and repent, and leave a blessing behind him, even a meat-offering and a drink-offering to the Lord your God?

15 Sound the trumpet in Zion, sanctify a fast, proclaim a solemn service:

16 gather the people, sanctify the congregation, assemble the elders, gather the infants at the breast: let the bridegroom go forth of his chamber, and the bride out of her closet.

17 Between the porch and the altar let the priests that minister to the Lord weep, and say, Spare your people, O Lord, and give not yours heritage to reproach, that the heathen should rule over them, lest they should say among the heathen, Where is their God?

18 But the Lord was jealous of his land, and spared his people.

19 And the Lord answered and said to his people, Behold, I will send you corn, and wine, and oil, and you shall be satisfied with them: and I will no longer make you a reproach among the Gentiles.

20 And I will chase away from you the northern adversary, and will drive him away into a dry land, and I will sink his face in the former sea, and his back parts in the latter sea, and his ill savour shall come up, and his stink shall come up, because he has wrought great things.

21 Be of good courage, O land; rejoice and be glad: for the Lord has done great things.

22 Be of good courage, you beasts of the plain, for the plains of the wilderness have budded, for the trees have borne their fruit, the fig-tree and the vine have yielded their strength.

23 Rejoice then and be glad, you children of Zion, in the Lord your God: for he has given you food fully, and he will rain on you the early and the latter rain, as before.

24 And the floors shall be filled with corn, and the presses shall overflow with wine and oil.

25 And I will recompense you for the years which the locust, and the caterpillar, and the palmerworm, and the cankerworm have eaten, even my great army, which I sent against you.

26 And you shall eat abundantly, and be satisfied, and shall praise the name of the Lord your God for the things which he has wrought wonderfully with you: and my people shall not be ashamed for ever.

27 And you shall know that I am in the midst of Israel, and that I am the Lord your God, and that there is none else beside me; and my people shall no more be ashamed for ever.

Chapter 3

1 And it shall come to pass afterward, that I will pour out of my Spirit upon all flesh; and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your old men shall dream dreams, and your young men shall see visions.

2 And on my servants and on my handmaids in those days will I pour out of my Spirit.

3 And I will shew wonders in heaven, and upon the earth, blood, and fire, and vapour of smoke.

4 The sun shall be turned into darkness, and the moon into blood, before the great and glorious day of the Lord come.

5 And it shall come to pass that whosoever shall call on the name of the Lord shall be saved: for in mount Zion and in Jerusalem shall the saved one be as the Lord has said, and they that have glad tidings preached to them, whom the Lord has called.

Chapter 4

1 For, behold, in those days and at that time, when I shall have turned the captivity of Judah and Jerusalem,

2 I will also gather all the Gentiles, and bring them down to the valley of Jehoshaphat, and will plead with them there for my people and my heritage Israel, who have been dispersed among the Gentiles; and these Gentiles have divided my land,

3 and cast lots over my people, and have given their boys to harlots, and sold their girls for wine, and have drunk.

4 And what have you to do with me, O Tyre, and Sidon, and all Galilee of the Gentiles? do you render me a recompense? or do you bear malice against me? quickly and speedily will I return your recompense on your own heads:

5 because you have taken my silver and my gold, and you have brought my choice ornaments into your temples;

6 and you have sold the children of Judah and the children of Jerusalem to the children of the Greeks, that you might expel them from their coasts.

7 Therefore, behold, I will raise them up out of the place whither you have sold them, and I will return your recompense on your own heads.

8 And I will sell your sons and your daughters into the hands of the children of Judah, and they shall sell them into captivity to a far distant nation: for the Lord has spoken it.

9 Proclaim these things among the Gentiles; declare war, arouse the warriors, draw near and go up, all you men of war.

10 Beat your ploughshares into swords, and your sickles into spears: let the weak say, I am strong.

11 Gather yourselves together, and go in, all you nations round about, and gather yourselves there: let the timid become a warrior.

12 Let them be aroused, let all the nations go up to the valley of Jehoshaphat: for there will I sit to judge all the Gentiles round about.

13 Bring forth the sickles, for the vintage is come: go in, tread the grapes, for the press is full: cause the vats to overflow; for their wickedness is multiplied.

14 Noises have resounded in the valley of judgment: for the day of the Lord is near in the valley of judgment.

15 The sun and the moon shall be darkened, and the stars shall withdraw their light.

16 And the Lord shall cry out of Zion, and shall utter his voice from Jerusalem; and the heaven and the earth shall be shaken, but the Lord shall spare his people, and shall strengthen the children of Israel.

17 And you shall know that I am the Lord your God, who dwell in Zion my holy mountain: and Jerusalem shall be holy, and strangers shall not pass through her any more.

18 And it shall come to pass in that day that the mountains shall drop sweet wine, and the hills shall flow with milk, and all the fountains of Judah shall flow with water, and a fountain shall go forth of the house of the Lord, and water the valley of flags.

19 Egypt shall be a desolation, and Edom shall be a desolate plain, because of the wrongs of the children of Judah, because they have shed righteous blood in their land.

20 But Judea shall be inhabited for ever, and Jerusalem to all generations.

21 And I will make inquisition for their blood, and will by no means leave it unavenged: and the Lord shall dwell in Zion.

Amos

Chapter 1

1 THE words of Amos which came to him in Accarim out of Thecue, which he saw concerning Jerusalem, in the days of Uzziah king of Judah, and in the days of Jeroboam the son of Joas king of Israel, two years before the earthquake.

2 And he said, The Lord has spoken out of Zion, and has uttered his voice out of Jerusalem; and the pastures of the shepherds have mourned, and the top of Carmel is dried up.

3 And the Lord said, For three sins of Damascus, and for four, I will not turn away from it; because they sawed with iron saws the women with child of the Galaadites.

4 And I will send a fire on the house of Azael, and it shall devour the foundations of the son of Ader.

5 And I will break to pieces the bars of Damascus, and will destroy the inhabitants out of the plain of On, and will cut in pieces a tribe out of the men of Haran: and the famous people of Syria shall be led captive, says the Lord.

6 Thus says the Lord; For three sins of Gaza, and for four, I will not turn away from them; because they took prisoners the captivity of Solomon, to shut them up into Edom.

7 And I will send forth a fire on the walls of Gaza, and it shall devour its foundations.

8 And I will destroy the inhabitants out of Ashdod, and a tribe shall be cut off from Ashkelon, and I will stretch out my hand upon Ekron: and the remnant of the Philistines shall perish, says the Lord.

9 Thus says the Lord; For three transgressions of Tyre, and for four, I will not turn away from it; because they shut up the prisoners of Solomon into Edom, and remembered not the covenant of brethren.

10 And I will send forth a fire on the walls of Tyre, and it shall devour the foundations of it.

11 Thus says the Lord; For three sins of Edom, and for four, I will not turn away from them; because they pursued their brother with the sword, and destroyed the mother upon the earth, and summoned up his anger for a testimony, and kept up his fury to the end.

12 And I will send forth a fire upon Thaman, and it shall devour the foundations of her walls.

13 Thus says the Lord; For three sins of the children of Ammon, and for four, I will not turn away from him; because they ripped up the women with child of the Galaadites, that they might widen their coasts.

14 And I will kindle a fire on the walls of Rabbah, and it shall devour her foundations with shouting in the day of war, and she shall be shaken in the days of her destruction:

15 and her kings shall go into captivity, their priests and their rulers together, says the Lord.

Chapter 2

1 Thus says the Lord; For three sins of Moab, and for four, I will not turn away from it; because they burnt the bones of the king of Edom to lime.

2 But I will send forth a fire on Moab, and it shall devour the foundations of its cities: and Moab shall perish in weakness, with a shout, and with the sound of a trumpet.

3 And I will destroy the judge out of her, and slay all her princes with him, says the Lord.

4 Thus says the Lord; For three sins of the children of Judah, and for four, I will not turn away from him; because they have rejected the law of the Lord, and have not kept his ordinances, and their vain idols which they made, which their fathers followed, caused them to err.

5 And I will send a fire on Judah, and it shall devour the foundations of Jerusalem.

6 Thus says the Lord; For three sins of Israel, and for four, I will not turn away from him; because they sold the righteous for silver, and the poor for sandals,

7 wherewith to tread on the dust of the earth, and they have smitten upon the heads of the poor, and have perverted the way of the lowly: and a son and his father have gone in to the same maid, that they might profane the name of their God.

8 And binding their clothes with cords they have made them curtains near the altar, and they have drunk wine gained by extortion in the house of their God.

9 Nevertheless I cut off the Amorite from before them, whose height was as the height of a cedar, and he was strong as an oak; and I dried up his fruit from above, and his roots from beneath.

10 And I brought you up out of the land of Egypt, and led you about in the desert forty years, that you should inherit the land of the Amorites.

11 And I took of your sons for prophets, and of your young men for consecration. Are not these things so, you sons of Israel? says the Lord.

12 But you gave the consecrated ones wine to drink; and you commanded the prophets, saying, Prophesy not.

13 Therefore, behold, I roll under you, as a waggon full of straw is rolled.

14 And flight shall perish from the runner, and the strong shall not hold fast his strength, and the warrior shall not save his life:

15 and the archer shall not withstand, and he that is swift of foot shall in no wise escape; and the horseman shall not save his life.

16 And the strong shall find no confidence in power: the naked shall flee away in that day, says the Lord.

Chapter 3

1 Hear you this word, O house of Israel, which the Lord has spoken concerning you, and against the whole family whom I brought up out of the land of Egypt, saying,

2 You especially have I known out of all the families of the earth: therefore will I take vengeance upon you for all your sins.

3 Shall two walk together at all, if they do not know one another?

4 Will a lion roar out of his thicket if he has no prey? will a lion's whelp utter his voice at all out of his lair, if he have taken nothing?

5 Will a bird fall on the earth without a fowler? will a snare be taken up from the earth without having taken anything?

6 Shall the trumpet sound in the city, and the people not be alarmed? shall there be evil in a city which the Lord has not wrought?

7 For the Lord God will do nothing, without revealing instruction to his servants the prophets.

8 A lion shall roar, and who will not be alarmed? the Lord God has spoken, and who will not prophesy?

9 Proclaim it to the regions among the Assyrians, and to the regions of Egypt, and say, Gather yourselves to the mountain of Samaria, and behold many wonderful things in the midst of it, and the oppression that is in it.

10 And she knew not what things would come against her, says the Lord, even those that store up wrong and misery in their countries.

11 Therefore thus says the Lord God; O Tyre, your land shall be made desolate round about you; and he shall bring down your strength out of you, and your countries shall be spoiled.

12 Thus says the Lord; As when a shepherd rescues from the mouth of a lion two legs or a piece of an ear, so shall be drawn forth the children of Israel who dwell in Samaria in the presence of a foreign tribe, and in Damascus.

13 Hear, O you priests, and testify to the house of Jacob, says the Lord God Almighty.

14 For in the day wherein I shall take vengeance of the sins of Israel upon him, I will also take vengeance on the altars of Bethel: and the horns of the altar shall be broken down, and they shall fall upon the ground.

15 I will crush and smite the turreted-house upon the summer-house; and the ivory-houses shall be destroyed, and many other houses also, says the Lord.

Chapter 4

1 Hear you this word, you heifers of the land of Basan that are in the mountain of Samaria, that oppress the poor, and trample on the needy, which say to their masters, Give us that we may drink.

2 The Lord swears by his holiness, that, behold, the days come upon you, when they shall take you with weapons, and fiery destroyers shall cast those with you into boiling caldrons.

3 And you shall be brought forth naked in the presence of each other; and you shall be cast forth on the mountain Romman, says the Lord.

4 You went into Bethel, and sinned, and you multiplied sin at Gilgal; and you brought your meat-offerings in the morning, and your tithes every third day.

5 And they read the law without, and called for public professions: proclaim aloud that the children of Israel have loved these things, says the Lord.

6 And I will give you dulness of teeth in all your cities, and want of bread in all your places: yet you returned not to me, says the Lord.

7 Also I withheld from you the rain three months before the harvest: and I will rain upon one city, and on another city I will not rain: one part shall be rained upon, and the part on which I shall not rain shall be dried up.

8 And the inhabitants of two or three cities shall be gathered to one city to drink water, and they shall not be satisfied: yet you have not returned to me, says the Lord.

9 I smote you with parching, and with blight: you multiplied your gardens, your vineyards, and your fig-grounds, and the cankerworm devoured your oliveyards: yet not even thus did you return to me, says the Lord.

10 I sent pestilence among you by the way of Egypt, and slew your young men with the sword, together with your horses that were taken captive; and in my wrath against you I set fire to your camps: yet not even thus did you return to me, says the Lord.

11 I overthrew you, as God overthrew Sodom and Gomorrah, and you became as a brand plucked out of the fire: yet not even thus did you return to me, says the Lord.

12 Therefore thus will I do to you, O Israel: nay because I will do thus to you, prepare to call on your God, O Israel.

13 For, behold, I am he that strengthens the thunder, and creates the wind, and proclaims to men his Christ, forming the morning and the darkness, and mounting on the high places of the earth, The Lord God Almighty is his name.

Chapter 5

1 Hear you this word of the Lord, even a lamentation, which I take up against you. The house of Israel is fallen; it shall no more rise.

2 The virgin of Israel has fallen upon his land; there is none that shall raise her up.

3 Therefore thus says the Lord God; The city out of which there went forth a thousand, in it there shall be left a hundred, and in that out of which there went forth a hundred, there shall be left ten to the house of Israel.

4 Wherefore thus says the Lord to the house of Israel, Seek you me, and you shall live.

5 But seek not Bethel, and go not in to Gilgal, and cross not over to the Well of the Oath: for Gilgal shall surely go into captivity, and Bethel shall be as that which is not.

6 Seek you the Lord, and you shall live; lest the house of Joseph blaze as fire, and it devour him, and there shall be none to quench it for the house of Israel.

7 It is he that executes judgment in the height above, and he has established justice on the earth:

8 who makes all things, and changes them, and turns darkness into the morning, and darkens the day into night: who calls for the water of the sea, and pours it out on the face of the earth: the Lord is his name:

9 who dispenses ruin to strength, and brings distress upon the fortress.

10 They hated him that reproved in the gates, and abhorred holy speech.

11 Therefore because they have smitten the poor with their fists, and you have received of them choice gifts; you have built polished houses, but you shall not dwell in them; you have planted desirable vineyards, but you shall not drink the wine of them.

12 For I know your many transgressions, and your sins are great, trampling on the just, taking bribes, and turning aside the judgment of the poor in the gates.

13 Therefore the prudent shall be silent at that time; for it is a time of evils.

14 Seek good, and not evil, that you may live: and so the Lord God Almighty shall be with you, as you have said,

15 We have hated evil, and loved good: and restore you judgment in the gates; that the Lord God Almighty may have mercy on the remnant of Joseph.

16 Therefore thus says the Lord God Almighty; In all the streets shall be lamentations; and in all the ways shall it be said, Woe, woe! the husbandman shall be called to mourning and lamentation, and to them that are skilled in complaining.

17 And there shall be lamentation in all the ways; because I will pass through the midst of you, says the Lord.

18 Woe to you that desire the day of the Lord! what is this day of the Lord to you? whereas it is darkness, and not light.

19 As if a man should flee from the face of a lion, and a bear should meet him; and he should spring into his house, and lean his hands upon the wall, and a serpent should bite him.

20 Is not the day of the Lord darkness, and not light? and is not this day gloom without brightness?

21 I hate, I reject your feasts, and I will not smell your meat-offerings in your general assemblies.

22 Wherefore if you should bring me your whole-burnt-sacrifices and meat-offerings, I will not accept them: neither will I have respect to your grand peace-offerings.

23 Remove from me the sound of your songs, and I will not hear the music of your instruments.

24 But let judgment roll down as water, and righteousness as an impassable torrent.

25 Have you offered to me victims and sacrifices, O house of Israel, forty years in the wilderness?

26 Yea, you took up the tabernacle of Moloch, and the star of your god Ræphan, the images of them which you made for yourselves.

27 And I will carry you away beyond Damascus, says the Lord, the Almighty God is his name.

Chapter 6

1 Woe to them that set at nought Zion, and that trust in the mountain of Samaria: they have gathered the harvest of the heads of the nations, and they have gone in themselves.

2 O house of Israel, pass by all of you, and see; and pass by thence to Ematrabba; and thence descend to Gath of the Philistines, the chief of all these kingdoms, see if their coasts are greater than your coasts.

3 You who are approaching the evil day, who are drawing near and adopting false sabbaths;

4 who sleep upon beds of ivory, and live delicately on their couches, and eat kids out of the flocks, and sucking calves out of the midst of the stalls;

5 who excel in the sound of musical instruments; they have regarded them as abiding, not as fleeting pleasures;

6 who drink strained wine, and anoint themselves with the best ointment: and have suffered nothing on occasion of the calamity of Joseph.

7 Therefore now shall they depart into captivity from the dominion of princes, and the neighing of horses shall be cut off from Ephraim.

8 For the Lord has sworn by himself, saying, Because I abhor all the pride of Jacob, I do also hate his countries, and I will cut off his city with all who inhabit it.

9 And it shall come to pass, if there be ten men left in one house, that they shall die.

10 But a remnant shall be left behind, and their relations shall take them, and shall strenuously endeavour to carry forth their bones from the house: and one shall say to the heads of the house, Is there yet any one else with you? And he shall say, No one else. And the other shall say, Be silent, that you name not the name of the Lord.

11 For, behold, the Lord commands, and he will smite the great house with breaches, and the little house with rents.

12 Will horses run upon rocks? will they refrain from neighing at mares? for you have turned judgment into poison, and the fruit of righteousness into bitterness:

13 you who rejoice at vanity, who say, Have we not possessed horns by our own strength?

14 For behold, O house of Israel, I will raise up against you a nation, says the Lord of hosts; and they shall afflict you so that you shall not enter into Æmath, and as it were from the river of the wilderness.

Chapter 7

1 Thus has the Lord God shewed me; and, behold, a swarm of locusts coming from the east; and, behold, one caterpillar, king Gog.

2 And it came to pass when he had finished devouring the grass of the land, that I said, Lord God, be merciful; who shall raise up Jacob? for he is small in number.

3 Repent, O Lord, for this. And this shall not be, says the Lord.

4 Thus has the Lord shewed me; and, behold, the Lord called for judgment by fire, and it devoured the great deep, and devoured the Lord's portion.

5 Then I said, O Lord, cease, I pray you: who shall raise up Jacob? for he is small in number. Repent, O Lord, for this.

6 This also shall not be, says the Lord.

7 Thus the Lord shewed me; and behold, he stood upon a wall of adamant, and in his hand was an adamant.

8 And the Lord said to me, What see you, Amos? And I said, An adamant. And the Lord said to me, Behold, I appoint an adamant in the midst of my people Israel: I will not pass by them any more.

9 And the joyful altars shall be abolished, and the sacrifices of Israel shall be set aside; and I will rise up against the house of Jeroboam with the sword.

10 Then Amaziah the priest of Bethel sent to Jeroboam king of Israel, saying, Amos is forming conspiracies against you in the midst of the house of Israel: the land will be utterly unable to bear all his words.

11 For thus says Amos, Jeroboam shall die by the sword, and Israel shall be led away captive from his land.

12 And Amaziah said to Amos, Go, seer, remove you into the land of Judah, and live there, and you shall prophesy there:

13 but you shall no longer prophesy at Bethel: for it is the king's sanctuary, and it is the royal house.

14 And Amos answered, and said to Amaziah, I was not a prophet, nor the son of a prophet; but I was a herdman, and a gatherer of sycamore fruits.

15 And the Lord took me from the sheep, and the Lord said to me, Go, and prophesy to my people Israel.

16 And now hear the word of the Lord: You say, Prophesy not to Israel, and raise not a tumult against the house of Jacob.

17 Therefore thus says the Lord; Your wife shall be a harlot in the city, and your sons and your daughters shall fall by the sword, and your land shall be measured with the line; and you shall die in an unclean land; and Israel shall be led captive out of his land. Thus has the Lord God shewed me.

Chapter 8

1 And behold a fowler's basket.

2 And he said, What see you, Amos? And I said, A fowler's basket. And the Lord said to me, The end is come upon my people Israel; I will not pass by them any more.

3 And the ceilings of the temple shall howl in that day, says the Lord God: there shall be many a fallen one in every place; I will bring silence upon them.

4 Hear now this, you that oppress the poor in the morning, and drive the needy ones by tyranny from the earth,

5 saying, When will the month pass away, and we shall sell, and the sabbath, and we shall open the treasure, to make the measure small, and to enlarge the weight, and make the balance unfair?

6 That we may buy the poor for silver, and the needy for shoes; and we will trade in every kind of fruit.

7 The Lord swears against the pride of Jacob, None of your works shall ever be forgotten.

8 And shall not the land be troubled for these things, and shall not every one who dwells in it mourn? whereas destruction shall come up as a river, and shall descend as the river of Egypt.

9 And it shall come to pass in that day, says the Lord God, that the sun shall go down at noon, and the light shall be darkened on the earth by day:

10 and I will turn your feasts into mourning, and all your songs into lamentation; and I will bring up sackcloth on all loins, and baldness on every head; and I will make them as the mourning of a beloved friend, and those with them as a day of grief.

11 Behold, the days come, says the Lord, that I will send forth a famine on the land, not a famine of bread, nor a thirst for water, but a famine of hearing the word of the Lord.

12 And the waters shall be troubled from sea to sea, and from the north to the east shall men run hither and thither, seeking the word of the Lord, and they shall not find it.

13 In that day shall the fair virgins and the young men faint for thirst;

14 they who swear by the propitiation of Samaria, and who say, Your god, O Dan, lives; and, Your god, O Beersheba, lives; and they shall fall, and shall no more rise again.

Chapter 9

1 I saw the Lord standing on the altar: and he said, Smite the mercy-seat, and the porch shall be shaken: and cut through into the heads of all; and I will slay the remnant of them with the sword: no one of them fleeing shall escape, and no one of them striving to save himself shall be delivered.

2 Though they hide themselves in hell, thence shall my hand drag them forth; and though they go up to heaven, thence will I bring them down.

3 If they hide themselves in the top of Carmel, thence will I search them out and take them; and if they should go down from my presence into the depths of the sea, there will I command the serpent, and he shall bite them.

4 And if they should go into captivity before the face of their enemies, there will I command the sword, and it shall slay them: and I will set mine eyes against them for evil, and not for good.

5 And the Lord, the Lord God Almighty, is he that takes hold of the land, and causes it to shake, and all that inhabit it shall mourn; and its destruction shall go up as a river, and shall descend as the river of Egypt.

6 It is he that builds his ascent up to the sky, and establishes his promise on the earth; who calls the water of the sea, and pours it out on the face of the earth; the Lord Almighty is his name.

7 Are not you to me as the sons of the Ethiopians, O children of Israel? says the Lord. Did I not bring Israel up out of the land of Egypt, and the Philistines from Cappadocia, and the Syrians out of the deep?

8 Behold, the eyes of the Lord God are upon the kingdom of sinners, and I will cut it off from the face of the earth; only I will not utterly cut off the house of Jacob, says the Lord.

9 For I will give commandment, and sift the house of Israel among all the Gentiles, as corn is sifted in a sieve, and yet a fragment shall not in any wise fall upon the earth.

10 All the sinners of my people shall die by the sword, who say, Calamities shall certainly not draw near, nor come upon us.

11 In that day I will raise up the tabernacle of David that is fallen, and will rebuild the ruins of it, and will set up the parts thereof that have been broken down, and will build it up as in the ancient days:

12 that the remnant of men, and all the Gentiles upon whom my name is called, may earnestly seek me, says the Lord who does all these things.

13 Behold, the days come, says the Lord, when the harvest shall overtake the vintage, and the grapes shall ripen at seedtime; and the mountains shall drop sweet wine, and all the hills shall be planted.

14 And I will turn the captivity of my people Israel, and they shall rebuild the ruined cities, and shall inhabit them; and they shall plant vineyards, and shall drink the wine from them; and they shall form gardens, and eat the fruit of them.

15 And I will plant them on their land, and they shall no more be plucked up from the land which I have given them, says the Lord God Almighty.

Obadiah

Chapter 1

1 THE vision of Obadiah. Thus says the Lord God to Edom; I have heard a report from the Lord, and he has sent forth a message to the nations.

2 Arise you, and let us rise up against her to war.

3 Behold, I have made you small among the Gentiles: you are greatly dishonoured. The pride of yours heart has elated you, dwelling as you do in the holes of the rocks, as one that exalts his habitation, saying in his heart, Who will bring me down to the ground?

4 If you should mount up as the eagle, and if you should make your nest among the stars, thence will I bring you down, says the Lord.

5 If thieves came in to you, or robbers by night, where would you have been cast away? would they not have stolen just enough for themselves? and if grape-gatherers went in to you, would they not leave a gleaning?

6 How has Esau been searched out, and how have his hidden things been detected?

7 They sent you to your coasts: all the men of your covenant have withstood you; your allies have prevailed against you, they have set snares under you: they have no understanding.

8 In that day, says the Lord, I will destroy the wise men out of Edom, and understanding out of the mount of Esau.

9 And your warriors from Thæman shall be dismayed, to the end that man may be cut off from the mount of Esau.

10 Because of the slaughter and the sin committed against your brother Jacob, shame shall cover you, and you shall be cut off for ever.

11 From the day that you stood in opposition to him, in the days when foreigners were taking captive his forces, and strangers entered into his gates, and cast lots on Jerusalem, you also were as one of them.

12 And you should not have looked on the day of your brother in the day of strangers; nor should you have rejoiced against the children of Judah in the day of their destruction; neither should you have boasted in the day of their affliction.

13 Neither should you have gone into the gates of the people in the day of their troubles; nor yet should you have looked upon their gathering in the day of their destruction, nor should you have attacked their host in the day of their perishing.

14 Neither should you have stood at the opening of their passages, to destroy utterly those of them that were escaping; neither should you have shut up his fugitives in the day of affliction.

15 For the day of the Lord is near upon all the Gentiles: as you have done, so shall it be done to you: your recompense shall be returned on your own head.

16 For as you have drunk upon my holy mountain, so shall all the nations drink wine; they shall drink, and go down, and be as if they were not.

17 But on mount Zion there shall be deliverance, and there shall be a sanctuary; and the house of Jacob shall take for an inheritance those that took them for an inheritance.

18 And the house of Jacob shall be fire, and the house of Joseph a flame, and the house of Esau shall be for stubble; and Israel shall flame forth against them, and shall devour them, and there shall not be a corn-field left to the house of Esau; because the Lord has spoken.

19 And they that dwell in the south shall inherit the mount of Esau, and they in the plain the Philistines: and they shall inherit the mount of Ephraim, and the plain of Samaria, and Benjamin, and the land of Gilead.

20 And this shall be the domain of the captivity of the children of Israel, the land of the Chananites as far as Sarepta; and the captives of Jerusalem shall inherit as far as Ephratha; they shall inherit the cities of the south.

21 And they that escape shall come up from mount Zion, to take vengeance on the mount of Esau; and the kingdom shall be the Lord's.

Jonah

Chapter 1

1 NOW the word of the Lord came to Jonah the son of Amathi, saying,

2 Rise, and go to Nineveh, the great city, and preach in it; for the cry of its wickedness is come up to me.

3 But Jonah rose up to flee to Tarshish from the presence of the Lord. And he went down to Joppa, and found a ship going to Tarshish: and he paid his fare, and went up into it, to sail with them to Tarshish from the presence of the Lord.

4 And the Lord raised up a wind on the sea; and there was a great storm on the sea, and the ship was in danger of being broken.

5 And the sailors were alarmed, and cried every one to his god, and cast out the wares that were in the ship into the sea, that it might be lightened of them. But Jonah was gone down into the hold of the ship, and was asleep, and snored.

6 And the shipmaster came to him, and said to him, Why snore you? arise, and call upon your God, that God may save us, and we perish not.

7 And each man said to his neighbour, Come, let us cast lots, and find out for whose sake this mischief is upon us. So they cast lots, and the lot fell upon Jonah.

8 And they said to him, Tell us what is your occupation, and whence come you, and of what country and what people are you?

9 And he said to them, I am a servant of the Lord; and I worship the Lord God of heaven, who made the sea, and the dry land.

10 Then the men feared exceedingly, and said to him, What is this that you have done? for the men knew that he was fleeing from the face of the Lord, because he had told them.

11 And they said to him, What shall we do to you, that the sea may be calm to us? for the sea rose, and lifted its wave exceedingly.

12 And Jonah said to them, Take me up, and cast me into the sea, and the sea shall be calm to you: for I know that for my sake this great tempest is upon you.

13 And the men tried hard to return to the land, and were not able: for the sea rose and grew more and more tempestuous against them.

14 And they cried to the Lord, and said, Forbid it, Lord: let us not perish for the sake of this man's life, and bring not righteous blood upon us: for you, Lord, have done as you would.

15 So they took Jonah, and cast him out into the sea: and the sea ceased from its raging.

16 And the men feared the Lord very greatly, and offered a sacrifice to the Lord, and vowed vows.

Chapter 2

1 Now the Lord had commanded a great whale to swallow up Jonah: and Jonah was in the belly of the whale three days and three nights.

2 And Jonah prayed to the Lord his God out of the belly of the whale,

3 and said, I cried in my affliction to the Lord my God, and he hearkened to me, even to my cry out of the belly of hell: you heard my voice.

4 You did cast me into the depths of the heart of the sea, and the floods compassed me: all your billows and your waves have passed upon me.

5 And I said, I am cast out of your presence: shall I indeed look again toward your holy temple?

6 Water was poured around me to the soul: the lowest deep compassed me, my head went down

7 to the clefts of the mountains; I went down into the earth, whose bars are the everlasting barriers: yet, O Lord my God, let my ruined life be restored.

8 When my soul was failing me, I remembered the Lord; and may my prayer come to you into your holy temple.

9 They that observe vanities and lies have forsaken their own mercy.

10 But I will sacrifice to you with the voice of praise and thanksgiving: all that I have vowed I will pay to you, the Lord of my salvation.

11 And the whale was commanded by the Lord, and it cast up Jonah on the dry land.

Chapter 3

1 And the word of the Lord came to Jonah the second time, saying,

2 Rise, go to Nineveh, the great city, and preach in it according to the former preaching which I spoke to you of.

3 And Jonah arose, and went to Nineveh, as the Lord had spoken. Now Nineveh was an exceeding great city, of about three days' journey.

4 And Jonah began to enter into the city about a day's journey, and he proclaimed, and said, Yet three days, and Nineveh shall be overthrown.

5 And the men of Nineveh believed God, and proclaimed a fast, and put on sackcloths, from the greatest of them to the least of them.

6 And the word reached the king of Nineveh, and he arose from off his throne, and took off his raiment from him, and put on sackcloth, and sat on ashes.

7 And proclamation was made, and it was commanded in Nineveh by the king and by his great men, saying, Let not men, or cattle, or oxen, or sheep, taste any thing, nor feed, nor drink water.

8 So men and cattle were clothed with sackcloths, and cried earnestly to God; and they turned every one from their evil way, and from the iniquity that was in their hands, saying,

9 Who knows if God will repent, and turn from his fierce anger, and so we shall not perish?

10 And God saw their works, that they turned from their evil ways; and God repented of the evil which he had said he would do to them; and he did it not.

Chapter 4

1 But Jonah was very deeply grieved, and he was confounded.

2 And he prayed to the Lord, and said, O Lord, were not these my words when I was yet in my land? therefore I made haste to flee to Tarshish; because I knew that you are merciful and compassionate, long-suffering, and abundant in kindness, and repent of evil.

3 And now, Lord God, take my life from me; for it is better for me to die than to live.

4 And the Lord said to Jonah, Are you very much grieved?

5 And Jonah went out from the city, and sat over against the city; and he made for himself there a booth, and he sat under it, until he should perceive what would become of the city.

6 And the Lord God commanded a gourd, and it came up over the head of Jonah, to be a shadow over his head, to shade him from his calamities: and Jonah rejoiced with great joy for the gourd.

7 And God commanded a worm the next morning, and it smote the gourd, and it withered away.

8 And it came to pass at the rising of the sun, that God commanded a burning east wind; and the sun smote on the head of Jonah, and he fainted, and despaired of his life, and said, It is better for me to die than to live.

9 And God said to Jonah, Are you very much grieved for the gourd? And he said, I am very much grieved, even to death.

10 And the Lord said, You had pity on the gourd, for which you have not suffered, neither did you rear it; which came up before night, and perished before another night:

11 and shall not I spare Nineveh, the great city, in which dwell more than twelve myriads of human beings, who do not know their right hand or their left hand; and also much cattle?

Micah

Chapter 1

1 AND the word of the Lord came to Micah the son of Morasthi, in the days of Jotham, and Ahaz, and Hezekiah, kings of Judah, concerning what he saw regarding Samaria and Jerusalem.

2 Hear these words, you people; and let the earth give heed, and all that are in it: and the Lord God shall be among you for a testimony, the Lord out of his holy habitation.

3 For, behold, the Lord comes forth out of his place, and will come down, and will go upon the high places of the earth.

4 And the mountains shall be shaken under him, and the valleys shall melt like wax before the fire, and as water rushing down a declivity.

5 All these calamities are for the transgression of Jacob, and for the sin of the house of Israel. What is the transgression of Jacob? is it not Samaria? and what is the sin of the house of Judah? is it not Jerusalem?

6 Therefore I will make Samaria as a store-house of the fruits of the field, and as a planting of a vineyard: and I will utterly demolish her stones, and I will expose her foundations.

7 And they shall cut in pieces all the graven images, and all that she has hired they shall burn with fire, and I will utterly destroy all her idols: because she has gathered of the hires of fornication, and of the hires of fornication has she amassed wealth.

8 Therefore shall she lament and wail, she shall go barefooted, and being naked she shall make lamentation as that of serpents, and mourning as of the daughters of sirens.

9 For her plague has become grievous; for it has come even to Judah; and has reached to the gate of my people, even to Jerusalem.

10 You that are in Gath, exalt not yourselves, and you Enakim, do not rebuild from the ruins of the house in derision: sprinkle dust in the place of your laughter.

11 The inhabitant of Shinar, fairly inhabiting her cities, came not forth to mourn for the house next to her: she shall receive of you the stroke of grief.

12 Who has begun to act for good to her that dwells in sorrow? for calamities have come down from the Lord upon the gates of Jerusalem,

13 even a sound of chariots and horsemen: the inhabitants of Lachis, she is the leader of sin to the daughter of Zion: for in you were found the transgressions of Israel.

14 Therefore shall he cause men to be sent forth as far as the inheritance of Gath, even vain houses; they are become vanity to the kings of Israel;

15 until they bring the heirs, O inhabitant of Lachis: the inheritance shall reach to Odollam, even the glory of the daughter of Israel.

16 Shave yours hair, and make yourself bald for your delicate children; increase your widowhood as an eagle; for your people are gone into captivity from you.

Chapter 2

1 They meditated troubles, and wrought wickedness on their beds, and they put it in execution with the daylight; for they have not lifted up their hands to God.

2 And they desired fields, and plundered orphans, and oppressed families, and spoiled a man and his house, even a man and his inheritance.

3 Therefore thus says the Lord; Behold, I devise evils against this family, out of which you shall not lift up your necks, neither shall you walk upright speedily: for the time is evil.

4 In that day shall a parable be taken up against you, and a plaintive lamentation shall be uttered, saying, We are thoroughly miserable: the portion of my people has been measured out with a line, and there was none to hinder him so as to turn him back; your fields have been divided.

5 Therefore you shall have no one to cast a line for the lot.

6 Weep not with tears in the assembly of the Lord, neither let any weep for these things; for he shall not remove the reproaches,

7 who says, The house of Jacob has provoked the Spirit of the Lord; are not these his practices? Are not the Lord's words right with him? and have they not proceeded correctly?

8 Even beforetime my people withstood him as an enemy against his peace; they have stripped off his skin to remove hope in the conflict of war.

9 The leaders of my people shall be cast forth from their luxurious houses; they are rejected because of their evil practices; draw you near to the everlasting mountains.

10 Arise you, and depart; for this is not your rest because of uncleanness: you have been utterly destroyed;

11 you have fled, no one pursuing you: your spirit has framed falsehood, it has dropped on you for wine and strong drink. But it shall come to pass, that out of the dropping of this people,

12 Jacob shall be completely gathered with all his people: I will surely receive the remnant of Israel; I will cause them to return together, as sheep in trouble, as a flock in the

midst of their fold: they shall rush forth from among men through the breach made before them:

13 they have broken through, and passed the gate, and gone out by it: and their king has gone out before them, and the Lord shall lead them.

Chapter 3

1 And he shall say, Hear now these words, you heads of the house of Jacob, and you remnant of the house of Israel; is it not for you to know judgment?

2 who hate good, and seek evil; who tear their skins off them, and their flesh off their bones:

3 even as they devoured the flesh of my people, and stripped their skins off them, and broke their bones, and divided them as flesh for the caldron, and as meat for the pot,

4 thus they shall cry to the Lord, but he shall not hearken to them; and he shall turn away his face from them at that time, because they have done wickedly in their practices against themselves.

5 Thus says the Lord concerning the prophets that lead my people astray, that bite with their teeth, and proclaim peace to them; and when nothing was put into their mouth, they raised up war against them:

6 therefore there shall be night to you instead of a vision, and there shall be to you darkness instead of prophecy; and the sun shall go down upon the prophets, and the day shall be dark upon them.

7 And the seers of night-visions shall be ashamed, and the prophets shall be laughed to scorn: and all the people shall speak against them, because there shall be none to hearken to them.

8 Surely I will strengthen myself with the Spirit of the Lord, and of judgment, and of power, to declare to Jacob his transgressions, and to Israel his sins.

9 Hear now these words, you chiefs of the house of Jacob, and the remnant of the house of Israel, who hate judgment, and pervert all righteousness;

10 who build up Zion with blood, and Jerusalem with iniquity.

11 The heads thereof have judged for gifts, and the priests thereof have answered for hire, and her prophets have divined for silver: and yet they have rested on the Lord, saying, Is not the Lord among us? no evil shall come upon us.

12 Therefore on your account Zion shall be ploughed as a field, and Jerusalem shall be as a storehouse of fruits, and the mountain of the house as a grove of the forest.

Chapter 4

1 And at the last days the mountain of the Lord shall be manifest, established on the tops of the mountains, and it shall be exalted above the hills; and the peoples shall hasten to it.

2 And many nations shall go, and say, Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, and to the house of the God of Jacob; and they shall shew us his way, and we will walk in his paths: for out of Zion shall go forth a law, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem.

3 And he shall judge among many peoples, and shall rebuke strong nations afar off; and they shall beat their swords into ploughshares, and their spears into sickles; and nation shall no more lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn to war any more.

4 And every one shall rest under his vine, and every one under his fig-tree; and there shall be none to alarm them: for the mouth of the Lord Almighty has spoken these words.

5 For all other nations shall walk every one in his own way, but we will walk in the name of the Lord our God for ever and ever.

6 In that day, says the Lord, I will gather her that is bruised, and will receive her that is cast out, and those whom I rejected.

7 And I will make her that was bruised a remnant, and her that was rejected a mighty nation: and the Lord shall reign over them in mount Zion from henceforth, even for ever.

8 And you, dark tower of the flock, daughter of Zion, on you the dominion shall come and enter in, even the first kingdom from Babylon to the daughter of Jerusalem.

9 And now, why have you known calamities? was there not a king to you? or has your counsel perished that pangs as of a woman in travail have seized upon you?

10 Be in pain, and strengthen yourself, and draw near, O daughter of Zion, as a woman in travail: for now you shall go forth out of the city, and shall lodge in the plain, and shall reach even to Babylon: thence shall the Lord your God deliver you, and thence shall he redeem you out of the hand of your enemies.

11 And now have many nations gathered against you, saying, We will rejoice, and our eyes shall look upon Zion.

12 But they know not the thought of the Lord, and have not understood his counsel: for he has gathered them as sheaves of the floor.

13 Arise, and thresh them, O daughter of Zion: for I will make yours horns iron, and I will make yours hoofs brass: and you shall utterly destroy many nations, and shall consecrate their abundance to the Lord, and their strength to the Lord of all the earth.

14 Now shall the daughter of Zion be completely hedged in: he has laid siege against us: they shall smite the tribes of Israel with a rod upon the cheek.

Chapter 5

1 And you, Bethlehem, house of Ephratha, art few in number to be reckoned among the thousands of Judah; yet out of you shall one come forth to me, to be a ruler of Israel; and his goings forth were from the beginning, even from eternity.

2 Therefore shall he appoint them to wait till the time of her that travails: she shall bring forth, and then the remnant of their brethren shall return to the children of Israel.

3 And the Lord shall stand, and see, and feed his flock with power, and they shall dwell in the glory of the name of the Lord their God: for now shall they be magnified to the ends of the earth.

4 And she shall have peace when Assur shall come into your land, and when he shall come up upon your country; and there shall be raised up against him seven shepherds, and eight attacks of men.

5 And they shall tend the Assyrian with a sword, and the land of Nebrod with her trench: and he shall deliver you from the Assyrian, when he shall come upon your land, and when he shall invade your coasts.

6 And the remnant of Jacob shall be among the Gentiles in the midst of many peoples, as dew falling from the Lord, and as lambs on the grass; that none may assemble nor resist among the sons of men.

7 And the remnant of Jacob shall be among the Gentiles in the midst of many nations, as a lion in the forest among cattle, and as a lion's whelp among flocks of sheep, even as when he goes through, and selects, and carries off his prey, and there is none to deliver.

8 Yours hand shall be lifted up against them that afflict you, and all your enemies shall be utterly destroyed.

9 And it shall come to pass in that day, says the Lord, that I will utterly destroy the horses out of the midst of you, and destroy your chariots:

10 and I will utterly destroy the cities of your land, and demolish all your strong-holds:

11 and I will utterly destroy your sorceries out of yours hands; and there shall be no soothsayers in you.

12 And I will utterly destroy your graven images, and your statues out of the midst of you; and you shall never any more worship the works of yours hands.

13 And I will cut off the groves out of the midst of you, and I will abolish your cities.

14 And I will execute vengeance on the heathen in anger and wrath, because they hearkened not.

Chapter 6

1 Hear now a word: the Lord God has said; Arise, plead with the mountains, and let the hills hear your voice.

2 Hear you, O mountains, the controversy of the Lord, and you valleys even the foundations of the earth: for the Lord has a controversy with his people, and will plead with Israel.

3 O my people, what have I done to you? or wherein have I grieved you? or wherein have I troubled you? answer me.

4 For I brought you up out of the land of Egypt, and redeemed you out of the house of bondage, and sent before you Moses, and Aaron, and Mariam.

5 O my people, remember now, what counsel Balac king of Moab took against you, and what Balaam the son of Beor answered him, from the reeds to Galgal; that the righteousness of the Lord might be known.

6 Wherewithal shall I reach the Lord, and lay hold of my God most high? shall I reach him by whole-burnt-offerings, by calves of a year old?

7 Will the Lord accept thousands of rams, or ten thousands of fat goats? should I give my first-born for ungodliness, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?

8 Has it not been told you, O man, what is good? or what does the Lord require of you, but to do justice, and love mercy, and be ready to walk with the Lord your God?

9 The Lord's voice shall be proclaimed in the city, and he shall save those that fear his name: hear, O tribe; and who shall order the city?

10 Is there not fire, and the house of the wicked heaping up wicked treasures, and that with the pride of unrighteousness?

11 Shall the wicked be justified by the balance, or deceitful weights in the bag,

12 whereby they have accumulated their ungodly wealth, and they that dwell in the city have uttered falsehoods, and their tongue has been exalted in their mouth?

13 Therefore will I begin to smite you; I will destroy you in your sins.

14 You shall eat, and shall not be satisfied; and there shall be darkness upon you; and he shall depart from you, and you shall not escape; and all that shall escape shall be delivered over to the sword.

15 You shall sow, but you shall not reap; you shall press the olive, but you shall not anoint yourself with oil; and shall make wine, but you shall drink no wine: and the ordinances of my people shall be utterly abolished.

16 For you have kept the statutes of Zambri, and done all the works of the house of Achaab; and you have walked in their ways, that I might deliver you to utter destruction, and those that inhabit the city to hissing: and you shall bear the reproach of nations.

Chapter 7

1 Alas for me! for I am become as one gathering straw in harvest, and as one gathering grape-gleanings in the vintage, when there is no cluster for me to eat the first-ripe fruit: alas my soul!

2 For the godly is perished from the earth; and there is none among men that orders his way aright: they all quarrel even to blood: they grievously afflict every one his neighbour:

3 they prepare their hands for mischief, the prince asks a reward, and the judge speaks flattering words; it is the desire of their soul:

4 therefore I will take away their goods as a devouring moth, and as one who acts by a rigid rule in a day of visitation. Woe, woe, your times of vengeance are come; now shall be their lamentations.

5 Trust not in friends, and confide not in guides: beware of your wife, so as not to commit anything to her.

6 For the son dishonours his father, the daughter will rise up against her mother, the daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law: those in his house shall be all a man's enemies.

7 But I will look to the Lord; I will wait upon God my Saviour: my God will hearken to me.

8 Rejoice not against me, mine enemy; for I have fallen yet shall arise; for though I should sit in darkness, the Lord shall be a light to me.

9 I will bear the indignation of the Lord, because I have sinned against him, until he make good my cause: he also shall maintain my right, and shall bring me out to the light, and I shall behold his righteousness.

10 And she that is mine enemy shall see it, and shall clothe herself with shame, who says, Where is the Lord your God? mine eyes shall look upon her: now shall she be for trampling as mire in the ways.

11 It is the day of making of brick; that day shall be your utter destruction, and that day shall utterly abolish your ordinances.

12 And your cities shall be levelled, and parted among the Assyrians; and your strong cities shall be parted from Tyre to the river, and from sea to sea, and from mountain to mountain.

13 And the land shall be utterly desolate together with them that inhabit it, because of the fruit of their doings.

14 Tend your people with your rod, the sheep of your inheritance, those that inhabit by themselves the thicket in the midst of Carmel: they shall feed in the land of Basan, and in the land of Gilead, as in the days of old.

15 And according to the days of your departure out of Egypt shall you see marvellous things.

16 The nations shall see and be ashamed; and at all their might they shall lay their hands upon their mouth, their ears shall be deafened.

17 They shall lick the dust as serpents crawling on the earth, they shall be confounded in their holes; they shall be amazed at the Lord our God, and will be afraid of you.

18 Who is a God like you, cancelling iniquities, and passing over the sins of the remnant of his inheritance? and he has not kept his anger for a testimony, for he delights in mercy.

19 He will return and have mercy upon us; he will sink our iniquities, and they shall be cast into the depths of the sea, even all our sins.

20 He shall give blessings truly to Jacob, and mercy to Abraam, as you swore to our fathers, according to the former days.

Nahum

Chapter 1

1 THE burden of Nineveh: the book of the vision of Nahum the Elkesite.

2 God is jealous, and the Lord avenges; the Lord avenges with wrath; the Lord takes vengeance on his adversaries, and he cuts off his enemies.

3 The Lord is long-suffering, and his power is great, and the Lord will not hold any guiltless: his way is in destruction and in the whirlwind, and the clouds are the dust of his feet.

4 He threatens the sea, and dries it up, and exhausts all the rivers: the land of Basan, and Carmel are brought low, and the flourishing trees of Lebanon have come to nought.

5 The mountains quake at him, and the hills are shaken, and the earth recoils at his presence, even the world, and all that dwell in it.

6 Who shall stand before his anger? and who shall withstand in the anger of his wrath? his wrath brings to nought kingdoms, and the rocks are burst asunder by him.

7 The Lord is good to them that wait on him in the day of affliction; and he knows them that reverence him.

8 But with an overrunning flood he will make an utter end: darkness shall pursue those that rise up against him and his enemies.

9 What do you devise against the Lord? he will make a complete end: he will not take vengeance by affliction twice at the same time.

10 For the enemy shall be laid bare even to the foundation, and shall be devoured as twisted yew, and as stubble fully dry.

11 Out of you shall proceed a device against the Lord, counselling evil things hostile to him.

12 Thus says the Lord who rules over many waters, Even thus shall they be sent away, and the report of you shall not be heard any more.

13 And now will I break his rod from off you, and will burst your bonds.

14 And the Lord shall give a command concerning you; there shall no more of your name be scattered: I will utterly destroy the graven images out of the house of your god, and the molten images: I will make your grave; for they are swift.

Chapter 2

1 Behold upon the mountains the feet of him that brings glad tidings, and publishes peace! O Judah, keep your feasts, pay your vows: for they shall no more pass through you to your decay.

2 It is all over with him, he has been removed, one who has been delivered from affliction has come up panting into your presence, watch the way, strengthen your loins, be very valiant in your strength.

3 For the Lord has turned aside the pride of Jacob, as the pride of Israel: for they have utterly rejected them, and have destroyed their branches.

4 They have destroyed the arms of their power from among men, their mighty men sporting with fire: the reins of their chariots shall be destroyed in the day of his preparation, and the horsemen shall be thrown into confusion

5 in the ways, and the chariots shall clash together, and shall be entangled in each other in the broad ways: their appearance is as lamps of fire, and as gleaming lightnings.

6 And their mighty men shall bethink themselves and flee by day; and they shall be weak as they go; and they shall hasten to her walls, and shall prepare their defences.

7 The gates of the cities have been opened, and the palaces have fallen into ruin,

8 and the foundation has been exposed; and she has gone up, and her maid-servants were led away as doves moaning in their hearts.

9 And as for Nineveh, her waters shall be as a pool of water: and they fled, and staid not, and there was none to look back.

10 They plundered the silver, they plundered the gold, and there was no end of their adorning; they were loaded with it upon all their pleasant vessels.

11 There is thrusting forth, and shaking, and tumult, and heart-breaking, and loosing of knees, and pangs on all loins; and the faces of all are as the blackening of a pot.

12 Where is the dwelling-place of the lions, and the pasture that belonged to the whelps? where did the lion go, that the lion's whelp should enter in there, and there was none to scare him away?

13 The lion seized enough prey for his whelps, and strangled for his young lions, and filled his lair with prey, and his dwelling-place with spoil.

14 Behold, I am against you, says the Lord Almighty, and I will burn up your multitude in the smoke, and the sword shall devour your lions; and I will utterly destroy your prey from off the land, and your deeds shall no more at all be heard of.

Chapter 3

1 O city of blood, wholly false, full of unrighteousness; the prey shall not be handled.

2 The noise of whips, and the noise of the rumbling of wheels, and of the pursuing horse, and of the bounding chariot,

3 and of the mounting rider, and of the glittering sword, and of the gleaming arms, and of a multitude of slain, and of heavy falling: and there was no end to her nations, but they shall be weak in their bodies

4 because of the abundance of fornication: she is a fair harlot, and well-favoured, skilled in sorcery, that sells the nations by her fornication, and peoples by her sorceries.

5 Behold, I am against you, says the Lord God Almighty, and I will uncover your skirts in your presence, and I will shew the nations your shame, and the kingdoms your disgrace.

6 And I will cast abominable filth upon you according to your unclean ways, and will make you a public example.

7 And it shall be that every one that sees you shall go down from you, and shall say, Wretched Nineveh! who shall lament for her? whence shall I seek comfort for her?

8 Prepare you a portion, tune the chord, prepare a portion for Ammon: she that dwells among the rivers, water is round about her, whose dominion is the sea, and whose walls are water.

9 And Ethiopia is her strength, and Egypt; and there was no limit of the flight of her enemies; and the Libyans became her helpers.

10 Yet she shall go as a prisoner into captivity, and they shall dash her infants against the ground at the top of all her ways: and they shall cast lots upon all her glorious possessions, and all her nobles shall be bound in chains.

11 And you shall be drunken, and shall be overlooked; and you shall seek for yourself strength because of your enemies.

12 All your strong-holds are as fig-trees having watchers: if they be shaken, they shall fall into the mouth of the eater.

13 Behold, your people within you are as women: the gates of your land shall surely be opened to your enemies: the fire shall devour your bars.

14 Draw you water for a siege, and well secure your strong-holds: enter into the clay, and be you trodden in the chaff, make the fortifications stronger than brick.

15 There the fire shall devour you; the sword shall utterly destroy you, it shall devour you as the locust, and you shall be pressed down as a palmerworm.

16 You have multiplied your merchandise beyond the stars of heaven: the palmerworm has attacked it, and has flown away.

17 Your mixed multitude has suddenly departed as the grasshopper, as the locust perched on a hedge in a frosty day; the sun arises, and it flies off, and knows not its place: woe to them!

18 Your shepherds have slumbered, the Assyrian king has laid low your mighty men: your people departed to the mountains, and there was none to receive them.

19 There is no healing for your bruise; your wound has rankled: all that hear the report of you shall clap their hands against you; for upon whom has not your wickedness passed continually?

Habakkuk

Chapter 1

1 THE burden which the prophet Habakkuk saw.

2 How long, O Lord, shall I cry out, and you will not hearken? how long shall I cry out to you being injured, and you will not save?

3 Wherefore have you shewn me troubles and griefs to look upon, misery and ungodliness? judgment is before me, and the judge receives a reward.

4 Therefore the law is frustrated, and judgment proceeds not effectually, for the ungodly man prevails over the just; therefore perverse judgment will proceed.

5 Behold, you despisers, and look, and wonder marvellously, and vanish: for I work a work in your days, which you will in no wise believe, though a man declare it to you.

6 Wherefore, behold, I stir up the Chaldeans, the bitter and hasty nation, that walks upon the breadth of the earth, to inherit tabernacles not his own.

7 He is terrible and famous; his judgment shall proceed of himself, and his dignity shall come out of himself.

8 And his horses shall bound more swiftly than leopards, and they are fiercer than the wolves of Arabia: and his horsemen shall ride forth, and shall rush from far; and they shall fly as an eagle hasting to eat.

9 Destruction shall come upon ungodly men, resisting with their adverse front, and he shall gather the captivity as the sand.

10 And he shall be at his ease with kings, and princes are his toys, and he shall mock at every strong-hold, and shall cast a mound, and take possession of it.

11 Then shall he change his spirit, and he shall pass through, and make an atonement, saying, This strength belongs to my god.

12 Art not you from the beginning, O Lord God, my Holy One? and surely we shall not die. O Lord, you have established it for judgment, and he has formed me to chasten with his correction.

13 His eye is too pure to behold evil doings, and to look upon grievous afflictions: wherefore do you look upon despisers? will you be silent when the ungodly swallows up the just?

14 And will you make men as the fishes of the sea, and as the reptiles which have no guide?

15 He has brought up destruction with a hook, and drawn one with a casting net, and caught another in his drags: therefore shall his heart rejoice and be glad.

16 Therefore will he sacrifice to his drag, and burn incense to his castingnet, because by them he has made his portion fat, and his meats choice.

17 Therefore will he cast his net, and will not spare to slay the nations continually.

Chapter 2

1 I will stand upon my watch, and mount upon the rock, and watch to see what he will say by me, and what I shall answer when I am reproved.

2 And the Lord answered me and said, Write the vision, and that plainly on a tablet, that he that reads it may run.

3 For the vision is yet for a time, and it shall shoot forth at the end, and not in vain: though he should tarry, wait for him; for he will surely come, and will not tarry.

4 If he should draw back, my soul has no pleasure in him: but the just shall live by my faith.

5 But the arrogant man and the scorner, the boastful man, shall not finish anything; who has enlarged his desire as the grave, and like death he is never satisfied, and he will gather to himself all the nations, and will receive to himself all the peoples.

6 Shall not all these take up a parable against him? and a proverb to tell against him? and they shall say, Woe to him that multiplies to himself the possessions which are not his! how long? and who heavily loads his yoke.

7 For suddenly there shall arise up those that bite him, and they that plot against you shall awake, and you shall be a plunder to them.

8 Because you have spoiled many nations, all the nations that are left shall spoil you, because of the blood of men, and the sins of the land and city, and of all that dwell in it.

9 Woe to him that covets an evil covetousness to his house, that he may set his nest on high, that he may be delivered from the power of evils.

10 You have devised shame to your house, you have utterly destroyed many nations, and your soul has sinned.

11 For the stone shall cry out of the wall, and the beetle out of the timber shall speak.

12 Woe to him that builds a city with blood, and establishes a city by unrighteousness.

13 Are not these things of the Lord Almighty? surely many people have been exhausted in the fire, and many nations have fainted.

14 For the earth shall be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the Lord; it shall cover them as water.

15 Woe to him that gives his neighbour to drink the thick lees of wine, and intoxicates him, that he may look upon their secret parts.

16 Drink you also your fill of disgrace instead of glory: shake, O heart, and quake, the cup of the right hand of the Lord has come round upon you, and dishonour has gathered upon your glory.

17 For the ungodliness of Lebanon shall cover you, and distress because of wild beasts shall dismay you, because of the blood of men, and the sins of the land and city, and of all that dwell in it.

18 What profits it the graven image, that they have graven it? one has made it a molten work, a false image; for the maker has trusted in his work, to make dumb idols.

19 Woe to him that says to the wood, Awake, arise; and to the stone, Be you exalted! whereas it is an image, and this is a casting of gold and silver, and there is no breath in it.

20 But the Lord is in his holy temple: let all the earth fear before him.

Chapter 3

1 A PRAYER OF THE PROPHET AMBACUM, WITH A SONG.

2 O Lord, I have heard your report, and was afraid: I considered your works, and was amazed: you shall be known between the two living creatures, you shall be acknowledged when the years draw nigh; you shall be manifested when the time is come; when my soul is troubled, you will in wrath remember mercy.

3 God shall come from Thæman, and the Holy One from the dark shady mount Paran. Pause.

4 His excellence covered the heavens, and the earth was full of his praise. And his brightness shall be as light; there were horns in his hands, and he caused a mighty love of his strength.

5 Before his face shall go a report, and it shall go forth into the plains,

6 the earth stood at his feet and trembled: he beheld, and the nations melted away: the mountains were violently burst through, the everlasting hills melted at his everlasting going forth.

7 Because of troubles I looked upon the tents of the Ethiopians: the tabernacles also of the land of Midian shall be dismayed.

8 Were you angry, O Lord, with the rivers? or was your wrath against the rivers, or your anger against the sea? for you will mount on yours horses, and your chariots are salvation.

9 Surely you did bend your bow at sceptres, says the Lord. Pause. The land of rivers shall be torn asunder.

10 The nations shall see you and be in pain, as you do divide the moving waters: the deep uttered her voice, and raised her form on high.

11 The sun was exalted, and the moon stood still in her course: your darts shall go forth at the light, at the brightness of the gleaming of your arms.

12 You will bring low the land with threatening, and in wrath you will break down the nations.

13 You went forth for the salvation of your people, to save your anointed: you shall bring death on the heads of transgressors; you have brought bands upon their neck. Pause.

14 You did cut asunder the heads of princes with amazement, they shall tremble in it; they shall burst their bridles, they shall be as a poor man devouring in secret.

15 And you do cause yours horses to enter the sea, disturbing much water.

16 I watched, and my belly trembled at the sound of the prayer of my lips, and trembling entered into my bones, and my frame was troubled within me; I will rest in the day of affliction, from going up to the people of my sojourning.

17 For though the fig-tree shall bear no fruit, and there shall be no produce on the vines; the labour of the olive shall fail, and the fields shall produce no food: the sheep have failed from the pasture, and there are no oxen at the cribs;

18 yet I will exult in the Lord, I will joy in God my Saviour.

19 The Lord God is my strength, and he will perfectly strengthen my feet; he mounts me upon high places, that I may conquer by his song.

Zephaniah

Chapter 1

1 THE word of the Lord which came to Zephaniah the son of Chusi, the son of Godolias, the son of Amorias, the son of Hezekiah, in the days of Josiah son of Amon, king of Judah.

2 Let there be an utter cutting off from the face of the land, says the Lord.

3 Let man and cattle be cut off; let the birds of the air and the fishes of the sea be cut off; and the ungodly shall fail, and I will take away the transgressors from the face of the land, says the Lord.

4 And I will stretch out mine hand upon Judah, and upon all the inhabitants of Jerusalem; and I will remove the names of Baal out of this place, and the names of the priests;

5 and them that worship the host of heaven upon the house-tops; and them that worship and swear by the Lord, and them that swear by their king;

6 and them that turn aside from the Lord, and them that seek not the Lord, and them that cleave not to the Lord.

7 Fear you before the Lord God; for the day of the Lord is near; for the Lord has prepared his sacrifice, and has sanctified his guests.

8 And it shall come to pass in the day of the Lord's sacrifice, that I will take vengeance on the princes, and on the king's house, and upon all that wear strange apparel.

9 And I will openly take vengeance on the porches in that day, on the men that fill the house of the Lord their God with ungodliness and deceit.

10 And there shall be in that day, says the Lord, the sound of a cry from the gate of men slaying, and a howling from the second gate, and a great crashing from the hills.

11 Lament, you that inhabit the city that has been broken down, for all the people has become like Canaan; and all that were exalted by silver have been utterly destroyed.

12 And it shall come to pass in that day, that I will search Jerusalem with a candle, and will take vengeance on the men that despise the things committed to them; but they say in their hearts, The Lord will not do any good, neither will he do any evil.

13 And their power shall be for a spoil, and their houses for utter desolation; and they shall build houses, but shall not dwell in them; and they shall plant vineyards, but shall not drink the wine of them.

14 For the great day of the Lord is near, it is near, and very speedy; the sound of the day of the Lord is made bitter and harsh.

15 A mighty day of wrath is that day, a day of affliction and distress, a day of desolation and destruction, a day of gloominess and darkness, a day of cloud and vapour,

16 a day of the trumpet and cry against the strong cities, and against the high towers.

17 And I will greatly afflict the men, and they shall walk as blind men, because they have sinned against the Lord; therefore he shall pour out their blood as dust, and their flesh as dung.

18 And their silver and their gold shall in nowise be able to rescue them in the day of the Lord's wrath; but the whole land shall be devoured by the fire of his jealousy; for he will bring a speedy destruction on all them that inhabit the land.

Chapter 2

1 Be you gathered and closely joined together, O unchastened nation;

2 before you become as the flower that passes away, before the anger of the Lord come upon you, before the day of the wrath of the Lord come upon you.

3 Seek you the Lord, all you meek of the earth; do judgment, and seek justice, and answer accordingly; that you may be hid in the day of the wrath of the Lord.

4 For Gaza shall be utterly spoiled, and Ashkelon shall be destroyed; and Ashdod shall be cast forth at noon-day, and Ekron shall be rooted up.

5 Woe to them that dwell on the border of the sea, neighbours of the Cretans! the word of the Lord is against you, O Canaan, land of the Philistines, and I will destroy you out of your dwelling-place.

6 And Crete shall be a pasture of flocks, and a fold of sheep.

7 And the sea coast shall be for the remnant of the house of Judah; they shall pasture upon them in the houses of Ashkelon; they shall rest in the evening because of the children of Judah; for the Lord their God has visited them, and he will turn away their captivity.

8 I have heard the revilings of Moab, and the insults of the children of Ammon, wherewith they have reviled my people, and magnified themselves against my coasts.

9 Therefore, as I live, says the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel, Moab shall be as Sodom, and the children of Ammon as Gomorrah; and Damascus shall be left as a heap of the threshing-floor, and desolate for ever: and the remnant of my people shall plunder them, and the remnant of my nation shall inherit them.

10 This is their punishment in return for their haughtiness, because they have reproached and magnified themselves against the Lord Almighty.

11 The Lord shall appear against them, and shall utterly destroy all the gods of the nations of the earth; and they shall worship him every one from his place, even all the islands of the nations.

12 You Ethiopians also are the slain of my sword.

13 And he shall stretch forth his hand against the north and destroy the Assyrian, and make Nineveh a dry wilderness, even as a desert.

14 And flocks, and all the wild beasts of the land, and chameleons shall feed in the midst thereof: and hedgehogs shall lodge in the ceilings thereof; and wild beasts shall cry in the breaches thereof, and ravens in her porches, whereas her loftiness was as a cedar.

15 This is the scornful city that dwells securely, that says in her heart, I am, and there is no longer any to be after me: how is she become desolate, a habitation of wild beasts! every one that passes through her shall hiss, and shake his hands.

Chapter 3

1 Alas the glorious and ransomed city.

2 The dove hearkened not to the voice; she received not correction; she trusted not in the Lord, and she drew not near to her God.

3 Her princes within her were as roaring lions, her judges as the wolves of Arabia; they remained not till the morrow.

4 Her prophets are light and scornful men: her priests profane the holy things, and sinfully transgress the law.

5 But the just Lord is in the midst of her, and he will never do an unjust thing: morning by morning he will bring out his judgment to the light, and it is not hidden, and he knows not injustice by extortion, nor injustice in strife.

6 I have brought down the proud with destruction; their corners are destroyed: I will make their ways completely waste, so that none shall go through: their cities are come to an end, by reason of no man living or dwelling in them.

7 I said, But do you fear me, and receive instruction, and you shall not be cut off from the face of the land for all the vengeance I have brought upon her: prepare you, rise early: all their produce is spoilt.

8 Therefore wait upon me, says the Lord, until the day when I rise up for a witness: because my judgment shall be on the gatherings of the nations, to draw to me kings, to pour out upon them all my fierce anger: for the whole earth shall be consumed with the fire of my jealousy.

9 For then will I turn to the peoples a tongue for her generation, that all may call on the name of the Lord, to serve him under one yoke.

10 From the boundaries of the rivers of Ethiopia will I receive my dispersed ones; they shall offer sacrifices to me.

11 In that day you shall not be ashamed of all your practices, wherein you have transgressed against me: for then will I take away from you your disdainful pride, and you shall no more magnify yourself upon my holy mountain.

12 And I will leave in you a meek and lowly people;

13 and the remnant of Israel shall fear the name of the Lord, and shall do no iniquity, neither shall they speak vanity; neither shall a deceitful tongue be found in their mouth: for they shall feed, and lie down, and there shall be none to terrify them.

14 Rejoice, O daughter of Zion; cry aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem; rejoice and delight yourself with all yours heart, O daughter of Jerusalem.

15 The Lord has taken away your iniquities, he has ransomed you from the hand of your enemies: the Lord, the King of Israel, is in the midst of you: you shall not see evil any more.

16 At that time the Lord shall say to Jerusalem, Be of good courage, Zion; let not yours hands be slack.

17 The Lord your God is in you; the Mighty One shall save you: he shall bring joy upon you, and shall refresh you with his love; and he shall rejoice over you with delight as in a day of feasting.

18 And I will gather your afflicted ones. Alas! who has taken up a reproach against her?

19 Behold, I will work in you for your sake at that time, says the Lord: and I will save her that was oppressed, and receive her that was rejected; and I will make them a praise, and honoured in all the earth.

20 And their enemies shall be ashamed at that time, when I shall deal well with you, and at the time when I shall receive you: for I will make you honoured and a praise among all the nations of the earth, when I turn back your captivity before you, says the Lord.

Haggai

Chapter 1

1 IN the second year of Darius the king, in the sixth month, on the first day of the month, the word of the Lord came by the hand of the prophet Haggai, saying, Speak to Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel, of the tribe of Judah, and to Jesus the son of Jozadak, the high priest, saying,

2 Thus says the Lord Almighty, saying, This people say, The time is not come to build the house of the Lord.

3 And the word of the Lord came by the hand of the prophet Haggai, saying,

4 Is it time for you to dwell in your ceiled houses, whereas our house is desolate?

5 And now thus says the Lord Almighty; Consider your ways, I pray you.

6 You have sown much, but brought in little; you have eaten, and are not satisfied; you have drunk, and are not satisfied with drink, you have clothed yourselves, and have not become warm thereby: and he that earns wages has gathered them into a bag full of holes.

7 Thus says the Lord Almighty; Consider your ways.

8 Go up to the mountain, and cut timber; build the house, and I will take pleasure in it, and be glorified, says the Lord.

9 You looked for much, and there came little; and it was brought into the house, and I blew it away. Therefore thus says the Lord Almighty, Because my house is desolate, and you run every one into his own house;

10 therefore shall the sky withhold dew, and the earth shall keep back her produce.

11 And I will bring a sword upon the land, and upon the mountains, and upon the corn, and upon the wine, and upon the oil, and all that the earth produces, and upon the men, and upon the cattle, and upon all the labours of their hands.

12 And Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel, of the tribe of Judah, and Jesus the son of Jozadak, the high priest, and all the remnant of the people, hearkened to the voice of the Lord their God, and the words of the prophet Haggai, according as the Lord their God had sent him to them, and the people feared before the Lord.

13 And Haggai the Lord's messenger spoke among the messengers of the Lord to the people, saying, I am with you, says the Lord.

14 And the Lord stirred up the spirit of Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel, of the tribe of Judah, and the spirit of Jesus the son of Jozadak, the high priest, and the spirit of the remnant of all the people; and they went in, and wrought in the house of the Lord Almighty their God,

15 on the four and twentieth day of the sixth month, in the second year of Darius the king.

Chapter 2

1 In the seventh month, on the twenty-first day of the month, the Lord spoke by Haggai the prophet, saying,

2 Speak now to Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel, of the tribe of Judah, and to Jesus the son of Jozadak, the high priest, and to all the remnant of the people, saying,

3 Who is there of you that saw this house in her former glory? and how do you now look upon it, as it were nothing before your eyes?

4 Yet now be strong, O Zerubbabel, says the Lord; and strengthen yourself, O Jesus the high priest, the son of Jozadak; and let all the people of the land strengthen themselves, says the Lord, and work, for I am with you, says the Lord Almighty;

5 and my Spirit remains in the midst of you; be of good courage.

6 For thus says the Lord Almighty; Yet once I will shake the heaven, and the earth, and the sea, and the dry land;

7 and I will shake all nations, and the choice portions of all the nations shall come: and I will fill this house with glory, says the Lord Almighty.

8 Mine is the silver, and mine the gold, says the Lord Almighty.

9 For the glory of this house shall be great, the latter more than the former, says the Lord Almighty: and in this place will I give peace, says the Lord Almighty, even peace of soul for a possession to every one that builds, to raise up this temple.

10 On the four and twentieth day of the ninth month, in the second year of Darius, the word of the Lord came to Haggai the prophet, saying,

11 Thus says the Lord Almighty; Inquire now of the priests concerning the law, saying,

12 If a man should take holy flesh in the skirt of his garment, and the skirt of his garment should touch bread, or pottage, or wine, or oil, or any meat, shall it be holy? And the priests answered and said, No.

13 And Haggai said, If a defiled person who is unclean by reason of a dead body, touch any of these, shall it be defiled? And the priests answered and said, It shall be defiled.

14 And Haggai answered and said, So is this people, and so is this nation before me, says the Lord; and so are all the works of their hands: and whosoever shall approach them,

shall be defiled [because of their early burdens: they shall be pained because of their toils; and you have hated him that reproved in the gates].

15 And now consider, I pray you, from this day and beforetime, before they laid a stone on a stone in the temple of the Lord, what manner of men you were.

16 When you cast into the corn-bin twenty measures of barley, and there were only ten measures of barley: and you went to the vat to draw out fifty measures, and there were but twenty.

17 I smote you with barrenness, and with blasting, and all the works of your hands with hail; yet you returned not to me, says the Lord.

18 Set your hearts now to think from this day and upward, from the four and twentieth day of the ninth month, even from the day when the foundation of the temple of the Lord was laid;

19 consider in your hearts, whether this shall be known on the corn-floor, and whether yet the vine, and the fig-tree, and the pomegranate, and the olive-trees that bear no fruit are with you: from this day will I bless you.

20 And the word of the Lord came the second time to Haggai the prophet, on the four and twentieth day of the month, saying,

21 Speak to Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel, of the tribe of Judah, saying, I shake the heaven, and the earth, and the sea, and the dry land;

22 and I will overthrow the thrones of kings, and I will destroy the power of the kings of the nations; and I will overthrow chariots and riders; and the horses and their riders shall come down, every one by the sword striving against his brother.

23 In that day, says the Lord Almighty, I will take you, O Zerubbabel, the son of Shealtiel, my servant, says the Lord, and will make you as a seal: for I have chosen you, says the Lord Almighty.

Zechariah

Chapter 1

1 IN the eighth month, in the second year of the reign of Darius, the word of the Lord came to Zechariah, the son of Barachias, the son of Addo, the prophet, saying,

2 The Lord has been very angry with your fathers.

3 And you shall say to them, Thus says the Lord Almighty; Turn to me, says the Lord of hosts, and I will turn to you, says the Lord of hosts.

4 And be you not as your fathers, whom the prophets before charged, saying, Thus says the Lord Almighty: Turn you from your evil ways, and from your evil practices: but they hearkened not, and attended not to hearken to me, says the Lord.

5 Where are your fathers, and the prophets? Will they live for ever?

6 But do you receive my words and mine ordinances, all that I command by my Spirit to my servants the prophets, who lived in the days of your fathers; and they answered and said, As the Lord Almighty determined to do to us, according to our ways, and according to our practices, so has he done to us.

7 On the twenty-fourth day in the eleventh month, this is the month Sabat, in the second year of the reign of Darius, the word of the Lord came to Zechariah, the son of Barachias, the son of Addo, the prophet, saying,

8 I saw by night, and behold a man mounted on a red horse, and he stood between the shady mountains; and behind him were red horses, and grey, and piebald, and white.

9 And I said, What are these, my lord? And the angel that spoke with me said to me, I will shew you what these things are.

10 And the man that stood between the mountains answered, and said to me, These are they whom the Lord has sent forth to go round the earth.

11 And they answered the angel of the Lord that stood between the mountains, and said, We have gone round all the earth, and, behold, all the earth is inhabited, and is at rest.

12 Then the angel of the Lord answered and said, O Lord Almighty, how long will you have no mercy on Jerusalem, and the cities of Judah, which you have disregarded these seventy years?

13 And the Lord Almighty answered the angel that spoke with me good words and consolatory sayings.

14 And the angel that spoke with me said to me, Cry out and say, Thus says the Lord Almighty; I have been jealous for Jerusalem and Zion with great jealousy.

15 And I am very angry with the heathen that combine to attack her: forasmuch as I indeed was a little angry, but they combined to attack her for evil.

16 Therefore thus says the Lord: I will return to Jerusalem with compassion; and my house shall be rebuilt in her, says the Lord Almighty, and a measuring line shall yet be stretched out over Jerusalem.

17 And the angel that spoke with me said to me, Cry yet, and say, Thus says the Lord Almighty; Yet shall cities be spread abroad through prosperity; and the Lord shall yet have mercy upon Zion, and shall choose Jerusalem.

Chapter 2

1 And I lifted up mine eyes and looked, and behold four horns.

2 And I said to the angel that spoke with me, What are these things, my lord? And he said to me, These are the horns that have scattered Judah, and Israel, and Jerusalem.

3 And the Lord shewed me four artificers.

4 And I said, What are these coming to do? And he said, These are the horns that scattered Judah, and they broke Israel in pieces, and none of them lifted up his head: and these are come forth to sharpen them for their hands, even the four horns, the nations that lifted up the horn against the land of the Lord to scatter it.

5 And I lifted up mine eyes, and looked, and behold a man, and in his hand a measuring line.

6 And I said to him, Whither go you? And he said to me, To measure Jerusalem, to see what is the breadth of it, and what is the length of it.

7 And, behold, the angel that spoke with me stood by, and another angel went forth to meet him,

8 and spoke to him, saying, Run and speak to that young man, saying, Jerusalem shall be fully inhabited by reason of the abundance of men and cattle in the midst of her.

9 And I will be to her, says the Lord, a wall of fire round about, and I will be for a glory in the midst of her.

10 Ho, ho, flee from the land of the north, says the Lord: for I will gather you from the four winds of heaven, says the Lord,

11 even to Zion: deliver yourselves, you that dwell with the daughter of Babylon.

12 For thus says the Lord Almighty; After the glory has he sent me to the nations that spoiled you: for he that touches you is as one that touches the apple of his eye.

13 For, behold, I bring my hand upon them, and they shall be a spoil to them that serve them: and you shall know that the Lord Almighty has sent me.

14 Rejoice and be glad, O daughter of Zion: for, behold, I come, and will dwell in the midst of you, says the Lord.

15 And many nations shall flee for refuge to the Lord in that day, and they shall be for a people to him, and they shall dwell in the midst of you: and you shall know that the Lord Almighty has sent me to you.

16 And the Lord shall inherit Judah his portion in the holy land, and he will yet choose Jerusalem.

17 Let all flesh fear before the Lord: for he has risen up from his holy clouds.

Chapter 3

1 And the Lord shewed me Jesus the high priest standing before the angel of the Lord, and the Devil stood on his right hand to resist him. And the Lord said to the Devil,

2 The Lord rebuke you, O Devil, even the Lord that has chosen Jerusalem rebuke you: behold! is not this as a brand plucked from the fire?

3 Now Jesus was clothed in filthy raiment, and stood before the angel.

4 And the Lord answered and spoke to those who stood before him, saying, Take away the filthy raiment from him: and he said to him, Behold, I have taken away your iniquities: and clothe you him with a long robe,

5 and place a pure mitre upon his head. So they placed a pure mitre upon his head, and clothed him with garments: and the angel of the Lord stood by.

6 And the angel of the Lord testified to Jesus, saying,

7 Thus says the Lord Almighty; If you will walk in my ways, and take heed to my charges, then shall you judge my house: and if you will diligently keep my court, then will I give you men to walk in the midst of these that stand here.

8 Hear now, Jesus the high priest, you, and your neighbours that are sitting before you: for they are diviners, for, behold, I bring forth my servant The Branch.

9 For as for the stone which I have set before the face of Jesus, on the one stone are seven eyes: behold, I am digging a trench, says the Lord Almighty, and I will search out all the iniquity of that land in one day.

10 In that day, says the Lord Almighty, you shall call together every man his neighbour under the vine and under the fig-tree.

Chapter 4

1 And the angel that talked with me returned, and awakened me, as when a man is awakened out of his sleep.

2 And he said to me, What see you? And I said, I have seen, and behold a candlestick all of gold, and its bowl upon it, and seven lamps upon it, and seven oil funnels to the lamps upon it:

3 and two olive-trees above it, one on the right of the bowl, and one on the left.

4 And I inquired, and spoke to the angel that talked with me, saying, What are these things, my lord?

5 And the angel that talked with me answered, and spoke to me, saying, Know you not what these things are? And I said, No, my lord.

6 And he answered and spoke to me, saying, This is the word of the Lord to Zerubbabel, saying, Not by mighty power, nor by strength, but by my Spirit, says the Lord Almighty.

7 Who are you, the great mountain before Zerubbabel, that you should prosper? whereas I will bring out the stone of the inheritance, the grace of it the equal of my grace.

8 And the word of the Lord came to me, saying,

9 The hands of Zerubbabel have laid the foundation of this house, and his hands shall finish it: and you shall know that the Lord Almighty has sent me to you.

10 For who has despised the small days? surely they shall rejoice, and shall see the plummet of tin in the hand of Zerubbabel: these are the seven eyes that look upon all the earth.

11 And I answered, and said to him, What are these two olive-trees, which are on the right and left hand of the candlestick?

12 And I asked the second time, and said to him, What are the two branches of the olive-trees that are by the side of the two golden pipes that pour into and communicate with the golden oil funnels?

13 And he said to me, Know you not what these are? and I said, No, my lord.

14 And he said, These are the two anointed ones that stand by the Lord of the whole earth.

Chapter 5

1 And I turned, and lifted up mine eyes, and looked and behold a flying sickle.

2 And he said to me, What see you? And I said, I see a flying sickle, of the length of twenty cubits, and of the breadth of ten cubits.

3 And he said to me, This is the curse that goes forth over the face of the whole earth: for every thief shall be punished with death on this side, and every false swearer shall be punished on that side.

4 And I will bring it forth, says the Lord Almighty, and it shall enter into the house of the thief, and into the house of him that swears falsely by my name: and it shall rest in the midst of his house, and shall consume it, and the timber of it, and the stones of it.

5 And the angel that talked with me went forth, and said to me, Lift up your eyes, and see this that goes forth.

6 And I said, What is it? And he said, This is the measure that goes forth. And he said, This is their iniquity in all the earth.

7 And behold a talent of lead lifted up: and behold a woman sat in the midst of the measure.

8 And he said, This is iniquity. And he cast it into the midst of the measure, and cast the weight of lead on the mouth of it.

9 And I lifted up mine eyes, and saw, and, behold, two women coming forth, and the wind was in their wings; and they had stork's wings: and they lifted up the measure between the earth and the sky.

10 And I said to the angel that spoke with me, Whither do these carry away the measure?

11 And he said to me, To build it a house in the land of Babylon, and to prepare a place for it; and they shall set it there on its own base.

Chapter 6

1 And I turned, and lifted up mine eyes, and looked, and, behold, four chariots coming out from between two mountains; and the mountains were brazen mountains.

2 In the first chariot were red horses; and in the second chariot black horses;

3 and in the third chariot white horses; and in the fourth chariot piebald and ash-coloured horses.

4 And I answered and said to the angel that talked with me, What are these, my lord?

5 And the angel that talked with me answered and said, These are the four winds of heaven, and they are going forth to stand before the Lord of all the earth.

6 As for the chariot in which were the black horses, they went out to the land of the north; and the white went out after them; and the piebald went out to the land of the south.

7 And the ash-coloured went out, and looked to go and compass the earth: and he said, Go, and compass the earth. And they compassed the earth.

8 And he cried out and spoke to me, saying, Behold, these go out to the land of the north, and they have quieted mine anger in the land of the north.

9 And the word of the Lord came to me, saying,

10 Take the things of the captivity from the chief men, and from the useful men of it, and from them that have understood it; and you shall enter in that day into the house of Josiah the son of Zephaniah that came out of Babylon.

11 And you shall take silver and gold, and make crowns, and you shall put them upon the head of Jesus the son of Jozadak the high priest;

12 and you shall say to him, Thus says the Lord Almighty; Behold the man whose name is The Branch; and he shall spring up from his stem, and build the house of the Lord.

13 And he shall receive power, and shall sit and rule upon his throne; and there shall be a priest on his right hand, and a peaceable counsel shall be between them both.

14 And the crown shall be to them that wait patiently, and to the useful men of the captivity, and to them that have known it, and for the favour of the son of Zephaniah, and for a psalm in the house of the Lord.

15 And they that are far from them shall come and build in the house of the Lord, and you shall know that the Lord Almighty has sent me to you: and this shall come to pass, if you will diligently hearken to the voice of the Lord your God.

Chapter 7

1 And it came to pass in the fourth year of Darius the king, that the word of the Lord came to Zechariah on the fourth day of the ninth month, which is Chaseleu.

2 And Sarasar and Arbeseer the king and his men sent to Bethel, and that to propitiate the Lord,

3 speaking to the priests that were in the house of the Lord Almighty, and to the prophets, saying, The holy offering has come in hither in the fifth month, as it has done already many years.

4 And the word of the Lord of hosts came to me, saying,

5 Speak to the whole people of the land, and to the priests, saying, Though you fasted or lamented in the fifth or seventh months (yea, behold, these seventy years) have you at all fasted to me?

6 And if you eat or drink, do you not eat and drink for yourselves?

7 Are not these the words which the Lord spoke by the former prophets, when Jerusalem was inhabited and in prosperity, and her cities round about her, and the hill country and the low country was inhabited?

8 And the word of the Lord came to Zechariah, saying,

9 Thus says the Lord Almighty; Judge righteous judgment, and deal mercifully and compassionately every one with his brother:

10 and oppress not the widow, or the fatherless, or the stranger, or the poor; and let not one of you remember in his heart the injury of his brother.

11 But they refused to attend, and madly turned their back, and made their ears heavy, so that they should not hear.

12 And they made their heart disobedient, so as not to hearken to my law, and the words which the Lord Almighty sent forth by his Spirit by the former prophets: so there was great wrath from the Lord Almighty.

13 And it shall come to pass, that as he spoke, and they hearkened not, so they shall cry, and I will not hearken, says the Lord Almighty.

14 And I will cast them out among all the nations, whom they know not; and the land behind them shall be made utterly destitute of any going through or returning: yea they have made the choice land a desolation.

Chapter 8

1 And the word of the Lord Almighty came, saying,

2 Thus says the Lord Almighty; I have been jealous for Jerusalem and for Zion with great jealousy, and I have been jealous for her with great fury.

3 Thus says the Lord; I will return to Zion, and dwell in the midst of Jerusalem: and Jerusalem shall be called a true city, and the mountain of the Lord Almighty a holy mountain.

4 Thus says the Lord Almighty; There shall yet dwell old men and old women in the streets of Jerusalem, every one holding his staff in his hand for age.

5 And the broad places of the city shall be filled with boys and girls playing in the streets thereof.

6 Thus says the Lord Almighty; If it shall be impossible in the sight of the remnant of this people in those days, shall it also be impossible in my sight? says the Lord Almighty.

7 Thus says the Lord Almighty; Behold, I will save my people from the east country, and the west country;

8 and I will bring them in, and cause them to dwell in the midst of Jerusalem: and they shall be to me a people, and I will be to them a God, in truth and in righteousness.

9 Thus says the Lord Almighty; Let your hands be strong, you that hear in these days these words out of the mouth of the prophets, from the day that the house of the Lord Almighty was founded, and from the time that the temple was built.

10 For before those days the wages of men could not be profitable, and there could be no hire of cattle, and there could be no peace by reason of the affliction to him that went out or to him that came in: for I would have let loose all men, every one against his neighbour.

11 But now I will not do to the remnant of this people according to the former days, says the Lord Almighty.

12 But I will shew peace: the vine shall yield her fruit, and the land shall yield her produce, and the heaven shall give its dew: and I will give as an inheritance all these things to the remnant of my people.

13 And it shall come to pass, as you were a curse among the nations, O house of Judah, and house of Israel; so will I save you, and you shall be a blessing: be of good courage, and strengthen your hands.

14 For thus says the Lord Almighty; As I took counsel to afflict you when your fathers provoked me, says the Lord Almighty, and I repented not:

15 so have I prepared and taken counsel in these days to do good to Jerusalem and to the house of Judah: be you of good courage.

16 These are the things which you shall do; speak truth every one with his neighbour; judge truth and peaceable judgment in your gates:

17 and let none of you devise evil in his heart against his neighbour; and love not a false oath: for all these things I hate, says the Lord Almighty.

18 And the word of the Lord Almighty came to me, saying,

19 Thus says the Lord Almighty, The fourth fast, and the fifth fast, and the seventh fast, and the tenth fast, shall be to the house of Judah for joy and gladness, and for good feasts; and you shall rejoice; and love you the truth and peace.

20 Thus says the Lord Almighty; Yet shall many peoples come, and the inhabitants of many cities;

21 and the inhabitants of five cities shall come together to one city, saying, Let us go to make supplication to the Lord, and to seek the face of the Lord Almighty; I will go also.

22 And many peoples and many nations shall come to seek earnestly the face of the Lord Almighty in Jerusalem, and to obtain favour of the Lord.

23 Thus says the Lord Almighty; In those days my word shall be fulfilled if ten men of all the languages of the nations should take hold—even take hold of the hem of a Jew, saying, We will go with you; for we have heard that God is with you.

Chapter 9

1 The burden of the word of the Lord in the land of Sedrach, and his sacrifice shall be in Damascus; for the Lord looks upon men, and upon all the tribes of Israel.

2 And in Emath, even in her coasts, are Tyre and Sidon, because they were very wise.

3 And Tyre built strong-holds for herself, and heaped up silver as dust, and gathered gold as the mire of the ways.

4 And therefore the Lord will take them for a possession, and will smite her power in the sea; and she shall be consumed with fire.

5 Ashkelon shall see, and fear; Gaza also, and shall be greatly pained, and Ekron; for she is ashamed at her trespass; and the king shall perish from Gaza, and Ashkelon shall not be inhabited.

6 And aliens shall dwell in Ashdod, and I will bring down the pride of the Philistines.

7 And I will take their blood out of their mouth, and their abominations from between their teeth; and these also shall be left to our God, and they shall be as a captain of a thousand in Judah, and Ekron as a Jebusite.

8 And I will set up a defence for my house, that they may not pass through, nor turn back, neither shall there any more come upon them one to drive them away: for now have I seen with mine eyes.

9 Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion; proclaim it aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem; behold, the King is coming to you, just, and a Saviour; he is meek and riding on an ass, and a young foal.

10 And he shall destroy the chariots out of Ephraim, and the horse out of Jerusalem, and the bow of war shall be utterly destroyed; and there shall be abundance and peace out of the nations; and he shall rule over the waters as far as the sea, and the rivers to the ends of the earth.

11 And you by the blood of your covenant have sent forth your prisoners out of the pit that has no water.

12 You shall dwell in strongholds, you prisoners of the congregation: and for one day of your captivity I will recompense you double.

13 For I have bent you, O Judah, for myself as a bow, I have filled Ephraim; and I will raise up your children, O Zion, against the children of the Greeks, and I will handle you as the sword of a warrior.

14 And the Lord shall be over them, and his arrow shall go forth as lightning: and the Lord Almighty shall blow with the trumpet; and shall proceed with the tumult of his threatening.

15 The Lord Almighty shall protect them, and they shall destroy them, and overwhelm them with sling-stones; and they shall swallow them down as wine, and fill the bowls as the altar.

16 And the Lord their God shall save them in that day, even his people as a flock; for holy stones are rolled upon his land.

17 For if he has anything good, and if he has anything fair, the young men shall have corn, and there shall be fragrant wine to the virgins.

Chapter 10

1 Ask you of the Lord rain in season, the early and the latter: the Lord has given bright signs, and will give them abundant rain, to every one grass in the field.

2 For the speakers have uttered grievous things, and the diviners have seen false visions, and they have spoken false dreams, they have given vain comfort: therefore have they fallen away like sheep, and been afflicted, because there was no healing.

3 Mine anger was kindled against the shepherds, and I will visit the lambs; and the Lord God Almighty shall visit his flock, the house of Judah, and he shall make them as his goodly horse in war.

4 And from him he looked, and from him he set the battle in order, and from him came the bow in anger, and from him shall come forth every oppressor together.

5 And they shall be as warriors treading clay in the ways in war; and they shall set the battle in array, because the Lord is with them, and the riders on horses shall be put to shame.

6 And I will strengthen the house of Judah, and save the house of Joseph, and I will settle them; because I have loved them: and they shall be as if I had not cast them off: for I am the Lord their God, and I will hear them.

7 And they shall be as the warriors of Ephraim, and their heart shall rejoice as with wine: and their children also shall see it, and be glad; and their heart shall rejoice in the Lord.

8 I will make a sign to them, and gather them in; for I will redeem them, and they shall be multiplied according to their number before.

9 And I will sow them among the people; and they that are afar off shall remember me: they shall nourish their children, and they shall return.

10 And I will bring them again from the land of Egypt, and I will gather them in from among the Assyrians; and I will bring them into the land of Gilead and to Lebanon; and there shall not even one of them be left behind.

11 And they shall pass through a narrow sea, they shall smite the waves in the sea, and all the deep places of the rivers shall be dried up: and all the pride of the Assyrians shall be taken away, and the sceptre of Egypt shall be removed.

12 And I will strengthen them in the Lord their God; and they shall boast in his name, says the Lord.

Chapter 11

1 Open your doors, O Lebanon, and let the fire devour your cedars.

2 Let the pine howl, because the cedar has fallen; for the mighty men have been greatly afflicted: howl, you oaks of the land of Basan; for the thickly planted forest has been torn down.

3 There is a voice of the shepherds mourning; for their greatness is brought low: a voice of roaring lions; for the pride of Jordan is brought down.

4 Thus says the Lord Almighty, Feed the sheep of the slaughter;

5 which their possessors have slain, and have not repented: and they that sold them said, Blessed be the Lord; for we have become rich: and their shepherds have suffered no sorrow for them.

6 Therefore I will no longer have mercy upon the inhabitants of the land, says the Lord: but, behold, I will deliver up the men every one into the hand of his neighbour, and into the hand of his king; and they shall destroy the land, and I will not rescue out of their hand.

7 And I will tend the flock of slaughter in the land of Canaan: and I will take for myself two rods; the one I called Beauty, and the other I called Line; and I will tend the flock.

8 And I will cut off three shepherds in one month; and my soul shall grieve over them, for their souls cried out against me.

9 And I said, I will not tend you: that which dies, let it die; and that which falls off, let it fall off; and let the rest eat every one the flesh of his neighbour.

10 And I will take my beautiful staff, and cast it away, that I may break my covenant which I made with all the people.

11 And it shall be broken in that day; and the Chananites, the sheep that are kept for me, shall know that it is the word of the Lord.

12 And I will say to them, If it be good in your eyes, give me my price, or refuse it. And they weighed for my price thirty pieces of silver.

13 And the Lord said to me, Drop them into the furnace, and I will see if it is good metal, as I was proved for their sakes. And I took the thirty pieces of silver, and cast them into the furnace in the house of the Lord.

14 And I cast away my second rod, even Line, that I might break the possession between Judah and Israel.

15 And the Lord said to me, Take yet to you shepherd's implements belonging to an unskilful shepherd.

16 For, behold, I will raise up a shepherd against the land: he shall not visit that which is perishing, and he shall not seek that which is scattered, and he shall not heal that which is bruised, nor guide that which is whole: but he shall devour the flesh of the choice ones, and shall dislocate the joints of their necks.

17 Alas for the vain shepherds that have forsaken the sheep! the sword shall be upon the arms of such a one, and upon his right eye: his arm shall be completely withered, and his right eye shall be utterly darkened.

Chapter 12

1 The burden of the word of the Lord for Israel; says the Lord, that stretches out the sky, and lays the foundation of the earth, and forms the spirit of man within him.

2 Behold, I will make Jerusalem as trembling door-posts to all the nations round about, and in Judea there shall be a siege against Jerusalem.

3 And it shall come to pass in that day that I will make Jerusalem a trodden stone to all the nations: every one that tramples on it shall utterly mock at it, and all the nations of the earth shall be gathered together against it.

4 In that day, says the Lord Almighty, I will smite every horse with amazement, and his rider with madness: but I will open mine eyes upon the house of Judah, and I will smite all the horses of the nations with blindness.

5 And the captains of thousands of Judah shall say in their hearts, We shall find for ourselves the inhabitants of Jerusalem in the Lord Almighty their God.

6 In that day I will make the captains of thousands of Judah as a firebrand among wood, and as a torch of fire in stubble; and they shall devour on the right hand and on the left all the nations round about: and Jerusalem shall dwell again by herself, even in Jerusalem.

7 And the Lord shall save the tabernacles of Judah as at the beginning, that the boast of the house of David, and the pride of the inhabitants of Jerusalem, may not magnify themselves against Judah.

8 And it shall come to pass in that day, that the Lord shall defend the inhabitants of Jerusalem; and the weak one among them in that day shall be as David, and the house of David as the house of God, as the angel of the Lord before them.

9 And it shall come to pass in that day, that I will seek to destroy all the nations that come against Jerusalem.

10 And I will pour upon the house of David, and upon the inhabitants of Jerusalem, the spirit of grace and compassion: and they shall look upon me, because they have mocked me, and they shall make lamentation for him, as for a beloved friend, and they shall grieve intensely, as for a first-born son.

11 In that day the lamentation in Jerusalem shall be very great, as the mourning for the pomegranate grove cut down in the plain.

12 And the land shall lament in separate families, the family of the house of David by itself, and their wives by themselves; the family of the house of Nathan by itself, and their wives by themselves;

13 the family of the house of Levi by itself, and their wives by themselves; the family of Simeon by itself, and their wives by themselves;

14 all the families that are left, each family by itself, and their wives by themselves.

Chapter 13

1 In that day every place shall be opened to the house of David and to the inhabitants of Jerusalem for removal and for separation.

2 And it shall come to pass in that day, says the Lord of hosts, that I will utterly destroy the names of the idols from off the land, and there shall be no longer any remembrance of them: and I will cut off the false prophets and the evil spirit from the land.

3 And it shall come to pass, if a man will yet prophesy, that his father and his mother which gave birth to him shall say to him, You shall not live; for you have spoken lies in the name of the Lord: and his father and his mother who gave him birth shall bind him as he is prophesying.

4 And it shall come to pass in that day, that the prophets shall be ashamed every one of his vision when he prophesies; and they shall clothe themselves with a garment of hair, because they have lied.

5 And one shall say, I am not a prophet, for I am a tiller of the ground, for a man brought me up thus from my youth.

6 And I will say to him, What are these wounds between yours hands? and he shall say, Those with which I was wounded in my beloved house.

7 Awake, O sword, against my shepherds, and against the man who is my citizen, says the Lord Almighty: smite the shepherds, and draw out the sheep: and I will bring mine hand upon the little ones.

8 And it shall come to pass, that in all the land, says the Lord, two parts thereof shall be cut off and perish; but the third shall be left therein.

9 And I will bring the third part through the fire, and I will try them as silver is tried, and I will prove them as gold is proved: they shall call upon my name, and I will hear them, and say, This is my people: and they shall say, The Lord is my God.

Chapter 14

1 Behold, the days of the Lord come, and your spoils shall be divided in you.

2 And I will gather all the Gentiles to Jerusalem to war, and the city shall be taken, and the houses plundered, and the women ravished; and half of the city shall go forth into captivity, but the rest of my people shall not be utterly cut off from the city.

3 And the Lord shall go forth, and fight with those Gentiles as when he fought in the day of war.

4 And his feet shall stand in that day on the mount of Olives, which is before Jerusalem on the east, and the mount of Olives shall cleave asunder, half of it toward the east and the west, a very great division; and half the mountain shall lean to the north, and half of it to the south.

5 And the valley of my mountains shall be closed up, and the valley of the mountains shall be joined on to Jasod, and shall be blocked up as it was blocked up in the days of the earthquake, in the days of Uzziah king of Judah; and the Lord my God shall come, and all the saints with him.

6 And it shall come to pass in that day that there shall be no light,

7 and there shall be for one day cold and frost, and that day shall be known to the Lord, and it shall not be day nor night: but towards evening it shall be light.

8 And in that day living water shall come forth out of Jerusalem; half of it toward the former sea, and half of it toward the latter sea: and so shall it be in summer and spring.

9 And the Lord shall be king over all the earth: in that day there shall be one Lord, and his name one,

10 compassing all the earth, and the wilderness from Gabe unto Remmon south of Jerusalem. And Ramah shall remain in its place. From the gate of Benjamin to the place of the first gate, to the gate of the corners, and to the tower of Anameel, as far as the king's wine-presses,

11 they shall dwell in the city; and there shall be no more any curse, and Jerusalem shall dwell securely.

12 And this shall be the overthrow with which the Lord will smite all the nations, as many as have fought against Jerusalem; their flesh shall consume away while they are standing upon their feet, and their eyes shall melt out of their holes, and their tongue shall consume away in their mouth.

13 And there shall be in that day a great panic from the Lord upon them; and they shall lay hold every man of the hand of his neighbour, and his hand shall be clasped with the hand of his neighbour.

14 Judah also shall fight in Jerusalem; and God shall gather the strength of all the nations round about, gold, and silver, and apparel, in great abundance.

15 And this shall be the overthrow of the horses, and mules, and camels, and asses, and all the beasts that are in those camps, according to this overthrow.

16 And it shall come to pass, that whosoever shall be left of all the nations that came against Jerusalem, shall even come up every year to worship the king, the Lord Almighty, and to keep the feast of tabernacles.

17 And it shall come to pass, that whosoever of all the families of the earth shall not come up to Jerusalem to worship the king, the Lord Almighty, even these shall be added to the others.

18 And if the family of Egypt shall not go up, nor come; then upon them shall be the overthrow with which the Lord shall smite all the nations, whichever of them shall not come up to keep the feast of tabernacles.

19 This shall be the sin of Egypt, and the sin of all the nations, whosoever shall not come up to keep the feast of tabernacles.

20 In that day there shall be upon the bridle of every horse Holiness to the Lord Almighty; and the caldrons in the house of the Lord shall be as bowls before the altar.

21 And every pot in Jerusalem and in Judah shall be holy to the Lord Almighty: and all that sacrifice shall come and take of them, and shall seethe meat in them: and in that day there shall be no more the Chananite in the house of the Lord Almighty.

Malachi

Chapter 1

1 THE burden of the word of the Lord to Israel by the hand of his messenger. Lay it, I pray you, to heart.

2 I have loved you, says the Lord. And you said, Wherein have you loved us? Was not Esau Jacob's brother? says the Lord: yet I loved Jacob,

3 and hated Esau, and laid waste his borders, and made his heritage as dwellings of the wilderness?

4 Because one will say, Edom has been overthrown, but let us return and rebuild the desolate places; thus says the Lord Almighty, They shall build, but I will throw down; and they shall be called The borders of wickedness, and, The people against whom the Lord has set himself for ever.

5 And your eyes shall see, and you shall say, The Lord has been magnified upon the borders of Israel.

6 A son honours his father, and a servant his master: if then I am a father, where is mine honour? and if I am a master, where is my fear? says the Lord Almighty. You the priests are they that despise my name: yet you said, Wherein have we despised your name?

7 In that you bring to mine altar polluted bread; and you said, Wherein have you polluted it? In that you say, The table of the Lord is polluted, and that which was set thereon you have despised.

8 For if you bring a blind victim for sacrifices, is it not evil? and if you bring the lame or the sick, is it not evil? offer it now to your ruler, and see if he will receive you, if he will accept your person, says the Lord Almighty.

9 And now intreat the face of your God, and make supplication to him. These things have been done by your hands; shall I accept you? says the Lord Almighty.

10 Because even among you the doors shall be shut, and one will not kindle the fire of mine altar for nothing, I have no pleasure in you, says the Lord Almighty, and I will not accept a sacrifice at your hands.

11 For from the rising of the sun even to the going down thereof my name has been glorified among the Gentiles; and in every place incense is offered to my name, and a pure offering: for my name is great among the Gentiles, says the Lord Almighty.

12 But you profane it, in that you say, The table of the Lord is polluted, and his meats set thereon are despised.

13 And you said, These services are troublesome: therefore I have utterly rejected them with scorn, says the Lord Almighty: and you brought in torn victims, and lame, and sick: if then you should bring an offering, shall I accept them at your hands? says the Lord Almighty.

14 And cursed is the man who had the power, and possessed a male in his flock, and whose vow is upon him, and who sacrifices a corrupt thing to the Lord: for I am a great King, says the Lord Almighty, and my name is glorious among the nations.

Chapter 2

1 And now, O priests, this commandment is to you.

2 If you will not hearken, and if you will not lay it to heart, to give glory to my name, says the Lord Almighty, then I will send forth the curse upon you, and I will bring a curse upon your blessing: yea, I will curse it, and I will scatter your blessing, and it shall not exist among you, because you lay not this to heart.

3 Behold, I turn my back upon you, and I will scatter dung upon your faces, the dung of your feasts, and I will carry you away at the same time.

4 And you shall know that I have sent this commandment to you, that my covenant might be with the sons of Levi, says the Lord Almighty.

5 My covenant of life and peace was with him, and I gave it him that he might reverently fear me, and that he might be awe-struck at my name.

6 The law of truth was in his mouth, and iniquity was not found in his lips: he walked before me directing his way in peace, and he turned many from unrighteousness.

7 For the priest's lips should keep knowledge, and they should seek the law at his mouth: for he is the messenger of the Lord Almighty.

8 But you have turned aside from the way, and caused many to fail in following the law: you have corrupted the covenant of Levi, says the Lord Almighty.

9 And I have made you despised and cast out among all the people, because you have not kept my ways, but have been partial in the law.

10 Have you not all one father? Did not one God create you? why have you forsaken every man his brother, to profane the covenant of your fathers?

11 Judah has been forsaken, and an abomination has been committed in Israel and in Jerusalem; for Judah has profaned the holy things of the Lord, which he delighted in, and has gone after other gods.

12 The Lord will utterly destroy the man that does these things, until he be even cast down from out of the tabernacles of Jacob, and from among them that offer sacrifice to the Lord Almighty.

13 And these things which I hated, you did: you covered with tears the altar of the Lord, and with weeping and

groaning because of troubles: is it meet for me to have respect to your sacrifice, or to receive anything from your hands as welcome?

14 Yet you said, Wherefore? Because the Lord has borne witness between you and the wife of your youth, whom you have forsaken, and yet she was your partner, and the wife of your covenant.

15 And did he not do well? and there was the residue of his spirit. But you said, What does God seek but a seed? But take you heed to your spirit, and forsake not the wife of your youth.

16 But if you should hate your wife and put her away, says the Lord God of Israel, then ungodliness shall cover your thoughts, says the Lord Almighty: therefore take you heed to your spirit, and forsake them not,

17 you that have provoked God with your words. But you said, Wherein have we provoked him? In that you say, Every one that does evil is a pleasing object in the sight of the Lord, and he takes pleasure in such; and where is the God of justice?

Chapter 3

1 Behold, I send forth my messenger, and he shall survey the way before me: and the Lord, whom you seek, shall suddenly come into his temple, even the angel of the covenant, whom you take pleasure in: behold, he is coming, says the Lord Almighty.

2 And who will abide the day of his coming? or who will withstand at his appearing? for he is coming in as the fire of a furnace and as the herb of fullers.

3 He shall sit to melt and purify as it were silver, and as it were gold: and he shall purify the sons of Levi, and refine them as gold and silver, and they shall offer to the Lord an offering in righteousness.

4 And the sacrifice of Judah and Jerusalem shall be pleasing to the Lord, according to the former days, and according to the former years.

5 And I will draw near to you in judgment; and I will be a swift witness against the witches, and against the adulteresses, and against them that swear falsely by my name, and against them that keep back the hireling's wages, and them that oppress the widow, and afflict orphans, and that wrest the judgment of the stranger, and fear not me, says the Lord Almighty.

6 For I am the Lord your God, and I am not changed:

7 but you, the sons of Jacob, have not refrained from the iniquities of your fathers: you have perverted my statutes, and have not kept them. Return to me, and I will return to you, says the Lord Almighty. But you said, Wherein shall we return?

8 Will a man insult God? for you insult me. But you say, Wherein have we insulted you? In that the tithes and first-fruits are with you still.

9 And you do surely look off from me, and you insult me.

10 The year is completed, and you have brought all the produce into the storehouses; but there shall be the plunder thereof in its house: return now on this behalf, says the Lord Almighty, see if I will not open to you the torrents of heaven, and pour out my blessing upon you, until you are satisfied.

11 And I will appoint food for you, and I will not destroy the fruit of your land; and your vine in the field shall not fail, says the Lord Almighty.

12 And all nations shall call you blessed: for you shall be a desirable land, says the Lord Almighty.

13 You have spoken grievous words against me, says the Lord. Yet you said, Wherein have we spoken against you?

14 You said, He that serves God labours in vain: and what have we gained in that we have kept his ordinances, and in that we have walked as suppliants before the face of the Lord Almighty?

15 And now we pronounce strangers blessed; and all they who act unlawfully are built up; and they have resisted God, and yet have been delivered.

16 Thus spoke they that feared the Lord, every one to his neighbour: and the Lord gave heed, and hearkened, and he wrote a book of remembrance before him for them that feared the Lord and reverenced his name.

17 And they shall be mine, says the Lord Almighty, in the day which I appoint for a peculiar possession; and I will make choice of them, as a man makes choice of his son that serves him.

18 Then shall you return, and discern between the righteous and the wicked, and between him that serves God, and him that serves him not.

19 For, behold, a day comes burning as an oven, and it shall consume them; and all the aliens, and all that do wickedly, shall be stubble: and the day that is coming shall set them on fire, says the Lord Almighty, and there shall not be left of them root or branch.

20 But to you that fear my name shall the Sun of righteousness arise, and healing shall be in his wings: and you shall go forth, and bound as young calves let loose from bonds.

21 And you shall trample the wicked; for they shall be ashes underneath your feet in the day which I appoint, says the Lord Almighty.

22 And, behold, I will send to you Elijah the Thesbite, before the great and glorious day of the Lord comes;

23 who shall turn again the heart of the father to the son,
and the heart of a man to his neighbour, lest I come and
smite the earth grievously.

24 Remember the law of my servant Moses, accordingly as I
charged him with it in Horeb for all Israel, even the
commandments and ordinances.

Matthew

Chapter 1

1 The book of the generation of Jesus Christ, the son of David, the son of Abraham.

2 Abraham begat Isaac; and Isaac begat Jacob; and Jacob begat Judah and his brethren;

3 and Judah begat Perez and Zerah of Tamar; and Perez begat Hezron; and Hezron begat Ram;

4 and Ram begat Amminadab; and Amminadab begat Nahshon; and Nahshon begat Salmon;

5 and Salmon begat Boaz of Rahab; and Boaz begat Obed of Ruth; and Obed begat Jesse;

6 and Jesse begat David the king. And David begat Solomon of her that had been the wife of Uriah;

7 and Solomon begat Rehoboam; and Rehoboam begat Abijah; and Abijah begat Asa;

8 and Asa begat Jehoshaphat; and Jehoshaphat begat Joram; and Joram begat Uzziah;

9 and Uzziah begat Jotham; and Jotham begat Ahaz; and Ahaz begat Hezekiah;

10 and Hezekiah begat Manasseh; and Manasseh begat Amon; and Amon begat Josiah;

11 and Josiah begat Jechoniah and his brethren, at the time of the carrying away to Babylon.

12 And after the carrying away to Babylon, Jechoniah begat Shealtiel; and Shealtiel begat Zerubbabel;

13 and Zerubbabel begat Abiud; and Abiud begat Eliakim; and Eliakim begat Azor;

14 and Azor begat Sadoc; and Sadoc begat Achim; and Achim begat Eliud;

15 and Eliud begat Eleazar; and Eleazar begat Matthan; and Matthan begat Jacob;

16 and Jacob begat Joseph the husband of Mary, of whom was born Jesus, who is called Christ.

17 So all the generations from Abraham unto David are fourteen generations; and from David unto the carrying away to Babylon fourteen generations; and from the carrying away to Babylon unto the Christ fourteen generations.

18 Now the birth of Jesus Christ was on this wise: When his mother Mary had been betrothed to Joseph, before they came together she was found with child of the Holy Ghost.

19 And Joseph her husband, being a righteous man, and not willing to make her a public example, was minded to put her away privily.

20 But when he thought on these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared unto him in a dream, saying, Joseph, you son of David, fear not to take unto you Mary your wife: for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Ghost.

21 And she shall bring forth a son; and you shall call his name JESUS; for it is he that shall save his people from their sins.

22 Now all this is come to pass, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the Lord through the prophet, saying,

23 Behold, the virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son, And they shall call his name Immanuel; which is, being interpreted, God with us.

24 And Joseph arose from his sleep, and did as the angel of the Lord commanded him, and took unto him his wife;

25 and knew her not till she had brought forth a son: and he called his name JESUS.

Chapter 2

1 Now when Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men from the east came to Jerusalem,

2 saying, Where is he that is born King of the Jews? for we saw his star in the east, and are come to worship him.

3 And when Herod the king heard it, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him.

4 And gathering together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Christ should be born.

5 And they said unto him, In Bethlehem of Judea: for thus it is written by the prophet,

6 And you Bethlehem, land of Judah, Art in no wise least among the princes of Judah: For out of you shall come forth a governor, Which shall be shepherd of my people Israel.

7 Then Herod privily called the wise men, and learned of them carefully what time the star appeared.

8 And he sent them to Bethlehem, and said, Go and search out carefully concerning the young child; and when you have found him, bring me word, that I also may come and worship him.

9 And they, having heard the king, went their way; and lo, the star, which they saw in the east, went before them, till it came and stood over where the young child was.

10 And when they saw the star, they rejoiced with exceeding great joy.

11 And they came into the house and saw the young child with Mary his mother; and they fell down and worshipped

him; and opening their treasures they offered unto him gifts, gold and frankincense and myrrh.

12 And being warned of God in a dream that they should not return to Herod, they departed into their own country another way.

13 Now when they were departed, behold, an angel of the Lord appears to Joseph in a dream, saying, Arise and take the young child and his mother, and flee into Egypt, and be you there until I tell you: for Herod will seek the young child to destroy him.

14 And he arose and took the young child and his mother by night, and departed into Egypt;

15 and was there until the death of Herod: that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the Lord through the prophet, saying, Out of Egypt did I call my son.

16 Then Herod, when he saw that he was mocked of the wise men, was exceeding wroth, and sent forth, and slew all the male children that were in Bethlehem, and in all the borders thereof, from two years old and under, according to the time which he had carefully learned of the wise men.

17 Then was fulfilled that which was spoken by Jeremiah the prophet, saying,

18 A voice was heard in Ramah, Weeping and great mourning, Rachel weeping for her children; And she would not be comforted, because they are not.

19 But when Herod was dead, behold, an angel of the Lord appears in a dream to Joseph in Egypt,

20 saying, Arise and take the young child and his mother, and go into the land of Israel: for they are dead that sought the young child's life.

21 And he arose and took the young child and his mother, and came into the land of Israel.

22 But when he heard that Archelaus was reigning over Judea in the room of his father Herod, he was afraid to go thither; and being warned of God in a dream, he withdrew into the parts of Galilee,

23 and came and dwelt in a city called Nazareth: that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophets, that he should be called a Nazarene.

Chapter 3

1 And in those days comes John the Baptist, preaching in the wilderness of Judea,

2 saying, Repent you; for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.

3 For this is he that was spoken of by Isaiah the prophet, saying, The voice of one crying in the wilderness, Make you ready the way of the Lord, Make his paths straight.

4 Now John himself had his raiment of camel's hair, and a leathern girdle about his loins; and his food was locusts and wild honey.

5 Then went out unto him Jerusalem, and all Judea, and all the region round about Jordan;

6 and they were baptized of him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins.

7 But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming to his baptism, he said unto them, You offspring of vipers, who warned you to flee from the wrath to come?

8 Bring forth therefore fruit worthy of repentance:

9 and think not to say within yourselves, We have Abraham to our father: for I say unto you, that God is able of these stones to raise up children unto Abraham.

10 And even now is the axe laid unto the root of the trees: every tree therefore that brings not forth good fruit is hewn down, and cast into the fire.

11 I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance: but he that comes after me is mightier than I, whose shoes I am not worthy to bear: he shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost and with fire:

12 whose fan is in his hand, and he will throughly cleanse his threshing-floor; and he will gather his wheat into the garner, but the chaff he will burn up with unquenchable fire.

13 Then comes Jesus from Galilee to the Jordan unto John, to be baptized of him.

14 But John would have hindered him, saying, I have need to be baptized of you, and come you to me?

15 But Jesus answering said unto him, Suffer it now: for thus it becomes us to fulfill all righteousness. Then he suffers him.

16 And Jesus, when he was baptized, went up straightway from the water: and lo, the heavens were opened unto him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending as a dove, and coming upon him;

17 and lo, a voice out of the heavens, saying, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.

Chapter 4

1 Then was Jesus led up of the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted of the devil.

2 And when he had fasted forty days and forty nights, he afterward hungered.

3 And the tempter came and said unto him, If you are the Son of God, command that these stones become bread.

4 But he answered and said, It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds out of the mouth of God.

5 Then the devil takes him into the holy city; and he set him on the pinnacle of the temple,

6 and says unto him, If you are the Son of God, cast yourself down: for it is written, He shall give his angels charge concerning you: And on their hands they shall bear you up, Lest haply you dash your foot against a stone.

7 Jesus said unto him, Again it is written, You shall not tempt the Lord your God.

8 Again, the devil takes him unto an exceeding high mountain, and shows him all the kingdoms of the world, and the glory of them;

9 and he said unto him, All these things will I give you, if you will fall down and worship me.

10 Then says Jesus unto him, Get you hence, Satan: for it is written, You shall worship the Lord your God, and him only shall you serve.

11 Then the devil leaves him; and behold, angels came and ministered unto him.

12 Now when he heard that John was delivered up, he withdrew into Galilee;

13 and leaving Nazareth, he came and dwelt in Capernaum, which is by the sea, in the borders of Zebulun and Naphtali:

14 that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Isaiah the prophet, saying,

15 The land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, Toward the sea, beyond Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles,

16 The people which sat in darkness Saw a great light, And to them which sat in the region and shadow of death, To them did light spring up.

17 From that time began Jesus to preach, and to say, Repent you; for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.

18 And walking by the sea of Galilee, he saw two brethren, Simon who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea; for they were fishers.

19 And he says unto them, Come you after me, and I will make you fishers of men.

20 And they straightway left the nets, and followed him.

21 And going on from thence he saw other two brethren, James the son of Zebedee, and John his brother, in the boat with Zebedee their father, mending their nets; and he called them.

22 And they straightway left the boat and their father, and followed him.

23 And Jesus went about in all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing all manner of disease and all manner of sickness among the people.

24 And the report of him went forth into all Syria: and they brought unto him all that were sick, holden with divers diseases and torments, possessed with devils, and epileptic, and palsied; and he healed them.

25 And there followed him great multitudes from Galilee and Decapolis and Jerusalem and Judea and from beyond Jordan.

Chapter 5

1 And seeing the multitudes, he went up into the mountain: and when he had sat down, his disciples came unto him:

2 and he opened his mouth and taught them, saying,

3 Blessed are the poor in spirit: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

4 Blessed are they that mourn: for they shall be comforted.

5 Blessed are the meek: for they shall inherit the earth.

6 Blessed are they that hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled.

7 Blessed are the merciful: for they shall obtain mercy.

8 Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God.

9 Blessed are the peacemakers: for they shall be called sons of God.

10 Blessed are they that have been persecuted for righteousness' sake: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

11 Blessed are you when men shall reproach you, and persecute you, and say all manner of evil against you falsely, for my sake.

12 Rejoice, and be exceeding glad: for great is your reward in heaven: for so persecuted they the prophets which were before you.

13 You are the salt of the earth: but if the salt have lost its savour, wherewith shall it be salted? it is thenceforth good for nothing, but to be cast out and trodden under foot of men.

14 You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hid.

15 Neither do men light a lamp, and put it under the bushel, but on the stand; and it shines unto all that are in the house.

16 Even so let your light shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.

17 Think not that I came to destroy the law or the prophets: I came not to destroy, but to fulfill.

18 For verily I say unto you, Till heaven and earth pass away, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass away from the law, till all things be accomplished.

19 Whosoever therefore shall break one of these least commandments, and shall teach men so, shall be called least in the kingdom of heaven: but whosoever shall do and teach them, he shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven.

20 For I say unto you, that except your righteousness shall exceed the righteousness of the scribes and Pharisees, you shall in no wise enter into the kingdom of heaven.

21 You have heard that it was said to them of old time, You shall not kill; and whosoever shall kill shall be in danger of the judgment:

22 but I say unto you, that every one who is angry with his brother shall be in danger of the judgment; and whosoever shall say to his brother, Raca, shall be in danger of the council; and whosoever shall say, You fool, shall be in danger of the hell of fire.

23 If therefore you are offering your gift at the altar, and there remember that your brother has aught against you,

24 leave there your gift before the altar, and go your way, first be reconciled to your brother, and then come and offer your gift.

25 Agree with your adversary quickly, whiles you are with him in the way; lest haply the adversary deliver you to the judge, and the judge deliver you to the officer, and you be cast into prison.

26 Verily I say unto you, You shall by no means come out thence, till you have paid the last farthing.

27 You have heard that it was said, You shall not commit adultery:

28 but I say unto you, that every one that looks on a woman to lust after her has committed adultery with her already in his heart.

29 And if your right eye causes you to stumble, pluck it out, and cast it from you: for it is profitable for you that one of your members should perish, and not your whole body be cast into hell.

30 And if your right hand causes you to stumble, cut it off, and cast it from you: for it is profitable for you that one of your members should perish, and not your whole body go into hell.

31 It was said also, Whosoever shall put away his wife, let him give her a writing of divorcement:

32 but I say unto you, that every one that puts away his wife, saving for the cause of fornication, makes her an adulteress: and whosoever shall marry her when she is put away commits adultery.

33 Again, you have heard that it was said to them of old time, You shall not forswear yourself, but shall perform unto the Lord your oaths:

34 but I say unto you, Swear not at all; neither by the heaven, for it is the throne of God;

35 nor by the earth, for it is the footstool of his feet; nor by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the great King.

36 Neither shall you swear by your head, for you can not make one hair white or black.

37 But let your speech be, Yea, yea; Nay, nay: and whatsoever is more than these is of the evil one.

38 You have heard that it was said, An eye for an eye, and a tooth for a tooth:

39 but I say unto you, Resist not him that is evil: but whosoever smites you on your right cheek, turn to him the other also.

40 And if any man would go to law with you, and take away your coat, let him have your cloke also.

41 And whosoever shall compel you to go one mile, go with him twain.

42 Give to him that asks you, and from him that would borrow of you turn not you away.

43 You have heard that it was said, You shall love your neighbour, and hate your enemy:

44 but I say unto you, Love your enemies, and pray for them that persecute you;

45 that you may be sons of your Father which is in heaven: for he makes his sun to rise on the evil and the good, and sends rain on the just and the unjust.

46 For if you love them that love you, what reward have you? do not even the publicans the same?

47 And if you salute your brethren only, what do you more than others? do not even the Gentiles the same?

48 You therefore shall be perfect, as your heavenly Father is perfect.

Chapter 6

1 Take heed that you do not your righteousness before men, to be seen of them: else you have no reward with your Father which is in heaven.

2 When therefore you do alms, sound not a trumpet before you, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, that they may have glory of men. Verily I say unto you, They have received their reward.

3 But when you do alms, let not your left hand know what your right hand does:

4 that your alms may be in secret: and your Father which sees in secret shall recompense you.

5 And when you pray, you shall not be as the hypocrites: for they love to stand and pray in the synagogues and in the

corners of the streets, that they may be seen of men. Verily I say unto you, They have received their reward.

6 But you, when you pray, enter into your inner chamber, and having shut your door, pray to your Father which is in secret, and your Father which sees in secret shall recompense you.

7 And in praying use not vain repetitions, as the Gentiles do: for they think that they shall be heard for their much speaking.

8 Be not therefore like unto them: for your Father knows what things you have need of, before you ask him.

9 After this manner therefore pray you: Our Father which are in heaven, Hallowed be your name.

10 Your kingdom come. Your will be done, as in heaven, so on earth.

11 Give us this day our daily bread.

12 And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors.

13 And bring us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one.

14 For if you forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you.

15 But if you forgive not men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.

16 Moreover when you fast, be not, as the hypocrites, of a sad countenance: for they disfigure their faces, that they may be seen of men to fast. Verily I say unto you, They have received their reward.

17 But you, when you fastest, anoint your head, and wash your face;

18 that you be not seen of men to fast, but of your Father which is in secret: and your Father, which sees in secret, shall recompense you.

19 Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon the earth, where moth and rust does consume, and where thieves break through and steal:

20 but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust does consume, and where thieves do not break through nor steal:

21 for where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.

22 The lamp of the body is the eye: if therefore your eye be single, your whole body shall be full of light.

23 But if your eye be evil, your whole body shall be full of darkness. If therefore the light that is in you be darkness, how great is the darkness!

24 No man can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to one, and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon.

25 Therefore I say unto you, Be not anxious for your life, what you shall eat, or what you shall drink; nor yet for your body, what you shall put on. Is not the life more than the food, and the body than the raiment?

26 Behold the birds of the heaven, that they sow not, neither do they reap, nor gather into barns; and your heavenly Father feeds them. Are not you of much more value than they?

27 And which of you by being anxious can add one cubit unto his stature?

28 And why are you anxious concerning raiment? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they toil not, neither do they spin:

29 yet I say unto you, that even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these.

30 But if God does so clothe the grass of the field, which today is, and tomorrow is cast into the oven, shall he not much more clothe you, O you of little faith?

31 Be not therefore anxious, saying, What shall we eat? or, What shall drink? or, Wherewithal shall we be clothed?

32 For after all these things do the Gentiles seek; for your heavenly Father knows that you have need of all these things.

33 But seek you first his kingdom, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.

34 Be not therefore anxious for the morrow: for the morrow will be anxious for itself. Sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof.

Chapter 7

1 Judge not, that you be not judged.

2 For with what judgment you judge, you shall be judged: and with what measure you mete, it shall be measured unto you.

3 And why behold you the mote that is in your brother's eye, but consider not the beam that is in your own eye?

4 Or how will you say to your brother, Let me cast out the mote out of your eye; and lo, the beam is in your own eye?

5 You hypocrite, cast out first the beam out of your own eye; and then shall you see clearly to cast out the mote out of your brother's eye.

6 Give not that which is holy unto the dogs, neither cast your pearls before the swine, lest haply they trample them under their feet, and turn and rend you.

7 Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and you shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you:

8 for every one that asks receives; and he that seeks finds; and to him that knocks it shall be opened.

9 Or what man is there of you, who, if his son shall ask him for a loaf, will give him a stone;

10 or if he shall ask for a fish, will give him a serpent?

11 If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children, how much more shall your Father which is in heaven give good things to them that ask him?

12 All things therefore whatsoever you would that men should do unto you, even so do you also unto them: for this is the law and the prophets.

13 Enter you in by the narrow gate: for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leads to destruction, and many be they that enter in thereby.

14 For narrow is the gate, and straitened the way, that leads unto life, and few be they that find it.

15 Beware of false prophets, which come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly are ravening wolves.

16 By their fruits you shall know them. Do men gather grapes of thorns, or figs of thistles?

17 Even so every good tree brings forth good fruit; but the corrupt tree brings forth evil fruit.

18 A good tree cannot bring forth evil fruit, neither can a corrupt tree bring forth good fruit.

19 Every tree that brings not forth good fruit is hewn down, and cast into the fire.

20 Therefore by their fruits you shall know them.

21 Not every one that says unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that does the will of my Father which is in heaven.

22 Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy by your name, and by your name cast out devils, and by your name do many mighty works?

23 And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, you that work iniquity.

24 Every one therefore which hears these words of mine, and does them, shall be likened unto a wise man, which built his house upon the rock:

25 and the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell not: for it was founded upon the rock.

26 And every one that hears these words of mine, and does them not, shall be likened unto a foolish man, which built his house upon the sand:

27 and the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and smote upon that house; and it fell: and great was the fall thereof.

28 And it came to pass, when Jesus ended these words, the multitudes were astonished at his teaching:

29 for he taught them as one having authority, and not as their scribes.

Chapter 8

1 And when he was come down from the mountain, great multitudes followed him.

2 And behold, there came to him a leper and worshipped him, saying, Lord, if you will, you can make me clean.

3 And he stretched forth his hand, and touched him, saying, I will; be you made clean. And straightway his leprosy was cleansed.

4 And Jesus says unto him, See you tell no man; but go your way, shew yourself to the priest, and offer the gift that Moses commanded, for a testimony unto them.

5 And when he was entered into Capernaum, there came unto him a centurion, beseeching him,

6 and saying, Lord, my servant lies in the house sick of the palsy, grievously tormented.

7 And he says unto him, I will come and heal him.

8 And the centurion answered and said, Lord, I am not worthy that you should come under my roof: but only say the word, and my servant shall be healed.

9 For I also am a man under authority, having under myself soldiers: and I say to this one, Go, and he goes; and to another, Come, and he comes; and to my servant, Do this, and he does it.

10 And when Jesus heard it, he marveled, and said to them that followed, Verily I say unto you, I have not found so great faith, no, not in Israel.

11 And I say unto you, that many shall come from the east and the west, and shall sit down with Abraham, and Isaac, and Jacob, in the kingdom of heaven:

12 but the sons of the kingdom shall be cast forth into the outer darkness: there shall be the weeping and gnashing of teeth.

13 And Jesus said unto the centurion, Go your way; as you have believed, so be it done unto you. And the servant was healed in that hour.

14 And when Jesus was come into Peter's house, he saw his wife's mother lying sick of a fever.

15 And he touched her hand, and the fever left her; and she arose, and ministered unto him.

16 And when even was come, they brought unto him many possessed with devils: and he cast out the spirits with a word, and healed all that were sick:

17 that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Isaiah the prophet, saying, Himself took our infirmities, and bare our diseases.

18 Now when Jesus saw great multitudes about him, he gave commandment to depart unto the other side.

19 And there came a scribe, and said unto him, Master, I will follow you whithersoever you go.

20 And Jesus says unto him, The foxes have holes, and the birds of the heaven have nests; but the Son of man has not where to lay his head.

21 And another of the disciples said unto him, Lord, suffer me first to go and bury my father.

22 But Jesus says unto him, Follow me; and leave the dead to bury their own dead.

23 And when he was entered into a boat, his disciples followed him.

24 And behold, there arose a great tempest in the sea, insomuch that the boat was covered with the waves: but he was asleep.

25 And they came to him, and awoke him, saying, Save, Lord; we perish.

26 And he says unto them, Why are you fearful, O you of little faith? Then he arose, and rebuked the winds and the sea; and there was a great calm.

27 And the men marveled, saying, What manner of man is this, that even the winds and the sea obey him?

28 And when he was come to the other side into the country of the Gadarenes, there met him two possessed with devils, coming forth out of the tombs, exceeding fierce, so that no man could pass by that way.

29 And behold, they cried out, saying, What have we to do with you, you Son of God? are you come hither to torment us before the time?

30 Now there was afar off from them a herd of many swine feeding.

31 And the devils besought him, saying, If you cast us out, send us away into the herd of swine.

32 And he said unto them, Go. And they came out, and went into the swine: and behold, the whole herd rushed down the steep into the sea, and perished in the waters.

33 And they that fed them fled, and went away into the city, and told everything, and what was befallen to them that were possessed with devils.

34 And behold, all the city came out to meet Jesus: and when they saw him, they besought him that he would depart from their borders.

Chapter 9

1 And he entered into a boat, and crossed over, and came into his own city.

2 And behold, they brought to him a man sick of the palsy, lying on a bed: and Jesus seeing their faith said unto the sick of the palsy, Son, be of good cheer; your sins are forgiven.

3 And behold, certain of the scribes said within themselves, This man blasphemeth.

4 And Jesus knowing their thoughts said, Wherefore think you evil in your hearts?

5 For whether is easier, to say, Your sins are forgiven; or to say, Arise, and walk?

6 But that you may know that the Son of man has power on earth to forgive sins (then says he to the sick of the palsy), Arise, and take up your bed, and go unto your house.

7 And he arose, and departed to his house.

8 But when the multitudes saw it, they were afraid, and glorified God, which had given such power unto men.

9 And as Jesus passed by from thence, he saw a man, called Matthew, sitting at the place of toll: and he says unto him, Follow me. And he arose, and followed him.

10 And it came to pass, as he sat at meat in the house, behold, many publicans and sinners came and sat down with Jesus and his disciples.

11 And when the Pharisees saw it, they said unto his disciples, Why eats your Master with the publicans and sinners?

12 But when he heard it, he said, They that are whole have no need of a physician, but they that are sick.

13 But go you and learn what this means, I desire mercy, and not sacrifice: for I came not to call the righteous, but sinners.

14 Then come to him the disciples of John, saying, Why do we and the Pharisees fast oft, but your disciples fast not?

15 And Jesus said unto them, Can the sons of the bride-chamber mourn, as long as the bridegroom is with them? but the days will come, when the bridegroom shall be taken away from them, and then will they fast.

16 And no man puts a piece of undressed cloth upon an old garment; for that which should fill it up takes from the garment, and a worse rent is made.

17 Neither do men put new wine into old wineskins: else the skins burst, and the wine is spilled, and the skins perish: but they put new wine into fresh wineskins, and both are preserved.

18 While he spake these things unto them, behold, there came a ruler, and worshipped him, saying, My daughter is even now dead: but come and lay your hand upon her, and she shall live.

19 And Jesus arose, and followed him, and so did his disciples.

20 And behold, a woman, who had an issue of blood twelve years, came behind him, and touched the border of his garment:

21 for she said within herself, If I do but touch his garment, I shall be made whole.

22 But Jesus turning and seeing her said, Daughter, be of good cheer; your faith has made you whole. And the woman was made whole from that hour.

23 And when Jesus came into the ruler's house, and saw the flute-players, and the crowd making a tumult,

24 he said, Give place: for the damsel is not dead, but sleeps. And they laughed him to scorn.

25 But when the crowd was put forth, he entered in, and took her by the hand; and the damsel arose.

26 And the fame hereof went forth into all that land.

27 And as Jesus passed by from thence, two blind men followed him, crying out, and saying, Have mercy on us, you son of David.

28 And when he was come into the house, the blind men came to him: and Jesus says unto them, Believe you that I am able to do this? They say unto him, Yea, Lord.

29 Then touched he their eyes, saying, According to your faith be it done unto you.

30 And their eyes were opened. And Jesus strictly charged them, saying, See that no man know it.

31 But they went forth, and spread abroad his fame in all that land.

32 And as they went forth, behold, there was brought to him a dumb man possessed with a devil.

33 And when the devil was cast out, the dumb man spake: and the multitudes marveled, saying, It was never so seen in Israel.

34 But the Pharisees said, By the prince of the devils casts he out devils.

35 And Jesus went about all the cities and the villages, teaching in their synagogues, and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing all manner of disease and all manner of sickness.

36 But when he saw the multitudes, he was moved with compassion for them, because they were distressed and scattered, as sheep not having a shepherd.

37 Then says he unto his disciples, The harvest truly is plenteous, but the labourers are few.

38 Pray you therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he send forth labourers into his harvest.

Chapter 10

1 And he called unto him his twelve disciples, and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to heal all manner of disease and all manner of sickness.

2 Now the names of the twelve apostles are these: The first, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother; James the son of Zebedee, and John his brother;

3 Philip, and Bartholomew; Thomas, and Matthew the publican; James the son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus;

4 Simon the Cananaean, and Judas Iscariot, who also betrayed him.

5 These twelve Jesus sent forth, and charged them, saying, Go not into any way of the Gentiles, and enter not into any city of the Samaritans:

6 but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.

7 And as you go, preach, saying, The kingdom of heaven is at hand.

8 Heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, cast out devils: freely you received, freely give.

9 Get you no gold, nor silver, nor brass in your purses;

10 no wallet for your journey, neither two coats, nor shoes, nor staff: for the labourer is worthy of his food.

11 And into whatsoever city or village you shall enter, search out who in it is worthy; and there abide till you go forth.

12 And as you enter into the house, salute it.

13 And if the house be worthy, let your peace come upon it: but if it be not worthy, let your peace return to you.

14 And whosoever shall not receive you, nor hear your words, as you go forth out of that house or that city, shake off the dust of your feet.

15 Verily I say unto you, It shall be more tolerable for the land of Sodom and Gomorrah in the day of judgment, than for that city.

16 Behold, I send you forth as sheep in the midst of wolves: be you therefore wise as serpents, and harmless as doves.

17 But beware of men: for they will deliver you up to councils, and in their synagogues they will scourge you;

18 yea and before governors and kings shall you be brought for my sake, for a testimony to them and to the Gentiles.

19 But when they deliver you up, be not anxious how or what you shall speak: for it shall be given you in that hour what you shall speak.

20 For it is not you that speak, but the Spirit of your Father that speaks in you.

21 And brother shall deliver up brother to death, and the father his child: and children shall rise up against parents, and cause them to be put to death.

22 And you shall be hated of all men for my name's sake: but he that endures to the end, the same shall be saved.

23 But when they persecute you in this city, flee into the next: for verily I say unto you, You shall not have gone through the cities of Israel, till the Son of man be come.

24 A disciple is not above his master, nor a servant above his lord.

25 It is enough for the disciple that he be as his master, and the servant as his lord. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebub, how much more shall they call them of his household!

26 Fear them not therefore: for there is nothing covered, that shall not be revealed; and hid, that shall not be known.

27 What I tell you in the darkness, speak you in the light: and what you hear in the ear, proclaim upon the housetops.

28 And be not afraid of them which kill the body, but are not able to kill the soul: but rather fear him which is able to destroy both soul and body in hell.

29 Are not two sparrows sold for a farthing? and not one of them shall fall on the ground without your Father:

30 but the very hairs of your head are all numbered.

31 Fear not therefore; you are of more value than many sparrows.

32 Every one therefore who shall confess me before men, him will I also confess before my Father which is in heaven.

33 But whosoever shall deny me before men, him will I also deny before my Father which is in heaven.

34 Think not that I came to send peace on the earth: I came not to send peace, but a sword.

35 For I came to set a man at variance against his father, and the daughter against her mother, and the daughter in law against her mother in law:

36 and a man's foes shall be they of his own household.

37 He that loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; and he that loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me.

38 And he that does not take his cross and follow after me, is not worthy of me.

39 He that finds his life shall lose it; and he that loses his life for my sake shall find it.

40 He that receives you receives me, and he that receives me receives him that sent me.

41 He that receives a prophet in the name of a prophet shall receive a prophet's reward; and he that receives a righteous man in the name of a righteous man shall receive a righteous man's reward.

42 And whosoever shall give to drink unto one of these little ones a cup of cold water only, in the name of a disciple, verily I say unto you, he shall in no wise lose his reward.

Chapter 11

1 And it came to pass, when Jesus had made an end of commanding his twelve disciples, he departed thence to teach and preach in their cities.

2 Now when John heard in the prison the works of the Christ, he sent by his disciples,

3 and said unto him, Are you he that comes, or look we for another?

4 And Jesus answered and said unto them, Go your way and tell John the things which you do hear and see:

5 the blind receive their sight, and the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, and the deaf hear, and the dead are raised up, and the poor have good tidings preached to them.

6 And blessed is he, whosoever shall find none occasion of stumbling in me.

7 And as these went their way, Jesus began to say unto the multitudes concerning John, What went you out into the wilderness to behold? a reed shaken with the wind?

8 But what went you out for to see? a man clothed in soft raiment? Behold, they that wear soft raiment are in kings' houses.

9 But wherefore went you out? to see a prophet? Yea, I say unto you, and much more than a prophet.

10 This is he, of whom it is written, Behold, I send my messenger before your face, Who shall prepare your way before you.

11 Verily I say unto you, Among them that are born of women there has not arisen a greater than John the Baptist: yet he that is but little in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he.

12 And from the days of John the Baptist until now the kingdom of heaven suffers violence, and men of violence take it by force.

13 For all the prophets and the law prophesied until John.

14 And if you are willing to receive it, this is Elijah, which is to come.

15 He that has ears to hear, let him hear.

16 But whereunto shall I liken this generation? It is like unto children sitting in the marketplaces, which call unto their fellows,

17 and say, We piped unto you, and you did not dance; we wailed, and you did not mourn.

18 For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, He has a devil.

19 The Son of man came eating and drinking, and they say, Behold, a gluttonous man, and a winebibber, a friend of publicans and sinners! And wisdom is justified by her works.

20 Then began he to upbraid the cities wherein most of his mighty works were done, because they repented not.

21 Woe unto you, Chorazin! woe unto you, Bethsaida! for if the mighty works had been done in Tyre and Sidon which were done in you, they would have repented long ago in sackcloth and ashes.

22 Howbeit I say unto you, it shall be more tolerable for Tyre and Sidon in the day of judgment, than for you.

23 And you, Capernaum, shall you be exalted unto heaven? you shall go down unto Hades: for if the mighty works had been done in Sodom which were done in you, it would have remained until this day.

24 Howbeit I say unto you, that it shall be more tolerable for the land of Sodom in the day of judgment, than for you.

25 At that season Jesus answered and said, I thank you, O Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that you did hide these things from the wise and understanding, and did reveal them unto babes:

26 yea, Father, for so it was well-pleasing in your sight.

27 All things have been delivered unto me of my Father: and no one knows the Son, save the Father; neither does any know the Father, save the Son, and he to whomsoever the Son wills to reveal him.

28 Come unto me, all you that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.

29 Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and you shall find rest unto your souls.

30 For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.

Chapter 12

1 At that season Jesus went on the sabbath day through the cornfields; and his disciples were an hungred, and began to pluck ears of corn, and to eat.

2 But the Pharisees, when they saw it, said unto him, Behold, your disciples do that which it is not lawful to do upon the sabbath.

3 But he said unto them, Have you not read what David did, when he was an hungred, and they that were with him;

4 how be entered into the house of God, and did eat the shewbread, which it was not lawful for him to eat, neither for them that were with him, but only for the priests?

5 Or have you not read in the law, how that on the sabbath day the priests in the temple profane the sabbath, and are guiltless?

6 But I say unto you, that one greater than the temple is here.

7 But if you had known what this means, I desire mercy, and not sacrifice, you would not have condemned the guiltless.

8 For the Son of man is lord of the sabbath.

9 And he departed thence, and went into their synagogue:

10 and behold, a man having a withered hand. And they asked him, saying, Is it lawful to heal on the sabbath day? that they might accuse him.

11 And he said unto them, What man shall there be of you, that shall have one sheep, and if this fall into a pit on the sabbath day, will he not lay hold on it, and lift it out?

12 How much then is a man of more value than a sheep! Wherefore it is lawful to do good on the sabbath day.

13 Then says he to the man, Stretch forth your hand. And he stretched it forth; and it was restored whole, as the other.

14 But the Pharisees went out, and took counsel against him, how they might destroy him.

15 And Jesus perceiving it withdrew from thence: and many followed him; and he healed them all,

16 and charged them that they should not make him known:

17 that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Isaiah the prophet, saying,

18 Behold, my servant whom I have chosen; My beloved in whom my soul is well pleased: I will put my Spirit upon him, And he shall declare judgment to the Gentiles.

19 He shall not strive, nor cry aloud; Neither shall any one hear his voice in the streets.

20 A bruised reed shall he not break, And smoking flax shall he not quench, Till he send forth judgment unto victory.

21 And in his name shall the Gentiles hope.

22 Then was brought unto him one possessed with a devil, blind and dumb: and he healed him, insomuch that the dumb man spake and saw.

23 And all the multitudes were amazed, and said, Is this the son of David?

24 But when the Pharisees heard it, they said, This man does not cast out devils, but by Beelzebub the prince of the devils.

25 And knowing their thoughts he said unto them, Every kingdom divided against itself is brought to desolation; and every city or house divided against itself shall not stand:

26 and if Satan casts out Satan, he is divided against himself; how then shall his kingdom stand?

27 And if I by Beelzebub cast out devils, by whom do your sons cast them out? therefore shall they be your judges.

28 But if I by the Spirit of God cast out devils, then is the kingdom of God come upon you.

29 Or how can one enter into the house of the strong man, and spoil his goods, except he first bind the strong man? and then he will spoil his house.

30 He that is not with me is against me; and he that gathers not with me scatters.

31 Therefore I say unto you, Every sin and blasphemy shall be forgiven unto men; but the blasphemy against the Spirit shall not be forgiven.

32 And whosoever shall speak a word against the Son of man, it shall be forgiven him; but whosoever shall speak against the Holy Spirit, it shall not be forgiven him, neither in this world, nor in that which is to come.

33 Either make the tree good, and its fruit good; or make the tree corrupt, and its fruit corrupt: for the tree is known by its fruit.

34 You offspring of vipers, how can you, being evil, speak good things? for out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks.

35 The good man out of his good treasure brings forth good things: and the evil man out of his evil treasure brings forth evil things.

36 And I say unto you, that every idle word that men shall speak, they shall give account thereof in the day of judgment.

37 For by your words you shall be justified, and by your words you shall be condemned.

38 Then certain of the scribes and Pharisees answered him, saying, Master, we would see a sign from you.

39 But he answered and said unto them, An evil and adulterous generation seeks after a sign; and there shall no sign be given to it but the sign of Jonah the prophet:

40 for as Jonah was three days and three nights in the belly of the whale; so shall the Son of man be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth.

41 The men of Nineveh shall stand up in the judgment with this generation, and shall condemn it: for they repented at the preaching of Jonah; and behold, a greater than Jonah is here.

42 The queen of the south shall rise up in the judgment with this generation, and shall condemn it: for she came from the ends of the earth to hear the wisdom of Solomon; and behold, a greater than Solomon is here.

43 But the unclean spirit, when he is gone out of the man, passes through waterless places, seeking rest, and finds it not.

44 Then he says, I will return into my house whence I came out; and when he is come, he finds it empty, swept, and garnished.

45 Then goes he, and takes with himself seven other spirits more evil than himself, and they enter in and dwell there: and the last state of that man becomes worse than the first. Even so shall it be also unto this evil generation.

46 While he was yet speaking to the multitudes, behold, his mother and his brethren stood without, seeking to speak to him.

47 And one said unto him, Behold, your mother and your brethren stand without, seeking to speak to you.

48 But he answered and said unto him that told him, Who is my mother? and who are my brethren?

49 And he stretched forth his hand towards his disciples, and said, Behold, my mother and my brethren!

50 For whosoever shall do the will of my Father which is in heaven, he is my brother, and sister, and mother.

Chapter 13

1 On that day went Jesus out of the house, and sat by the sea side.

2 And there were gathered unto him great multitudes, so that he entered into a boat, and sat; and all the multitude stood on the beach.

3 And he spake to them many things in parables, saying, Behold, the sower went forth to sow;

4 and as he sowed, some seeds fell by the way side, and the birds came and devoured them:

5 and others fell upon the rocky places, where they had not much earth: and straightway they sprang up, because they had no deepness of earth:

6 and when the sun was risen, they were scorched; and because they had no root, they withered away.

7 And others fell upon the thorns; and the thorns grew up, and choked them:

8 and others fell upon the good ground, and yielded fruit, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty.

9 He that has ears, let him hear.

10 And the disciples came, and said unto him, Why speak you unto them in parables?

11 And he answered and said unto them, Unto you it is given to know the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven, but to them it is not given.

12 For whosoever has, to him shall be given, and he shall have abundance: but whosoever has not, from him shall be taken away even that which he has.

13 Therefore speak I to them in parables; because seeing they see not, and hearing they hear not, neither do they understand.

14 And unto them is fulfilled the prophecy of Isaiah, which says, By hearing you shall hear, and shall in no wise

understand; And seeing you shall see, and shall in no wise perceive:

15 For this people's heart is waxed gross, And their ears are dull of hearing, And their eyes they have closed; Lest haply they should perceive with their eyes, And hear with their ears, And understand with their heart, And should turn again, And I should heal them.

16 But blessed are your eyes, for they see; and your ears, for they hear.

17 For verily I say unto you, that many prophets and righteous men desired to see the things which you see, and saw them not; and to hear the things which you hear, and heard them not.

18 Hear then you the parable of the sower.

19 When any one hears the word of the kingdom, and understands it not, then comes the evil one, and snatches away that which has been sown in his heart. This is he that was sown by the way side.

20 And he that was sown upon the rocky places, this is he that hears the word, and straightway with joy receives it;

21 yet has he not root in himself, but endures for a while; and when tribulation or persecution arises because of the word, straightway he stumbles.

22 And he that was sown among the thorns, this is he that hears the word; and the care of the world, and the deceitfulness of riches, choke the word, and he becomes unfruitful.

23 And he that was sown upon the good ground, this is he that hears the word, and understands it; who verily bears fruit, and brings forth, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty.

24 Another parable set he before them, saying, The kingdom of heaven is likened unto a man that sowed good seed in his field:

25 but while men slept, his enemy came and sowed tares also among the wheat, and went away.

26 But when the blade sprang up, and brought forth fruit, then appeared the tares also.

27 And the servants of the householder came and said unto him, Sir, did you not sow good seed in your field? whence then has it tares?

28 And he said unto them, An enemy has done this. And the servants say unto him, Will you then that we go and gather them up?

29 But he says, Nay; lest haply while you gather up the tares, you root up the wheat with them.

30 Let both grow together until the harvest: and in the time of the harvest I will say to the reapers, Gather up first the tares, and bind them in bundles to burn them: but gather the wheat into my barn.

31 Another parable set he before them, saying, The kingdom of heaven is like unto a grain of mustard seed, which a man took, and sowed in his field:

32 which indeed is less than all seeds; but when it is grown, it is greater than the herbs, and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the heaven come and lodge in the branches thereof.

33 Another parable spake he unto them; The kingdom of heaven is like unto leaven, which a woman took, and hid in three measures of meal, till it was all leavened.

34 All these things spake Jesus in parables unto the multitudes; and without a parable spake he nothing unto them:

35 that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophet, saying, I will open my mouth in parables; I will utter things hidden from the foundation of the world.

36 Then he left the multitudes, and went into the house: and his disciples came unto him, saying, Explain unto us the parable of the tares of the field.

37 And he answered and said, He that sows the good seed is the Son of man;

38 and the field is the world; and the good seed, these are the sons of the kingdom; and the tares are the sons of the evil one;

39 and the enemy that sowed them is the devil: and the harvest is the end of the world; and the reapers are angels.

40 As therefore the tares are gathered up and burned with fire; so shall it be in the end of the world.

41 The Son of man shall send forth his angels, and they shall gather out of his kingdom all things that cause stumbling, and them that do iniquity,

42 and shall cast them into the furnace of fire: there shall be the weeping and gnashing of teeth.

43 Then shall the righteous shine forth as the sun in the kingdom of their Father. He that has ears, let him hear.

44 The kingdom of heaven is like unto a treasure hidden in the field; which a man found, and hid; and in his joy he goes and sells all that he has, and buys that field.

45 Again, the kingdom of heaven is like unto a man that is a merchant seeking goodly pearls:

46 and having found one pearl of great price, he went and sold all that he had, and bought it.

47 Again, the kingdom of heaven is like unto a net, that was cast into the sea, and gathered of every kind:

48 which, when it was filled, they drew up on the beach; and they sat down, and gathered the good into vessels, but the bad they cast away.

49 So shall it be in the end of the world: the angels shall come forth, and sever the wicked from among the righteous,

50 and shall cast them into the furnace of fire: there shall be the weeping and gnashing of teeth.

51 Have you understood all these things? They say unto him, Yea.

52 And he said unto them, Therefore every scribe who has been made a disciple to the kingdom of heaven is like unto a man that is a householder, which brings forth out of his treasure things new and old.

53 And it came to pass, when Jesus had finished these parables, he departed thence.

54 And coming into his own country he taught them in their synagogue, insomuch that they were astonished, and said, Whence has this man this wisdom, and these mighty works?

55 Is not this the carpenter's son? is not his mother called Mary? and his brethren, James, and Joseph, and Simon, and Judas?

56 And his sisters, are they not all with us? Whence then has this man all these things?

57 And they were offended in him. But Jesus said unto them, A prophet is not without honour, save in his own country, and in his own house.

58 And he did not many mighty works there because of their unbelief.

Chapter 14

1 At that season Herod the tetrarch heard the report concerning Jesus,

2 and said unto his servants, This is John the Baptist; he is risen from the dead; and therefore do these powers work in him.

3 For Herod had laid hold on John, and bound him, and put him in prison for the sake of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife.

4 For John said unto him, It is not lawful for you to have her.

5 And when he would have put him to death, he feared the multitude, because they counted him as a prophet.

6 But when Herod's birthday came, the daughter of Herodias danced in the midst, and pleased Herod.

7 Whereupon he promised with an oath to give her whatsoever she should ask.

8 And she, being put forward by her mother, says, Give me here in a charger the head of John the Baptist.

9 And the king was grieved; but for the sake of his oaths, and of them which sat at meat with him, he commanded it to be given;

10 and he sent, and beheaded John in the prison.

11 And his head was brought in a charger, and given to the damsel: and she brought it to her mother.

12 And his disciples came, and took up the corpse, and buried him; and they went and told Jesus.

13 Now when Jesus heard it, he withdrew from thence in a boat, to a desert place apart: and when the multitudes heard thereof, they followed him on foot from the cities.

14 And he came forth, and saw a great multitude, and he had compassion on them, and healed their sick.

15 And when even was come, the disciples came to him, saying, The place is desert, and the time is already past; send the multitudes away, that they may go into the villages, and buy themselves food.

16 But Jesus said unto them, They have no need to go away; give you them to eat.

17 And they say unto him, We have here but five loaves, and two fishes.

18 And he said, Bring them hither to me.

19 And he commanded the multitudes to sit down on the grass; and he took the five loaves, and the two fishes, and looking up to heaven, he blessed, and brake and gave the loaves to the disciples, and the disciples to the multitudes.

20 And they did all eat, and were filled: and they took up that which remained over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full.

21 And they that did eat were about five thousand men, beside women an children.

22 And straightway he constrained the disciples to enter into the boat, and to go before him unto the other side, till he should send the multitudes away.

23 And after he had sent the multitudes away, he went up into the mountain apart to pray: and when even was come, he was there alone.

24 But the boat was now in the midst of the sea, distressed by the waves; for the wind was contrary.

25 And in the fourth watch of the night he came unto them, walking upon the sea.

26 And when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were troubled, saying, It is an apparition; and they cried out for fear.

27 But straightway Jesus spake unto them, saying, Be of good cheer; it is I; be not afraid.

28 And Peter answered him and said, Lord, if it be you, bid me come unto you upon the waters.

29 And he said, Come. And Peter went down from the boat, and walked upon the waters, to come to Jesus.

30 But when he saw the wind, he was afraid; and beginning to sink, he cried out, saying, Lord, save me.

31 And immediately Jesus stretched forth his hand, and took hold of him, and says unto him, O you of little faith, wherefore did you doubt?

32 And when they were gone up into the boat, the wind ceased.

33 And they that were in the boat worshipped him, saying, Of a truth you are the Son of God.

34 And when they had crossed over, they came to the land, unto Gennesaret.

35 And when the men of that place knew him, they sent into all that region round about, and brought unto him all that were sick;

36 and they besought him that they might only touch the border of his garment: and as many as touched were made whole.

Chapter 15

1 Then there come to Jesus from Jerusalem Pharisees and scribes, saying,

2 Why do your disciples transgress the tradition of the elders? for they wash not their hands when they eat bread.

3 And he answered and said unto them, Why do you also transgress the commandment of God because of your tradition?

4 For God said, Honour your father and your mother: and, He that speaks evil of father or mother, let him die the death.

5 But you say, Whosoever shall say to his father or his mother, That wherewith you might have been profited by me is given to God;

6 he shall not honour his father. And you have made void the word of God because of your tradition.

7 You hypocrites, well did Isaiah prophesy of you, saying,

8 This people honours me with their lips; But their heart is far from me.

9 But in vain do they worship me, Teaching as their doctrines the precepts of men.

10 And he called to him the multitude, and said unto them, Hear, and understand:

11 Not that which enters into the mouth defiles the man; but that which proceeds out of the mouth, this defiles the man.

12 Then came the disciples, and said unto him, Know you that the Pharisees were offended, when they heard this saying?

13 But he answered and said, Every plant which my heavenly Father planted not, shall be rooted up.

14 Let them alone: they are blind guides. And if the blind guide the blind, both shall fall into a pit.

15 And Peter answered and said unto him, Declare unto us the parable.

16 And he said, Are you also even yet without understanding?

17 Perceive you not, that whatsoever goes into the mouth passes into the belly, and is cast out into the draught?

18 But the things which proceed out of the mouth come forth out of the heart; and they defile the man.

19 For out of the heart come forth evil thoughts, murders, adulteries, fornications, thefts, false witness, railings:

20 these are the things which defile the man: but to eat with unwashen hands defiles not the man.

21 And Jesus went out thence, and withdrew into the parts of Tyre and Sidon.

22 And behold, a Canaanitish woman came out from those borders, and cried, saying, Have mercy on me, O Lord, you son of David; my daughter is grievously vexed with a devil.

23 But he answered her not a word. And his disciples came and besought him, saying, Send her away; for she cries after us.

24 But he answered and said, I was not sent but unto the lost sheep of the house of Israel.

25 But she came and worshipped him, saying, Lord, help me.

26 And he answered and said, It is not meet to take the children's bread and cast it to the dogs.

27 But she said, Yea, Lord: for even the dogs eat of the crumbs which fall from their masters' table.

28 Then Jesus answered and said unto her, O woman, great is your faith: be it done unto you even as you will. And her daughter was healed from that hour.

29 And Jesus departed thence, and came nigh unto the sea of Galilee; and he went up into the mountain, and sat there.

30 And there came unto him great multitudes, having with them the lame, blind, dumb, maimed, and many others, and they cast them down at his feet; and he healed them:

31 insomuch that the multitude wondered, when they saw the dumb speaking, the maimed whole, and the lame walking, and the blind seeing: and they glorified the God of Israel.

32 And Jesus called unto him his disciples, and said, I have compassion on the multitude, because they continue with me now three days and have nothing to eat: and I would not send them away fasting, lest haply they faint in the way.

33 And the disciples say unto him, Whence should we have so many loaves in a desert place, as to fill so great a multitude?

34 And Jesus says unto them, How many loaves have you? And they said, Seven, and a few small fishes.

35 And he commanded the multitude to sit down on the ground;

36 and he took the seven loaves and the fishes; and he gave thanks and brake, and gave to the disciples, and the disciples to the multitudes.

37 And they did all eat, and were filled: and they took up that which remained over of the broken pieces, seven baskets full.

38 And they that did eat were four thousand men, beside women and children.

39 And he sent away the multitudes, and entered into the boat, and came into the borders of Magadan.

Chapter 16

1 And the Pharisees and Sadducees came, and tempting him asked him to shew them a sign from heaven.

2 But he answered and said unto them, When it is evening, you say, It will be fair weather: for the heaven is red.

3 And in the morning, It will be foul weather today: for the heaven is red and lowring. You know how to discern the face of the heaven; but you cannot discern the signs of the times.

4 An evil and adulterous generation seeks after a sign; and there shall no sign be given unto it, but the sign of Jonah. And he left them, and departed.

5 And the disciples came to the other side and forgot to take bread.

6 And Jesus said unto them, Take heed and beware of the leaven of the Pharisees and Sadducees.

7 And they reasoned among themselves, saying, We took no bread.

8 And Jesus perceiving it said, O you of little faith, why reason you among yourselves, because you have no bread?

9 Do you not yet perceive, neither remember the five loaves of the five thousand, and how many baskets you took up?

10 Neither the seven loaves of the four thousand, and how many baskets you took up?

11 How is it that you do not perceive that I spake not to you concerning bread? But beware of the leaven of the Pharisees and Sadducees.

12 Then understood they how that he bade them not beware of the leaven of bread, but of the teaching of the Pharisees and Sadducees.

13 Now when Jesus came into the parts of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, saying, Who do men say that the Son of man is?

14 And they said, Some say John the Baptist; some, Elijah: and others, Jeremiah, or one of the prophets.

15 He says unto them, But who say you that I am?

16 And Simon Peter answered and said, You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.

17 And Jesus answered and said unto him, Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah: for flesh and blood has not revealed it unto you, but my Father which is in heaven.

18 And I also say unto you, that you are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it.

19 I will give unto you the keys of the kingdom of heaven: and whatsoever you shall bind on earth shall be bound in heaven: and whatsoever you shall loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.

20 Then charged he the disciples that they should tell no man that he was the Christ.

21 From that time began Jesus to shew unto his disciples, how that he must go unto Jerusalem, and suffer many things of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and the third day be raised up.

22 And Peter took him, and began to rebuke him, saying, Be it far from you, Lord: this shall never be unto you.

23 But he turned, and said unto Peter, Get you behind me, Satan: you are a stumbling-block unto me: for you mind not the things of God, but the things of men.

24 Then said Jesus unto his disciples, If any man would come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me.

25 For whosoever would save his life shall lose it: and whosoever shall lose his life for my sake shall find it.

26 For what shall a man be profited, if he shall gain the whole world, and forfeit his life? or what shall a man give in exchange for his life?

27 For the Son of man shall come in the glory of his Father with his angels; and then shall he render unto every man according to his deeds.

28 Verily I say unto you, There be some of them that stand here, which shall in no wise taste of death, till they see the Son of man coming in his kingdom.

Chapter 17

1 And after six days Jesus takes with him Peter, and James, and John his brother, and brings them up into a high mountain apart:

2 and he was transfigured before them: and his face did shine as the sun, and his garments became white as the light.

3 And behold, there appeared unto them Moses and Elijah talking with him.

4 And Peter answered, and said unto Jesus, Lord, it is good for us to be here: if you will, I will make here three tabernacles; one for you, and one for Moses, and one for Elijah.

5 While he was yet speaking, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them: and behold, a voice out of the cloud, saying, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased; hear you him.

6 And when the disciples heard it, they fell on their face, and were sore afraid.

7 And Jesus came and touched them and said, Arise, and be not afraid.

8 And lifting up their eyes, they saw no one, save Jesus only.

9 And as they were coming down from the mountain, Jesus commanded them, saying, Tell the vision to no man, until the Son of man be risen from the dead.

10 And his disciples asked him, saying, Why then say the scribes that Elijah must first come?

11 And he answered and said, Elijah indeed comes, and shall restore all things:

12 but I say unto you, that Elijah is come already, and they knew him not, but did unto him whatsoever they listed. Even so shall the Son of man also suffer of them.

13 Then understood the disciples that he spake unto them of John the Baptist.

14 And when they were come to the multitude, there came to him a man, kneeling to him, and saying,

15 Lord, have mercy on my son: for he is epileptic, and suffers grievously: for oft-times he falls into the fire, and oft-times into the water.

16 And I brought him to your disciples, and they could not cure him.

17 And Jesus answered and said, O faithless and perverse generation, how long shall I be with you? how long shall I bear with you? bring him hither to me.

18 And Jesus rebuked him; and the devil went out from him: and the boy was cured from that hour.

19 Then came the disciples to Jesus apart, and said, Why could not we cast it out?

20 And he says unto them, Because of your little faith: for verily I say unto you, If you have faith as a grain of mustard seed, you shall say unto this mountain, Remove hence to yonder place; and it shall remove; and nothing shall be impossible unto you.

22 And while they abode in Galilee, Jesus said unto them, The Son of man shall be delivered up into the hands of men;

23 and they shall kill him, and the third day he shall be raised up. And they were exceeding sorry.

24 And when they were come to Capernaum, they that received the half-shekel came to Peter, and said, Does not your master pay the half-shekel?

25 He says, Yea. And when he came into the house, Jesus spake first to him, saying, What think you, Simon? the kings of the earth, from whom do they receive toll or tribute? from their sons, or from strangers?

26 And when he said, From strangers, Jesus said unto him, Therefore the sons are free.

27 But, lest we cause them to stumble, go you to the sea, and cast a hook, and take up the fish that first comes up; and when you have opened his mouth, you shall find a shekel: that take, and give unto them for me and you.

Chapter 18

1 In that hour came the disciples unto Jesus, saying, Who then is greatest in the kingdom of heaven?

2 And he called to him a little child, and set him in the midst of them,

3 and said, Verily I say unto you, Except you turn, and become as little children, you shall in no wise enter into the kingdom of heaven.

4 Whosoever therefore shall humble himself as this little child, the same is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven.

5 And whoso shall receive one such little child in my name receives me:

6 But whoso shall cause one of these little ones which believe on me to stumble, it is profitable for him that a great millstone should be hanged about his neck, and that he should be sunk in the depth of the sea.

7 Woe unto the world because of occasions of stumbling! for it must needs be that the occasions come; but woe to that man through whom the occasion comes!

8 And if your hand or your foot causes you to stumble, cut it off, and cast it from you: it is good for you to enter into life maimed or halt, rather than having two hands or two feet to be cast into the eternal fire.

9 And if your eye causes you to stumble, pluck it out, and cast it from you: it is good for you to enter into life with one eye, rather than having two eyes to be cast into the hell of fire.

10 See that you despise not one of these little ones; for I say unto you, that in heaven their angels do always behold the face of my Father which is in heaven.

12 How think you? if any man have a hundred sheep, and one of them be gone astray, does he not leave the ninety and nine, and go unto the mountains, and seek that which goes astray?

13 And if so be that he find it, verily I say unto you, he rejoices over it more than over the ninety and nine which have not gone astray.

14 Even so it is not the will of your Father which is in heaven, that one of these little ones should perish.

15 And if your brother sin against you, go, shew him his fault between you and him alone: if he hear you, you have gained your brother.

16 But if he hear you not, take with you one or two more, that at the mouth of two witnesses or three every word may be established.

17 And if he refuse to hear them, tell it unto the church: and if he refuse to hear the church also, let him be unto you as the Gentile and the publican.

18 Verily I say unto you, What things soever you shall bind on earth shall be bound in heaven: and what things soever you shall loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.

19 Again I say unto you, that if two of you shall agree on earth as touching anything that they shall ask, it shall be done for them of my Father which is in heaven.

20 For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them.

21 Then came Peter, and said to him, Lord, how oft shall my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? until seven times?

22 Jesus says unto him, I say not unto you, Until seven times; but, Until seventy times seven.

23 Therefore is the kingdom of heaven likened unto a certain king, which would make a reckoning with his servants.

24 And when he had begun to reckon, one was brought unto him, which owed him ten thousand talents.

25 But forasmuch as he had not wherewith to pay, his lord commanded him to be sold, and his wife, and children, and all that he had, and payment to be made.

26 The servant therefore fell down and worshipped him, saying, Lord, have patience with me, and I will pay you all.

27 And the lord of that servant, being moved with compassion, released him, and forgave him the debt.

28 But that servant went out, and found one of his fellow-servants, which owed him a hundred pence: and he laid hold on him, and took him by the throat, saying, Pay what you owe.

29 So his fellow-servant fell down and besought him, saying, Have patience with me, and I will pay you.

30 And he would not: but went and cast him into prison, till he should pay that which was due.

31 So when his fellow-servants saw what was done, they were exceeding sorry, and came and told unto their lord all that was done.

32 Then his lord called him unto him, and says to him, You wicked servant, I forgave you all that debt, because you besoughtest me:

33 should not you also have had mercy on your fellow-servant, even as I had mercy on you?

34 And his lord was wroth, and delivered him to the tormentors, till he should pay all that was due.

35 So shall also my heavenly Father do unto you, if you forgive not every one his brother from your hearts.

Chapter 19

1 And it came to pass when Jesus had finished these words, he departed from Galilee, and came into the borders of Judea beyond Jordan;

2 and great multitudes followed him; and he healed them there.

3 And there came unto him Pharisees, tempting him, and saying, Is it lawful for a man to put away his wife for every cause?

4 And he answered and said, Have you not read, that he which made them from the beginning made them male and female,

5 and said, For this cause shall a man leave his father and mother, and shall cleave to his wife; and the twain shall become one flesh?

6 So that they are no more twain, but one flesh. What therefore God has joined together, let not man put asunder.

7 They say unto him, Why then did Moses command to give a bill of divorcement, and to put her away?

8 He says unto them, Moses for your hardness of heart suffered you to put away your wives: but from the beginning it has not been so.

9 And I say unto you, Whosoever shall put away his wife, except for fornication, and shall marry another, commits adultery: and he that marries her when she is put away commits adultery.

10 The disciples say unto him, If the case of the man is so with his wife, it is not expedient to marry.

11 But he said unto them, All men cannot receive this saying, but they to whom it is given.

12 For there are eunuchs, which were so born from their mother's womb: and there are eunuchs, which were made eunuchs by men: and there are eunuchs, which made

themselves eunuchs for the kingdom of heaven's sake. He that is able to receive it, let him receive it.

13 Then were there brought unto him little children, that he should lay his hands on them, and pray: and the disciples rebuked them.

14 But Jesus said, Suffer the little children, and forbid them not, to come unto me: for of such is the kingdom of heaven.

15 And he laid his hands on them, and departed thence.

16 And behold, one came to him and said, Master, what good thing shall I do, that I may have eternal life?

17 And he said unto him, Why ask you me concerning that which is good? One there is who is good: but if you would enter into life, keep the commandments.

18 He says unto him, Which? And Jesus said, You shall not kill, You shall not commit adultery, You shall not steal, You shall not bear false witness,

19 Honour your father and your mother: and, You shall love your neighbour as yourself.

20 The young man says unto him, All these things have I observed: what lack I yet?

21 Jesus said unto him, If you would be perfect, go, sell that you have, and give to the poor, and you shall have treasure in heaven: and come, follow me.

22 But when the young man heard the saying, he went away sorrowful: for he was one that had great possessions.

23 And Jesus said unto his disciples, Verily I say unto you, It is hard for a rich man to enter into the kingdom of heaven.

24 And again I say unto you, It is easier for a camel to go through a needle's eye, than for a rich man to enter into the kingdom of God.

25 And when the disciples heard it, they were astonished exceedingly, saying, Who then can be saved?

26 And Jesus looking upon them said to them, With men this is impossible; but with God all things are possible.

27 Then answered Peter and said unto him, Lo, we have left all, and followed you; what then shall we have?

28 And Jesus said unto them, Verily I say unto you, that you which have followed me, in the regeneration when the Son of man shall sit on the throne of his glory, you also shall sit upon twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel.

29 And every one that has left houses, or brethren, or sisters, or father, or mother, or children, or lands, for my name's sake, shall receive a hundredfold, and shall inherit eternal life.

30 But many shall be last that are first; and first that are last.

Chapter 20

1 For the kingdom of heaven is like unto a man that is a householder, which went out early in the morning to hire labourers into his vineyard.

2 And when he had agreed with the labourers for a penny a day, he sent them into his vineyard.

3 And he went out about the third hour, and saw others standing in the marketplace idle;

4 and to them he said, Go you also into the vineyard, and whatsoever is right I will give you. And they went their way.

5 Again he went out about the sixth and the ninth hour, and did likewise.

6 And about the eleventh hour he went out, and found others standing; and he says unto them, Why stand you here all the day idle?

7 They say unto him, Because no man has hired us. He says unto them, Go you also into the vineyard.

8 And when even was come, the lord of the vineyard says unto his steward, Call the labourers, and pay them their hire, beginning from the last unto the first.

9 And when they came that were hired about the eleventh hour, they received every man a penny.

10 And when the first came, they supposed that they would receive more; and they likewise received every man a penny.

11 And when they received it, they murmured against the householder,

12 saying, These last have spent but one hour, and you have made them equal unto us, which have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.

13 But he answered and said to one of them, Friend, I do you no wrong: did not you agree with me for a penny?

14 Take up that which is yours, and go your way; it is my will to give unto this last, even as unto you.

15 Is it not lawful for me to do what I will with mine own? or is your eye evil, because I am good?

16 So the last shall be first, and the first last.

17 And as Jesus was going up to Jerusalem, he took the twelve disciples apart, and in the way he said unto them,

18 Behold, we go up to Jerusalem; and the Son of man shall be delivered unto the chief priests and scribes; and they shall condemn him to death,

19 and shall deliver him unto the Gentiles to mock, and to scourge, and to crucify: and the third day he shall be raised up.

20 Then came to him the mother of the sons of Zebedee with her sons, worshipping him, and asking a certain thing of him.

21 And he said unto her, What would you? She says unto him, Command that these my two sons may sit, one on your right hand, and one on your left hand, in your kingdom.

22 But Jesus answered and said, You know not what you ask. Are you able to drink the cup that I am about to drink? They say unto him, We are able.

23 He says unto them, My cup indeed you shall drink: but to sit on my right hand, and on my left hand, is not mine to give, but it is for them for whom it has been prepared of my Father.

24 And when the ten heard it, they were moved with indignation concerning the two brethren.

25 But Jesus called them unto him, and said, You know that the rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones exercise authority over them.

26 Not so shall it be among you: but whosoever would become great among you shall be your minister;

27 and whosoever would be first among you shall be your servant:

28 even as the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give his life a ransom for many.

29 And as they went out from Jericho, a great multitude followed him.

30 And behold, two blind men sitting by the way side, when they heard that Jesus was passing by, cried out, saying, Lord, have mercy on us, you son of David.

31 And the multitude rebuked them, that they should hold their peace: but they cried out the more, saying, Lord, have mercy on us, you son of David.

32 And Jesus stood still, and called them, and said, What will you that I should do unto you?

33 They say unto him, Lord, that our eyes may be opened.

34 And Jesus, being moved with compassion, touched their eyes: and straightway they received their sight, and followed him.

Chapter 21

1 And when they drew nigh unto Jerusalem, and came unto Bethphage, unto the mount of Olives, then Jesus sent two disciples,

2 saying unto them, Go into the village that is over against you, and straightway you shall find an ass tied, and a colt with her: loose them, and bring them unto me.

3 And if any one say aught unto you, you shall say, The Lord has need of them; and straightway he will send them.

4 Now this is come to pass, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophet, saying,

5 Tell you the daughter of Zion, Behold, your King comes unto you, Meek, and riding upon an ass, And upon a colt the foal of an ass.

6 And the disciples went, and did even as Jesus appointed them,

7 and brought the ass, and the colt, and put on them their garments; and he sat thereon.

8 And the most part of the multitude spread their garments in the way; and others cut branches from the trees, and spread them in the way.

9 And the multitudes that went before him, and that followed, cried, saying, Hosanna to the son of David: Blessed is he that comes in the name of the Lord; Hosanna in the highest.

10 And when he was come into Jerusalem, all the city was stirred, saying, Who is this?

11 And the multitudes said, This is the prophet, Jesus, from Nazareth of Galilee.

12 And Jesus entered into the temple of God, and cast out all them that sold and bought in the temple, and overthrew the tables of the money-changers, and the seats of them that sold the doves;

13 and he says unto them, It is written, My house shall be called a house of prayer: but you make it a den of robbers.

14 And the blind and the lame came to him in the temple: and he healed them.

15 But when the chief priests and the scribes saw the wonderful things that he did, and the children that were crying in the temple and saying, Hosanna to the son of David; they were moved with indignation,

16 and said unto him, Hear you what these are saying? And Jesus says unto them, Yea: did you never read, Out of the mouth of babes and sucklings you have perfected praise?

17 And he left them, and went forth out of the city to Bethany, and lodged there.

18 Now in the morning as he returned to the city, he hungered.

19 And seeing a fig tree by the way side, he came to it, and found nothing thereon, but leaves only; and he says unto it, Let there be no fruit from you henceforward for ever. And immediately the fig tree withered away.

20 And when the disciples saw it, they marveled, saying, How did the fig tree immediately wither away?

21 And Jesus answered and said unto them, Verily I say unto you, If you have faith, and doubt not, you shall not only do what is done to the fig tree, but even if you shall say unto this mountain, Be you taken up and cast into the sea, it shall be done.

22 And all things, whatsoever you shall ask in prayer, believing, you shall receive.

23 And when he was come into the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came unto him as he was teaching, and said, By what authority do you these things? and who gave you this authority?

24 And Jesus answered and said unto them, I also will ask you one question, which if you tell me, I likewise will tell you by what authority I do these things.

25 The baptism of John, whence was it? from heaven or from men? And they reasoned with themselves, saying, If we shall say, From heaven; he will say unto us, Why then did you not believe him?

26 But if we shall say, From men; we fear the multitude; for all hold John as a prophet.

27 And they answered Jesus, and said, We know not. He also said unto them, Neither tell I you by what authority I do these things.

28 But what think you? A man had two sons; and he came to the first, and said, Son, go work today in the vineyard.

29 And he answered and said, I will not: but afterward he repented himself, and went.

30 And he came to the second, and said likewise. And he answered and said, I go, sir: and went not.

31 Whether of the twain did the will of his father? They say, The first. Jesus says unto them, Verily I say unto you, that the publicans and the harlots go into the kingdom of God before you.

32 For John came unto you in the way of righteousness, and you believed him not: but the publicans and the harlots believed him: and you, when you saw it, did not even repent yourselves afterward, that you might believe him.

33 Hear another parable: There was a man that was a householder, which planted a vineyard, and set a hedge about it, and digged a winepress in it, and built a tower, and let it out to husbandmen, and went into another country.

34 And when the season of the fruits drew near, he sent his servants to the husbandmen, to receive his fruits.

35 And the husbandmen took his servants, and beat one, and killed another, and stoned another.

36 Again, he sent other servants more than the first: and they did unto them in like manner.

37 But afterward he sent unto them his son, saying, They will reverence my son.

38 But the husbandmen, when they saw the son, said among themselves, This is the heir; come, let us kill him, and take his inheritance.

39 And they took him, and cast him forth out of the vineyard, and killed him.

40 When therefore the lord of the vineyard shall come, what will he do unto those husbandmen?

41 They say unto him, He will miserably destroy those miserable men, and will let out the vineyard unto other husbandmen, which shall render him the fruits in their seasons.

42 Jesus says unto them, Did you never read in the scriptures, The stone which the builders rejected, The same was made the head of the corner: This was from the Lord, And it is marvelous in our eyes?

43 Therefore say I unto you, The kingdom of God shall be taken away from you, and shall be given to a nation bringing forth the fruits thereof.

44 And he that falls on this stone shall be broken to pieces: but on whomsoever it shall fall, it will scatter him as dust.

45 And when the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they perceived that he spake of them.

46 And when they sought to lay hold on him, they feared the multitudes, because they took him for a prophet.

Chapter 22

1 And Jesus answered and spake again in parables unto them, saying,

2 The kingdom of heaven is likened unto a certain king, which made a marriage feast for his son,

3 and sent forth his servants to call them that were bidden to the marriage feast: and they would not come.

4 Again he sent forth other servants, saying, Tell them that are bidden, Behold, I have made ready my dinner: my oxen and my fatlings are killed, and all things are ready: come to the marriage feast.

5 But they made light of it, and went their ways, one to his own farm, another to his merchandise:

6 and the rest laid hold on his servants, and entreated them shamefully, and killed them.

7 But the king was wroth; and he sent his armies, and destroyed those murderers, and burned their city.

8 Then says he to his servants, The wedding is ready, but they that were bidden were not worthy.

9 Go you therefore unto the partings of the highways, and as many as you shall find, bid to the marriage feast.

10 And those servants went out into the highways, and gathered together all as many as they found, both bad and good: and the wedding was filled with guests.

11 But when the king came in to behold the guests, he saw there a man which had not on a wedding-garment:

12 and he says unto him, Friend, how came you in hither not having a wedding-garment? And he was speechless.

13 Then the king said to the servants, Bind him hand and foot, and cast him out into the outer darkness; there shall be the weeping and gnashing of teeth.

14 For many are called, but few chosen.

15 Then went the Pharisees, and took counsel how they might ensnare him in his talk.

16 And they send to him their disciples, with the Herodians, saying, Master, we know that you are true, and teach the way of God in truth, and care not for any one: for you regard not the person of men.

17 Tell us therefore, What think you? Is it lawful to give tribute unto Caesar, or not?

18 But Jesus perceived their wickedness, and said, Why tempt you me, you hypocrites?

19 Shew me the tribute money. And they brought unto him a penny.

20 And he says unto them, Whose is this image and superscription?

21 They say unto him, Caesar's. Then says he unto them, Render therefore unto Caesar the things that are Caesar's; and unto God the things that are God's.

22 And when they heard it, they marveled, and left him, and went their way.

23 On that day there came to him Sadducees, which say that there is no resurrection: and they asked him,

24 saying, Master, Moses said, If a man die, having no children, his brother shall marry his wife, and raise up seed unto his brother.

25 Now there were with us seven brethren: and the first married and deceased, and having no seed left his wife unto his brother;

26 in like manner the second also, and the third, unto the seventh.

27 And after them all the woman died.

28 In the resurrection therefore whose wife shall she be of the seven? for they all had her.

29 But Jesus answered and said unto them, You do err, not knowing the scriptures, nor the power of God.

30 For in the resurrection they neither marry, nor are given in marriage, but are as angels in heaven.

31 But as touching the resurrection of the dead, have you not read that which was spoken unto you by God, saying,

32 I am the God of Abraham, and the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob? God is not the God of the dead, but of the living.

33 And when the multitudes heard it, they were astonished at his teaching.

34 But the Pharisees, when they heard that he had put the Sadducees to silence, gathered themselves together.

35 And one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question, tempting him,

36 Master, which is the great commandment in the law?

37 And he said unto him, You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.

38 This is the great and first commandment.

39 And a second like unto it is this, You shall love your neighbour as yourself.

40 On these two commandments hangs the whole law, and the prophets.

41 Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them a question,

42 saying, What think you of the Christ? whose son is he? They say unto him, The son of David.

43 He says unto them, How then does David in the Spirit call him Lord, saying,

44 The Lord said unto my Lord, Sit you on my right hand, Till I put your enemies underneath your feet?

45 If David then calls him Lord, how is he his son?

46 And no one was able to answer him a word, neither durst any man from that day forth ask him any more questions.

Chapter 23

1 Then spake Jesus to the multitudes and to his disciples,

2 saying, The scribes and the Pharisees sit on Moses' seat:

3 all things therefore whatsoever they bid you, these do and observe: but do not you after their works; for they say, and do not.

4 Yea, they bind heavy burdens and grievous to be borne, and lay them on men's shoulders; but they themselves will not move them with their finger.

5 But all their works they do for to be seen of men: for they make broad their phylacteries, and enlarge the borders of their garments,

6 and love the chief place at feasts, and the chief seats in the synagogues,

7 and the salutations in the marketplaces, and to be called of men, Rabbi.

8 But be not you called Rabbi: for one is your teacher, and all you are brethren.

9 And call no man your father on the earth: for one is your Father, which is in heaven.

10 Neither be you called masters: for one is your master, even the Christ.

11 But he that is greatest among you shall be your servant.

12 And whosoever shall exalt himself shall be humbled; and whosoever shall humble himself shall be exalted.

13 But woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! because you shut the kingdom of heaven against men: for

you enter not in yourselves, neither suffer you them that are entering in to enter.

15 Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for you compass sea and land to make one proselyte; and when he is become so, you make him twofold more a son of hell than yourselves.

16 Woe unto you, you blind guides, which say, Whosoever shall swear by the temple, it is nothing; but whosoever shall swear by the gold of the temple, he is a debtor.

17 You fools and blind: for whether is greater, the gold, or the temple that has sanctified the gold?

18 And, Whosoever shall swear by the altar, it is nothing; but whosoever shall swear by the gift that is upon it, he is a debtor.

19 You blind: for whether is greater, the gift, or the altar that sanctifies the gift?

20 He therefore that swears by the altar, swears by it, and by all things thereon.

21 And he that swears by the temple, swears by it, and by him that dwells therein.

22 And he that swears by the heaven, swears by the throne of God, and by him that sits thereon.

23 Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for you tithe mint and anise and cummin, and have left undone the weightier matters of the law, judgment, and mercy, and faith: but these you ought to have done, and not to have left the other undone.

24 You blind guides, which strain out the gnat, and swallow the camel.

25 Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for you cleanse the outside of the cup and of the platter, but within they are full from extortion and excess.

26 You blind Pharisee, cleanse first the inside of the cup and of the platter, that the outside thereof may become clean also.

27 Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for you are like unto whited sepulchres, which outwardly appear beautiful, but inwardly are full of dead men's bones, and of all uncleanness.

28 Even so you also outwardly appear righteous unto men, but inwardly you are full of hypocrisy and iniquity.

29 Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for you build the sepulchres of the prophets, and garnish the tombs of the righteous,

30 and say, If we had been in the days of our fathers, we should not have been partakers with them in the blood of the prophets.

31 Wherefore you witness to yourselves, that you are sons of them that slew the prophets.

32 Fill you up then the measure of your fathers.

33 You serpents, you offspring of vipers, how shall you escape the judgment of hell?

34 Therefore, behold, I send unto you prophets, and wise men, and scribes: some of them shall you kill and crucify; and some of them shall you scourge in your synagogues, and persecute from city to city:

35 that upon you may come all the righteous blood shed on the earth, from the blood of Abel the righteous unto the blood of Zachariah son of Barachiah, whom you slew between the sanctuary and the altar.

36 Verily I say unto you, All these things shall come upon this generation.

37 O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, which kills the prophets, and stones them that are sent unto her! how often would I have gathered your children together, even as a hen gathers her chickens under her wings, and you would not!

38 Behold, your house is left unto you desolate.

39 For I say unto you, You shall not see me henceforth, till you shall say, Blessed is he that comes in the name of the Lord.

Chapter 24

1 And Jesus went out from the temple, and was going on his way; and his disciples came to him to shew him the buildings of the temple.

2 But he answered and said unto them, See you not all these things? verily I say unto you, There shall not be left here one stone upon another, that shall not be thrown down.

3 And as he sat on the mount of Olives, the disciples came unto him privately, saying, Tell us, when shall these things be? and what shall be the sign of your coming, and of the end of the world?

4 And Jesus answered and said unto them, Take heed that no man lead you astray.

5 For many shall come in my name, saying, I am the Christ; and shall lead many astray.

6 And you shall hear of wars and rumours of wars: see that you be not troubled: for these things must needs come to pass; but the end is not yet.

7 For nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom: and there shall be famines and earthquakes in divers places.

8 But all these things are the beginning of travail.

9 Then shall they deliver you up unto tribulation, and shall kill you: and you shall be hated of all the nations for my name's sake.

10 And then shall many stumble, and shall deliver up one another, and shall hate one another.

11 And many false prophets shall arise, and shall lead many astray.

12 And because iniquity shall be multiplied, the love of the many shall wax cold.

13 But he that endures to the end, the same shall be saved.

14 And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in the whole world for a testimony unto all the nations; and then shall the end come.

15 When therefore you see the abomination of desolation, which was spoken of by Daniel the prophet, standing in the holy place (let him that reads understand),

16 then let them that are in Judea flee unto the mountains:

17 let him that is on the housetop not go down to take out the things that are in his house:

18 and let him that is in the field not return back to take his cloke.

19 But woe unto them that are with child and to them that give suck in those days!

20 And pray you that your flight be not in the winter, neither on a sabbath:

21 for then shall be great tribulation, such as has not been from the beginning of the world until now, no, nor ever shall be.

22 And except those days had been shortened, no flesh would have been saved: but for the elect's sake those days shall be shortened.

23 Then if any man shall say unto you, Lo, here is the Christ, or, Here; believe it not.

24 For there shall arise false Christs, and false prophets, and shall shew great signs and wonders; so as to lead astray, if possible, even the elect.

25 Behold, I have told you beforehand.

26 If therefore they shall say unto you, Behold, he is in the wilderness; go not forth: Behold, he is in the inner chambers; believe it not.

27 For as the lightning comes forth from the east, and is seen even unto the west; so shall be the coming of the Son of man.

28 Wheresoever the carcase is, there will the eagles be gathered together.

29 But immediately, after the tribulation of those days, the sun shall be darkened, and the moon shall not give her light, and the stars shall fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens shall be shaken:

30 and then shall appear the sign of the Son of man in heaven: and then shall all the tribes of the earth mourn, and they shall see the Son of man coming on the clouds of heaven with power and great glory.

31 And he shall send forth his angels with a great sound of a trumpet, and they shall gather together his elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other.

32 Now from the fig tree learn her parable: when her branch is now become tender, and puts forth its leaves, you know that the summer is nigh;

33 even so you also, when you see all these things, know you that he is nigh, even at the doors.

34 Verily I say unto you, This generation shall not pass away, till all these things be accomplished.

35 Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall not pass away.

36 But of that day and hour knows no one, not even the angels of heaven, neither the Son, but the Father only.

37 And as were the days of Noah, so shall be the coming of the Son of man.

38 For as in those days which were before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noah entered into the ark,

39 and they knew not until the flood came, and took them all away; so shall be the coming of the Son of man.

40 Then shall two men be in the field; one is taken, and one is left:

41 two women shall be grinding at the mill; one is taken, and one is left.

42 Watch therefore: for you know not on what day your Lord comes.

43 But know this, that if the master of the house had known in what watch the thief was coming, he would have watched, and would not have suffered his house to be broken through.

44 Therefore be you also ready: for in an hour that you think not the Son of man comes.

45 Who then is the faithful and wise servant, whom his lord has set over his household, to give them their food in due season?

46 Blessed is that servant, whom his lord when he comes shall find so doing.

47 Verily I say unto you, that he will set him over all that he has.

48 But if that evil servant shall say in his heart, My lord tarries;

49 and shall begin to beat his fellow-servants, and shall eat and drink with the drunken;

50 the lord of that servant shall come in a day when he expects not, and in an hour when he knows not,

51 and shall cut him asunder, and appoint his portion with the hypocrites: there shall be the weeping and gnashing of teeth.

Chapter 25

1 Then shall the kingdom of heaven be likened unto ten virgins, which took their lamps, and went forth to meet the bridegroom.

2 And five of them were foolish, and five were wise.

3 For the foolish, when they took their lamps, took no oil with them:

4 but the wise took oil in their vessels with their lamps.

5 Now while the bridegroom tarried, they all slumbered and slept.

6 But at midnight there is a cry, Behold, the bridegroom! Come you forth to meet him.

7 Then all those virgins arose, and trimmed their lamps.

8 And the foolish said unto the wise, Give us of your oil; for our lamps are going out.

9 But the wise answered, saying, Peradventure there will not be enough for us and you: go you rather to them that sell, and buy for yourselves.

10 And while they went away to buy, the bridegroom came; and they that were ready went in with him to the marriage feast: and the door was shut.

11 Afterward come also the other virgins, saying, Lord, Lord, open to us.

12 But he answered and said, Verily I say unto you, I know you not.

13 Watch therefore, for you know not the day nor the hour.

14 For it is as when a man, going into another country, called his own servants, and delivered unto them his goods.

15 And unto one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one; to each according to his several ability; and he went on his journey.

16 Straightway he that received the five talents went and traded with them, and made other five talents.

17 In like manner he also that received the two gained other two.

18 But he that received the one went away and digged in the earth, and hid his lord's money.

19 Now after a long time the lord of those servants comes, and makes a reckoning with them.

20 And he that received the five talents came and brought other five talents, saying, Lord, you deliveredst unto me five talents: lo, I have gained other five talents.

21 His lord said unto him, Well done, good and faithful servant: you have been faithful over a few things, I will set you over many things: enter you into the joy of your lord.

22 And he also that received the two talents came and said, Lord, you deliveredst unto me two talents: lo, I have gained other two talents.

23 His lord said unto him, Well done, good and faithful servant; you have been faithful over a few things, I will set you over many things: enter you into the joy of your lord.

24 And he also that had received the one talent came and said, Lord, I knew you that you are a hard man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter:

25 and I was afraid, and went away and hid your talent in the earth: lo, you have your own.

26 But his lord answered and said unto him, You wicked and slothful servant, you knew that I reap where I sowed not, and gather where I did not scatter;

27 you ought therefore to have put my money to the bankers, and at my coming I should have received back mine own with interest.

28 Take you away therefore the talent from him, and give it unto him that has the ten talents.

29 For unto every one that has shall be given, and he shall have abundance: but from him that has not, even that which he has shall be taken away.

30 And cast you out the unprofitable servant into the outer darkness: there shall be the weeping and gnashing of teeth.

31 But when the Son of man shall come in his glory, and all the angels with him, then shall he sit on the throne of his glory:

32 and before him shall be gathered all the nations: and he shall separate them one from another, as the shepherd separates the sheep from the goats:

33 and he shall set the sheep on his right hand, but the goats on the left.

34 Then shall the King say unto them on his right hand, Come, you blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world:

35 for I was an hungred, and you gave me meat: I was thirsty, and you gave me drink: I was a stranger, and you took me in;

36 naked, and you clothed me: I was sick, and you visited me: I was in prison, and you came unto me.

37 Then shall the righteous answer him, saying, Lord, when saw we you an hungred, and fed you? or athirst, and gave you drink?

38 And when saw we you a stranger, and took you in? or naked, and clothed you?

39 And when saw we you sick, or in prison, and came unto you?

40 And the King shall answer and say unto them, Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as you did it unto one of these my brethren, even these least, you did it unto me.

41 Then shall he say also unto them on the left hand, Depart from me, you cursed, into the eternal fire which is prepared for the devil and his angels:

42 for I was an hungred, and you gave me no meat: I was thirsty, and you gave me no drink:

43 I was a stranger, and you took me not in; naked, and you clothed me not; sick, and in prison, and you visited me not.

44 Then shall they also answer, saying, Lord, when saw we you an hungred, or athirst, or a stranger, or naked, or sick, or in prison, and did not minister unto you?

45 Then shall he answer them, saying, Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as you did it not unto one of these least, you did it not unto me.

46 And these shall go away into eternal punishment: but the righteous into eternal life.

Chapter 26

1 And it came to pass, when Jesus had finished all these words, he said unto his disciples,

2 You know that after two days the passover comes, and the Son of man is delivered up to be crucified.

3 Then were gathered together the chief priests, and the elders of the people, unto the court of the high priest, who was called Caiaphas;

4 and they took counsel together that they might take Jesus by subtilty, and kill him.

5 But they said, Not during the feast, lest a tumult arise among the people.

6 Now when Jesus was in Bethany, in the house of Simon the leper,

7 there came unto him a woman having an alabaster cruse of exceeding precious ointment, and she poured it upon his head, as he sat at meat.

8 But when the disciples saw it, they had indignation, saying, To what purpose is this waste?

9 For this ointment might have been sold for much, and given to the poor.

10 But Jesus perceiving it said unto them, Why trouble you the woman? for she has wrought a good work upon me.

11 For you have the poor always with you; but me you have not always.

12 For in that she poured this ointment upon my body, she did it to prepare me for burial.

13 Verily I say unto you, Wheresoever this gospel shall be preached in the whole world, that also which this woman has done shall be spoken of for a memorial of her.

14 Then one of the twelve, who was called Judas Iscariot, went unto the chief priests,

15 and said, What are you willing to give me, and I will deliver him unto you? And they weighed unto him thirty pieces of silver.

16 And from that time he sought opportunity to deliver him unto them.

17 Now on the first day of unleavened bread the disciples came to Jesus, saying, Where will you that we make ready for you to eat the passover?

18 And he said, Go into the city to such a man, and say unto him, The Master says, My time is at hand; I keep the passover at your house with my disciples.

19 And the disciples did as Jesus appointed them; and they made ready the passover.

20 Now when even was come, he was sitting at meat with the twelve disciples;

21 and as they were eating, he said, Verily I say unto you, that one of you shall betray me.

22 And they were exceeding sorrowful, and began to say unto him every one, Is it I, Lord?

23 And he answered and said, He that dipped his hand with me in the dish, the same shall betray me.

24 The Son of man goes, even as it is written of him: but woe unto that man through whom the Son of man is betrayed! good were it for that man if he had not been born.

25 And Judas, which betrayed him, answered and said, Is it I, Rabbi? He says unto him, You have said.

26 And as they were eating, Jesus took bread, and blessed, and brake it; and he gave to the disciples, and said, Take, eat; this is my body.

27 And he took a cup, and gave thanks, and gave to them, saying, Drink you all of it;

28 for this is my blood of the covenant, which is shed for many unto remission of sins.

29 But I say unto you, I will not drink henceforth of this fruit of the vine, until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father's kingdom.

30 And when they had sung a hymn, they went out unto the mount of Olives.

31 Then says Jesus unto them, All you shall be offended in me this night: for it is written, I will smite the shepherd, and the sheep of the flock shall be scattered abroad.

32 But after I am raised up, I will go before you into Galilee.

33 But Peter answered and said unto him, If all shall be offended in you, I will never be offended.

34 Jesus said unto him, Verily I say unto you, that this night, before the cock crow, you shall deny me thrice.

35 Peter says unto him, Even if I must die with you, yet will I not deny you. Likewise also said all the disciples.

36 Then comes Jesus with them unto a place called Gethsemane, and says unto his disciples, Sit you here, while I go yonder and pray.

37 And he took with him Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, and began to be sorrowful and sore troubled.

38 Then says he unto them, My soul is exceeding sorrowful, even unto death: abide you here, and watch with me.

39 And he went forward a little, and fell on his face, and prayed, saying, O my Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass away from me: nevertheless, not as I will, but as you will.

40 And he comes unto the disciples, and finds them sleeping, and says unto Peter, What, could you not watch with me one hour?

41 Watch and pray, that you enter not into temptation: the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.

42 Again a second time he went away, and prayed, saying, O my Father, if this cannot pass away, except I drink it, your will be done.

43 And he came again and found them sleeping, for their eyes were heavy.

44 And he left them again, and went away, and prayed a third time, saying again the same words.

45 Then comes he to the disciples, and says unto them, Sleep on now, and take your rest: behold, the hour is at hand, and the Son of man is betrayed into the hands of sinners.

46 Arise, let us be going: behold, he is at hand that betrays me.

47 And while he yet spake, lo, Judas, one of the twelve, came, and with him a great multitude with swords and staves, from the chief priests and elders of the people.

48 Now he that betrayed him gave them a sign, saying, Whomsoever I shall kiss, that is he: take him.

49 And straightway he came to Jesus, and said, Hail, Rabbi; and kissed him.

50 And Jesus said unto him, Friend, do that for which you are come. Then they came and laid hands on Jesus, and took him.

51 And behold, one of them that were with Jesus stretched out his hand, and drew his sword, and smote the servant of the high priest, and struck off his ear.

52 Then says Jesus unto him, Put up again your sword into its place: for all they that take the sword shall perish with the sword.

53 Or think you that I cannot beseech my Father, and he shall even now send me more than twelve legions of angels?

54 How then should the scriptures be fulfilled, that thus it must be?

55 In that hour said Jesus to the multitudes, Are you come out as against a robber with swords and staves to seize me? I sat daily in the temple teaching, and you took me not.

56 But all this is come to pass, that the scriptures of the prophets might be fulfilled. Then all the disciples left him, and fled.

57 And they that had taken Jesus led him away to the house of Caiaphas the high priest, where the scribes and the elders were gathered together.

58 But Peter followed him afar off, unto the court of the high priest, and entered in, and sat with the officers, to see the end.

59 Now the chief priests and the whole council sought false witness against Jesus, that they might put him to death;

60 and they found it not, though many false witnesses came. But afterward came two,

61 and said, This man said, I am able to destroy the temple of God, and to build it in three days.

62 And the high priest stood up, and said unto him, Answer you nothing? what is it which these witness against you?

63 But Jesus held his peace. And the high priest said unto him, I adjure you by the living God, that you tell us whether you be the Christ, the Son of God.

64 Jesus says unto him, You have said: nevertheless I say unto you, Henceforth you shall see the Son of man sitting at the right hand of power, and coming on the clouds of heaven.

65 Then the high priest rent his garments, saying, He has spoken blasphemy: what further need have we of witnesses? behold, now you have heard the blasphemy:

66 what think you? They answered and said, He is worthy of death.

67 Then did they spit in his face and buffet him: and some smote him with the palms of their hands,

68 saying, Prophesy unto us, you Christ: who is he that struck you?

69 Now Peter was sitting without in the court: and a maid came unto him, saying, You also were with Jesus the Galilaean.

70 But he denied before them all, saying, I know not what you say.

71 And when he was gone out into the porch, another maid saw him, and says unto them that were there, This man also was with Jesus the Nazarene.

72 And again he denied with an oath, I know not the man.

73 And after a little while they that stood by came and said to Peter, Of a truth you also art one of them; for your speech bewrayeth you.

74 Then began he to curse and to swear, I know not the man. And straightway the cock crew.

75 And Peter remembered the word which Jesus had said, Before the cock crow, you shall deny me thrice. And he went out, and wept bitterly.

Chapter 27

1 Now when morning was come, all the chief priests and the elders of the people took counsel against Jesus to put him to death:

2 and they bound him, and led him away, and delivered him up to Pilate the governor.

3 Then Judas, which betrayed him, when he saw that he was condemned, repented himself, and brought back the thirty pieces of silver to the chief priests and elders,

4 saying, I have sinned in that I betrayed innocent blood. But they said, What is that to us? see you to it.

5 And he cast down the pieces of silver into the sanctuary, and departed; and he went away and hanged himself.

6 And the chief priests took the pieces of silver, and said, It is not lawful to put them into the treasury, since it is the price of blood.

7 And they took counsel, and bought with them the potter's field, to bury strangers in.

8 Wherefore that field was called, The field of blood, unto this day.

9 Then was fulfilled that which was spoken by Jeremiah the prophet, saying, And they took the thirty pieces of silver, the price of him that was priced, whom certain of the children of Israel did price;

10 and they gave them for the potter's field, as the Lord appointed me.

11 Now Jesus stood before the governor: and the governor asked him, saying, Are you the King of the Jews? And Jesus said unto him, You say.

12 And when he was accused by the chief priests and elders, he answered nothing.

13 Then says Pilate unto him, Hear you not how many things they witness against you?

14 And he gave him no answer, not even to one word: insomuch that the governor marveled greatly.

15 Now at the feast the governor was wont to release unto the multitude one prisoner, whom they would.

16 And they had then a notable prisoner, called Barabbas.

17 When therefore they were gathered together, Pilate said unto them, Whom will you that I release unto you? Barabbas, or Jesus which is called Christ?

18 For he knew that for envy they had delivered him up.

19 And while he was sitting on the judgment-seat, his wife sent unto him, saying, Have you nothing to do with that righteous man: for I have suffered many things this day in a dream because of him.

20 Now the chief priests and the elders persuaded the multitudes that they should ask for Barabbas, and destroy Jesus.

21 But the governor answered and said unto them, Whether of the twain will you that I release unto you? And they said, Barabbas.

22 Pilate says unto them, What then shall I do unto Jesus which is called Christ? They all say, Let him be crucified.

23 And he said, Why, what evil has he done? But they cried out exceedingly, saying, Let him be crucified.

24 So when Pilate saw that he prevailed nothing, but rather that a tumult was arising, he took water, and washed his hands before the multitude, saying, I am innocent of the blood of this righteous man: see you to it.

25 And all the people answered and said, His blood be on us, and on our children.

26 Then released he unto them Barabbas: but Jesus he scourged and delivered to be crucified.

27 Then the soldiers of the governor took Jesus into the palace, and gathered unto him the whole band.

28 And they stripped him, and put on him a scarlet robe.

29 And they plaited a crown of thorns and put it upon his head, and a reed in his right hand; and they kneeled down before him, and mocked him, saying, Hail, King of the Jews!

30 And they spat upon him, and took the reed and smote him on the head.

31 And when they had mocked him, they took off from him the robe, and put on him his garments, and led him away to crucify him.

32 And as they came out, they found a man of Cyrene, Simon by name: him they compelled to go with them, that he might bear his cross.

33 And when they were come unto a place called Golgotha, that is to say, The place of a skull,

34 they gave him wine to drink mingled with gall: and when he had tasted it, he would not drink.

35 And when they had crucified him, they parted his garments among them, casting lots:

36 and they sat and watched him there.

37 And they set up over his head his accusation written, THIS IS JESUS THE KING OF THE JEWS.

38 Then are there crucified with him two robbers, one on the right hand, and one on the left.

39 And they that passed by railed on him, wagging their heads,

40 and saying, You that destroy the temple, and build it in three days, save yourself: if you are the Son of God, come down from the cross.

41 In like manner also the chief priests mocking him, with the scribes and elders, said,

42 He saved others; himself he cannot save. He is the King of Israel; let him now come down from the cross, and we will believe on him.

43 He trusts on God; let him deliver him now, if he desires him: for he said, I am the Son of God.

44 And the robbers also that were crucified with him cast upon him the same reproach.

45 Now from the sixth hour there was darkness over all the land until the ninth hour.

46 And about the ninth hour Jesus cried with a loud voice, saying, Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani? that is, My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?

47 And some of them that stood there, when they heard it, said, This man calls Elijah.

48 And straightway one of them ran, and took a sponge, and filled it with vinegar, and put it on a reed, and gave him to drink.

49 And the rest said, Let be; let us see whether Elijah comes to save him.

50 And Jesus cried again with a loud voice, and yielded up his spirit.

51 And behold, the veil of the temple was rent in twain from the top to the bottom; and the earth did quake; and the rocks were rent;

52 and the tombs were opened; and many bodies of the saints that had fallen asleep were raised;

53 and coming forth out of the tombs after his resurrection they entered into the holy city and appeared unto many.

54 Now the centurion, and they that were with him watching Jesus, when they saw the earthquake, and the things that were done, feared exceedingly, saying, Truly this was the Son of God.

55 And many women were there beholding from afar, which had followed Jesus from Galilee, ministering unto him:

56 among whom was Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James and Joses, and the mother of the sons of Zebedee.

57 And when even was come, there came a rich man from Arimathea, named Joseph, who also himself was Jesus' disciple:

58 this man went to Pilate, and asked for the body of Jesus. Then Pilate commanded it to be given up.

59 And Joseph took the body, and wrapped it in a clean linen cloth,

60 and laid it in his own new tomb, which he had hewn out in the rock: and he rolled a great stone to the door of the tomb, and departed.

61 And Mary Magdalene was there, and the other Mary, sitting over against the sepulchre.

62 Now on the morrow, which is the day after the Preparation, the chief priests and the Pharisees were gathered together unto Pilate,

63 saying, Sir, we remember that that deceiver said, while he was yet alive, After three days I rise again.

64 Command therefore that the sepulchre be made sure until the third day, lest haply his disciples come and steal him away, and say unto the people, He is risen from the dead: and the last error will be worse than the first.

65 Pilate said unto them, You have a guard: go your way, make it as sure as you can.

66 So they went, and made the sepulchre sure, sealing the stone, the guard being with them.

Chapter 28

1 Now late on the sabbath day, as it began to dawn toward the first day of the week, came Mary Magdalene and the other Mary to see the sepulchre.

2 And behold, there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord descended from heaven, and came and rolled away the stone, and sat upon it.

3 His appearance was as lightning, and his raiment white as snow:

4 and for fear of him the watchers did quake, and became as dead men.

5 And the angel answered and said unto the women, Fear not you: for I know that you seek Jesus, which has been crucified.

6 He is not here; for he is risen, even as he said. Come, see the place where the Lord lay.

7 And go quickly, and tell his disciples, He is risen from the dead; and lo, he goes before you into Galilee; there shall you see him: lo, I have told you.

8 And they departed quickly from the tomb with fear and great joy, and ran to bring his disciples word.

9 And behold, Jesus met them, saying, All hail. And they came and took hold of his feet, and worshipped him.

10 Then says Jesus unto them, Fear not: go tell my brethren that they depart into Galilee, and there shall they see me.

11 Now while they were going, behold, some of the guard came into the city, and told unto the chief priests all the things that were come to pass.

12 And when they were assembled with the elders, and had taken counsel, they gave large money unto the soldiers,

13 saying, Say you, His disciples came by night, and stole him away while we slept.

14 And if this come to the governor's ears, we will persuade him, and rid you of care.

15 So they took the money, and did as they were taught: and this saying was spread abroad among the Jews, and continues until this day.

16 But the eleven disciples went into Galilee, unto the mountain where Jesus had appointed them.

17 And when they saw him, they worshipped him: but some doubted.

18 And Jesus came to them and spake unto them, saying, All authority has been given unto me in heaven and on earth.

19 Go you therefore, and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them into the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost:

20 teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I commanded you: and lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world.

Mark

Chapter 1

1 The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.

2 Even as it is written in Isaiah the prophet, Behold, I send my messenger before your face, Who shall prepare your way;

3 The voice of one crying in the wilderness, Make you ready the way of the Lord, Make his paths straight;

4 John came, who baptized in the wilderness and preached the baptism of repentance unto remission of sins.

5 And there went out unto him all the country of Judea, and all they of Jerusalem; and they were baptized of him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins.

6 And John was clothed with camel's hair, and had a leathern girdle about his loins, and did eat locusts and wild honey.

7 And he preached, saying, There comes after me he that is mightier than I, the latchet of whose shoes I am not worthy to stoop down and unloose.

8 I baptized you with water; but he shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost.

9 And it came to pass in those days, that Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee, and was baptized of John in the Jordan.

10 And straightway coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens rent asunder, and the Spirit as a dove descending upon him:

11 And a voice came out of the heavens, You are my beloved Son, in you I am well pleased.

12 And straightway the Spirit drives him forth into the wilderness.

13 And he was in the wilderness forty days tempted of Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels ministered unto him.

14 Now after that John was delivered up, Jesus came into Galilee, preaching the gospel of God,

15 and saying, The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand: repent you, and believe in the gospel.

16 And passing along by the sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and Andrew the brother of Simon casting a net in the sea: for they were fishers.

17 And Jesus said unto them, Come you after me, and I will make you to become fishers of men.

18 And straightway they left the nets, and followed him.

19 And going on a little further, he saw James the son of Zebedee, and John his brother, who also were in the boat mending the nets.

20 And straightway he called them: and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired servants, and went after him.

21 And they go into Capernaum; and straightway on the sabbath day he entered into the synagogue and taught.

22 And they were astonished at his teaching: for he taught them as having authority, and not as the scribes.

23 And straightway there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit; and he cried out,

24 saying, What have we to do with you, you Jesus of Nazareth? are you come to destroy us? I know you who you are, the Holy One of God.

25 And Jesus rebuked him, saying, Hold your peace, and come out of him.

26 And the unclean spirit, tearing him and crying with a loud voice, came out of him.

27 And they were all amazed, insomuch that they questioned among themselves, saying, What is this? a new teaching! with authority he commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him.

28 And the report of him went out straightway everywhere into all the region of Galilee round about.

29 And straightway, when they were come out of the synagogue, they came into the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John.

30 Now Simon's wife's mother lay sick of a fever; and straightway they tell him of her:

31 and he came and took her by the hand, and raised her up; and the fever left her, and she ministered unto them.

32 And at even, when the sun did set, they brought unto him all that were sick, and them that were possessed with devils.

33 And all the city was gathered together at the door.

34 And he healed many that were sick with divers diseases, and cast out many devils; and he suffered not the devils to speak, because they knew him.

35 And in the morning, a great while before day, he rose up and went out, and departed into a desert place, and there prayed.

36 And Simon and they that were with him followed after him;

37 and they found him, and say unto him, All are seeking you.

38 And he says unto them, Let us go elsewhere into the next towns, that I may preach there also; for to this end came I forth.

39 And he went into their synagogues throughout all Galilee, preaching and casting out devils.

40 And there comes to him a leper, beseeching him, and kneeling down to him, and saying unto him, If you will, you can make me clean.

41 And being moved with compassion, he stretched forth his hand, and touched him, and says unto him, I will; be you made clean.

42 And straightway the leprosy departed from him, and he was made clean.

43 And he strictly charged him, and straightway sent him out,

44 and says unto him, See you say nothing to any man: but go your way, shew yourself to the priest, and offer for your cleansing the things which Moses commanded, for a testimony unto them.

45 But he went out, and began to publish it much, and to spread abroad the matter, insomuch that Jesus could no more openly enter into a city, but was without in desert places: and they came to him from every quarter.

Chapter 2

1 And when he entered again into Capernaum after some days, it was noised that he was in the house.

2 And many were gathered together, so that there was no longer room for them, no, not even about the door: and he spake the word unto them.

3 And they come, bringing unto him a man sick of the palsy, borne of four.

4 And when they could not come nigh unto him for the crowd, they uncovered the roof where he was: and when they had broken it up, they let down the bed whereon the sick of the palsy lay.

5 And Jesus seeing their faith says unto the sick of the palsy, Son, your sins are forgiven.

6 But there were certain of the scribes sitting there, and reasoning in their hearts,

7 Why does this man thus speak? he blasphemeth: who can forgive sins but one, even God?

8 And straightway Jesus, perceiving in his spirit that they so reasoned within themselves, says unto them, Why reason you these things in your hearts?

9 Whether is easier, to say to the sick of the palsy, Your sins are forgiven; or to say, Arise, and take up your bed, and walk?

10 But that you may know that the Son of man has power on earth to forgive sins (he says to the sick of the palsy),

11 I say unto you, Arise, take up your bed, and go unto your house.

12 And he arose, and straightway took up the bed, and went forth before them all; insomuch that they were all amazed, and glorified God, saying, We never saw it on this fashion.

13 And he went forth again by the sea side; and all the multitude resorted unto him, and he taught them.

14 And as he passed by, he saw Levi the son of Alphaeus sitting at the place of toll, and he says unto him, Follow me. And he arose and followed him.

15 And it came to pass, that he was sitting at meat in his house, and many publicans and sinners sat down with Jesus and his disciples: for there were many, and they followed him.

16 And the scribes of the Pharisees, when they saw that he was eating with the sinners and publicans, said unto his disciples, He eats and drinks with publicans and sinners.

17 And when Jesus heard it, he says unto them, They that are whole have no need of a physician, but they that are sick: I came not to call the righteous, but sinners.

18 And John's disciples and the Pharisees were fasting: and they come and say unto him, Why do John's disciples and the disciples of the Pharisees fast, but your disciples fast not?

19 And Jesus said unto them, Can the sons of the bride-chamber fast, while the bridegroom is with them? as long as they have the bridegroom with them, they cannot fast.

20 But the days will come, when the bridegroom shall be taken away from them, and then will they fast in that day.

21 No man sews a piece of undressed cloth on an old garment: else that which should fill it up takes from it, the new from the old, and a worse rent is made.

22 And no man puts new wine into old wineskins: else the wine will burst the skins, and the wine perishes, and the skins: but they put new wine into fresh wineskins.

23 And it came to pass, that he was going on the sabbath day through the cornfields; and his disciples began, as they went, to pluck the ears of corn.

24 And the Pharisees said unto him, Behold, why do they on the sabbath day that which is not lawful?

25 And he said unto them, Did you never read what David did, when he had need, and was an hungred, he, and they that were with him?

26 How he entered into the house of God when Abiathar was high priest, and did eat the shewbread, which it is not lawful to eat save for the priests, and gave also to them that were with him?

27 And he said unto them, The sabbath was made for man, and not man for the sabbath:

28 so that the Son of man is lord even of the sabbath.

Chapter 3

1 And he entered again into the synagogue; and there was a man there which had his hand withered.

2 And they watched him, whether he would heal him on the sabbath day; that they might accuse him.

3 And he says unto the man that had his hand withered, Stand forth.

4 And he says unto them, Is it lawful on the sabbath day to do good, or to do harm? to save a life, or to kill? But they held their peace.

5 And when he had looked round about on them with anger, being grieved at the hardening of their heart, he says unto the man, Stretch forth your hand. And he stretched it forth: and his hand was restored.

6 And the Pharisees went out, and straightway with the Herodians took counsel against him, how they might destroy him.

7 And Jesus with his disciples withdrew to the sea: and a great multitude from Galilee followed: and from Judea,

8 and from Jerusalem, and from Idumea, and beyond Jordan, and about Tyre and Sidon, a great multitude, hearing what great things he did, came unto him.

9 And he spake to his disciples, that a little boat should wait on him because of the crowd, lest they should throng him:

10 for he had healed many; insomuch that as many as had plagues pressed upon him that they might touch him.

11 And the unclean spirits, whensoever they beheld him, fell down before him, and cried, saying, You are the Son of God.

12 And he charged them much that they should not make him known.

13 And he goes up into the mountain, and calls unto him whom he himself would: and they went unto him.

14 And he appointed twelve, that they might be with him, and that he might send them forth to preach,

15 and to have authority to cast out devils:

16 and Simon he surnamed Peter;

17 and James the son of Zebedee, and John the brother of James; and them he surnamed Boanerges, which is, Sons of thunder:

18 and Andrew, and Philip, and Bartholomew, and Matthew, and Thomas, and James the son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus, and Simon the Cananaean,

19 and Judas Iscariot, which also betrayed him. And he comes into a house.

20 And the multitude comes together again, so that they could not so much as eat bread.

21 And when his friends heard it, they went out to lay hold on him: for they said, He is beside himself.

22 And the scribes which came down from Jerusalem said, He has Beelzebub, and, By the prince of the devils casts he out the devils.

23 And he called them unto him, and said unto them in parables, How can Satan cast out Satan?

24 And if a kingdom be divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand.

25 And if a house be divided against itself, that house will not be able to stand.

26 And if Satan has risen up against himself, and is divided, he cannot stand, but has an end.

27 But no one can enter into the house of the strong man, and spoil his goods, except he first bind the strong man; and then he will spoil his house.

28 Verily I say unto you, All their sins shall be forgiven unto the sons of men, and their blasphemies wherewith soever they shall blaspheme:

29 but whosoever shall blaspheme against the Holy Spirit has never forgiveness, but is guilty of an eternal sin:

30 because they said, He has an unclean spirit.

31 And there come his mother and his brethren; and, standing without, they sent unto him, calling him.

32 And a multitude was sitting about him; and they say unto him, Behold, your mother and your brethren without seek for you.

33 And he answers them, and says, Who is my mother and my brethren?

34 And looking round on them which sat round about him, he says, Behold, my mother and my brethren!

35 For whosoever shall do the will of God, the same is my brother, and sister, and mother.

Chapter 4

1 And again he began to teach by the sea side. And there is gathered unto him a very great multitude, so that he entered into a boat, and sat in the sea; and all the multitude were by the sea on the land.

2 And he taught them many things in parables, and said unto them in his teaching,

3 Hearken: Behold, the sower went forth to sow:

4 and it came to pass, as he sowed, some seed fell by the way side, and the birds came and devoured it.

5 And other fell on the rocky ground, where it had not much earth; and straightway it sprang up, because it had no deepness of earth:

6 and when the sun was risen, it was scorched; and because it had no root, it withered away.

7 And other fell among the thorns, and the thorns grew up, and choked it, and it yielded no fruit.

8 And others fell into the good ground, and yielded fruit, growing up and increasing; and brought forth, thirtyfold, and sixtyfold, and a hundredfold.

9 And he said, Who has ears to hear, let him hear.

10 And when he was alone, they that were about him with the twelve asked of him the parables.

11 And he said unto them, Unto you is given the mystery of the kingdom of God: but unto them that are without, all things are done in parables:

12 that seeing they may see, and not perceive; and hearing they may hear, and not understand; lest haply they should turn again, and it should be forgiven them.

13 And he says unto them, Know you not this parable? and how shall you know all the parables?

14 The sower sows the word.

15 And these are they by the way side, where the word is sown; and when they have heard, straightway comes Satan, and takes away the word which has been sown in them.

16 And these in like manner are they that are sown upon the rocky places, who, when they have heard the word, straightway receive it with joy;

17 and they have no root in themselves, but endure for a while; then, when tribulation or persecution arises because of the word, straightway they stumble.

18 And others are they that are sown among the thorns; these are they that have heard the word,

19 and the cares of the world, and the deceitfulness of riches, and the lusts of other things entering in, choke the word, and it becomes unfruitful.

20 And those are they that were sown upon the good ground; such as hear the word, and accept it, and bear fruit, thirtyfold, and sixtyfold, and a hundredfold.

21 And he said unto them, Is the lamp brought to be put under the bushel, or under the bed, and not to be put on the stand?

22 For there is nothing hid, save that it should be manifested; neither was anything made secret, but that it should come to light.

23 If any man has ears to hear, let him hear.

24 And he said unto them, Take heed what you hear: with what measure you mete it shall be measured unto you: and more shall be given unto you.

25 For he that has, to him shall be given: and he that has not, from him shall be taken away even that which he has.

26 And he said, So is the kingdom of God, as if a man should cast seed upon the earth;

27 and should sleep and rise night and day, and the seed should spring up and grow, he knows not how.

28 The earth bears fruit of herself; first the blade, then the ear, then the full corn in the ear.

29 But when the fruit is ripe, straightway he puts forth the sickle, because the harvest is come.

30 And he said, How shall we liken the kingdom of God? or in what parable shall we set it forth?

31 It is like a grain of mustard seed, which, when it is sown upon the earth, though it be less than all the seeds that are upon the earth,

32 yet when it is sown, grows up, and becomes greater than all the herbs, and puts out great branches; so that the birds of the heaven can lodge under the shadow thereof.

33 And with many such parables spake he the word unto them, as they were able to hear it:

34 and without a parable spake he not unto them: but privately to his own disciples he expounded all things.

35 And on that day, when even was come, he says unto them, Let us go over unto the other side.

36 And leaving the multitude, they take him with them, even as he was, in the boat. And other boats were with him.

37 And there arises a great storm of wind, and the waves beat into the boat, insomuch that the boat was now filling.

38 And he himself was in the stern, asleep on the cushion: and they awake him, and say unto him, Master, care you not that we perish?

39 And he awoke, and rebuked the wind, and said unto the sea, Peace, be still. And the wind ceased, and there was a great calm.

40 And he said unto them, Why are you fearful? have you not yet faith?

41 And they feared exceedingly, and said one to another, Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?

Chapter 5

1 And they came to the other side of the sea, into the country of the Gerasenes.

2 And when he was come out of the boat, straightway there met him out of the tombs a man with an unclean spirit,

3 who had his dwelling in the tombs: and no man could any more bind him, no, not with a chain;

4 because that he had been often bound with fetters and chains, and the chains had been rent asunder by him, and the fetters broken in pieces: and no man had strength to tame him.

5 And always, night and day, in the tombs and in the mountains, he was crying out, and cutting himself with stones.

6 And when he saw Jesus from afar, he ran and worshipped him;

7 and crying out with a loud voice, he says, What have I to do with you, Jesus, you Son of the Most High God? I adjure you by God, torment me not.

8 For he said unto him, Come forth, you unclean spirit, out of the man.

9 And he asked him, What is your name? And he says unto him, My name is Legion; for we are many.

10 And he besought him much that he would not send them away out of the country.

11 Now there was there on the mountain side a great herd of swine feeding.

12 And they besought him, saying, Send us into the swine, that we may enter into them.

13 And he gave them leave. And the unclean spirits came out, and entered into the swine: and the herd rushed down the steep into the sea, in number about two thousand; and they were choked in the sea.

14 And they that fed them fled, and told it in the city, and in the country. And they came to see what it was that had come to pass.

15 And they come to Jesus, and behold him that was possessed with devils sitting, clothed and in his right mind, even him that had the legion: and they were afraid.

16 And they that saw it declared unto them how it befell him that was possessed with devils, and concerning the swine.

17 And they began to beseech him to depart from their borders.

18 And as he was entering into the boat, he that had been possessed with devils besought him that he might be with him.

19 And he suffered him not, but says unto him, Go to your house unto your friends, and tell them how great things the Lord has done for you, and how he had mercy on you.

20 And he went his way, and began to publish in Decapolis how great things Jesus had done for him: and all men did marvel.

21 And when Jesus had crossed over again in the boat unto the other side, a great multitude was gathered unto him: and he was by the sea.

22 And there comes one of the rulers of the synagogue, Jairus by name; and seeing him, he falls at his feet,

23 and beseeches him much, saying, My little daughter is at the point of death: I pray you, that you come and lay your hands on her, that she may be made whole, and live.

24 And he went with him; and a great multitude followed him, and they thronged him.

25 And a woman, which had an issue of blood twelve years,

26 and had suffered many things of many physicians, and had spent all that she had, and was nothing bettered, but rather grew worse,

27 having heard the things concerning Jesus, came in the crowd behind, and touched his garment.

28 For she said, If I touch but his garments, I shall be made whole.

29 And straightway the fountain of her blood was dried up; and she felt in her body that she was healed of her plague.

30 And straightway Jesus, perceiving in himself that the power proceeding from him had gone forth, turned him about in the crowd, and said, Who touched my garments?

31 And his disciples said unto him, You see the multitude thronging you, and say you, Who touched me?

32 And he looked round about to see her that had done this thing.

33 But the woman fearing and trembling, knowing what had been done to her, came and fell down before him, and told him all the truth.

34 And he said unto her, Daughter, your faith has made you whole; go in peace, and be whole of your plague.

35 While he yet spake, they come from the ruler of the synagogue's house, saying, Your daughter is dead: why trouble you the Master any further?

36 But Jesus, not heeding the word spoken, says unto the ruler of the synagogue, Fear not, only believe.

37 And he suffered no man to follow with him, save Peter, and James, and John the brother of James.

38 And they come to the house of the ruler of the synagogue; and he beholds a tumult, and many weeping and wailing greatly.

39 And when he was entered in, he says unto them, Why make you a tumult, and weep? the child is not dead, but sleeps.

40 And they laughed him to scorn. But he, having put them all forth, takes the father of the child and her mother and them that were with him, and goes in where the child was.

41 And taking the child by the hand, he says unto her, Talitha cumi; which is, being interpreted, Damsel, I say unto you, Arise.

42 And straightway the damsel rose up, and walked; for she was twelve years old. And they were amazed straightway with a great amazement.

43 And he charged them much that no man should know this: and he commanded that something should be given her to eat.

Chapter 6

1 And he went out from thence; and he comes into his own country; and his disciples follow him.

2 And when the sabbath was come, he began to teach in the synagogue: and many hearing him were astonished, saying, Whence has this man these things? and, What is the wisdom that is given unto this man, and what mean such mighty works wrought by his hands?

3 Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary, and brother of James, and Joses, and Judas, and Simon? and are not his sisters here with us? And they were offended in him.

4 And Jesus said unto them, A prophet is not without honour, save in his own country, and among his own kin, and in his own house.

5 And he could there do no mighty work, save that he laid his hands upon a few sick folk, and healed them.

6 And he marveled because of their unbelief. And he went round about the villages teaching.

7 And he called unto him the twelve, and began to send them forth by two and two; and he gave them authority over the unclean spirits;

8 and he charged them that they should take nothing for their journey, save a staff only; no bread, no wallet, no money in their purse;

9 but to go shod with sandals: and, said he, put not on two coats.

10 And he said unto them, Wheresoever you enter into a house, there abide till you depart thence.

11 And whatsoever place shall not receive you, and they hear you not, as you go forth thence, shake off the dust that is under your feet for a testimony unto them.

12 And they went out, and preached that men should repent.

13 And they cast out many devils, and anointed with oil many that were sick, and healed them.

14 And king Herod heard thereof; for his name had become known: and he said, John the Baptist is risen from the dead, and therefore do these powers work in him.

15 But others said, It is Elijah. And others said, It is a prophet, even as one of the prophets.

16 But Herod, when he heard thereof, said, John, whom I beheaded, he is risen.

17 For Herod himself had sent forth and laid hold upon John, and bound him in prison for the sake of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife: for he had married her.

18 For John said unto Herod, It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife.

19 And Herodias set herself against him, and desired to kill him; and she could not;

20 for Herod feared John, knowing that he was a righteous man and a holy, and kept him safe. And when he heard him, he was much perplexed; and he heard him gladly.

21 And when a convenient day was come, that Herod on his birthday made a supper to his lords, and the high captains, and the chief men of Galilee;

22 and when the daughter of Herodias herself came in and danced, she pleased Herod and them that sat at meat with him; and the king said unto the damsel, Ask of me whatsoever you will, and I will give it you.

23 And he sware unto her, Whatsoever you shall ask of me, I will give it you, unto the half of my kingdom.

24 And she went out, and said unto her mother, What shall I ask? And she said, The head of John the Baptist.

25 And she came in straightway with haste unto the king, and asked, saying, I will that you forthwith give me in a charger the head of John the Baptist.

26 And the king was exceeding sorry; but for the sake of his oaths, and of them that sat at meat, he would not reject her.

27 And straightway the king sent forth a soldier of his guard, and commanded to bring his head: and he went and beheaded him in the prison,

28 and brought his head in a charger, and gave it to the damsel; and the damsel gave it to her mother.

29 And when his disciples heard thereof, they came and took up his corpse, and laid it in a tomb.

30 And the apostles gather themselves together unto Jesus; and they told him all things, whatsoever they had done, and whatsoever they had taught.

31 And he says unto them, Come you yourselves apart into a desert place, and rest a while. For there were many coming and going, and they had no leisure so much as to eat.

32 And they went away in the boat to a desert place apart.

33 And the people saw them going, and many knew them, and they ran there together on foot from all the cities, and outwent them.

34 And he came forth and saw a great multitude, and he had compassion on them, because they were as sheep not having a shepherd: and he began to teach them many things.

35 And when the day was now far spent, his disciples came unto him, and said, The place is desert, and the day is now far spent:

36 send them away, that they may go into the country and villages round about, and buy themselves somewhat to eat.

37 But he answered and said unto them, Give you them to eat. And they say unto him, Shall we go and buy two hundred pennyworth of bread, and give them to eat?

38 And he says unto them, How many loaves have you? go and see. And when they knew, they say, Five, and two fishes.

39 And he commanded them that all should sit down by companies upon the green grass.

40 And they sat down in ranks, by hundreds, and by fifties.

41 And he took the five loaves and the two fishes, and looking up to heaven, he blessed, and brake the loaves; and he gave to the disciples to set before them; and the two fishes divided he among them all.

42 And they did all eat, and were filled.

43 And they took up broken pieces, twelve basketfuls, and also of the fishes.

44 And they that ate the loaves were five thousand men.

45 And straightway he constrained his disciples to enter into the boat, and to go before him unto the other side to Bethsaida, while he himself sends the multitude away.

46 And after he had taken leave of them, he departed into the mountain to pray.

47 And when even was come, the boat was in the midst of the sea, and he alone on the land.

48 And seeing them distressed in rowing, for the wind was contrary unto them, about the fourth watch of the night he comes unto them, walking on the sea; and he would have passed by them:

49 but they, when they saw him walking on the sea, supposed that it was an apparition, and cried out:

50 for they all saw him, and were troubled. But he straightway spake with them, and says unto them, Be of good cheer: it is I; be not afraid.

51 And he went up unto them into the boat; and the wind ceased: and they were sore amazed in themselves;

52 for they understood not concerning the loaves, but their heart was hardened.

53 And when they had crossed over, they came to the land unto Gennesaret, and moored to the shore.

54 And when they were come out of the boat, straightway the people knew him,

55 and ran round about that whole region, and began to carry about on their beds those that were sick, where they heard he was.

56 And wheresoever he entered, into villages, or into cities, or into the country, they laid the sick in the marketplaces, and besought him that they might touch if it were but the border of his garment: and as many as touched him were made whole.

Chapter 7

1 And there are gathered together unto him the Pharisees, and certain of the scribes, which had come from Jerusalem,

2 and had seen that some of his disciples ate their bread with defiled, that is, unwashen, hands.

3 For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, except they wash their hands diligently, eat not, holding the tradition of the elders:

4 and when they come from the marketplace, except they wash themselves, they eat not: and many other things there be, which they have received to hold, washings of cups, and pots, and brasen vessels.

5 And the Pharisees and the scribes ask him, Why walk not your disciples according to the tradition of the elders, but eat their bread with defiled hands?

6 And he said unto them, Well did Isaiah prophesy of you hypocrites, as it is written, This people honours me with their lips, But their heart is far from me.

7 But in vain do they worship me, Teaching as their doctrines the precepts of men.

8 You leave the commandment of God, and hold fast the tradition of men.

9 And he said unto them, Full well do you reject the commandment of God, that you may keep your tradition.

10 For Moses said, Honour your father and your mother; and, He that speaks evil of father or mother, let him die the death:

11 but you say, If a man shall say to his father or his mother, That wherewith you might have been profited by me is Corban, that is to say, Given to God;

12 you no longer suffer him to do aught for his father or his mother;

13 making void the word of God by your tradition, which you have delivered: and many such like things you do.

14 And he called to him the multitude again, and said unto them, Hear me all of you, and understand:

15 there is nothing from without the man, that going into him can defile him: but the things which proceed out of the man are those that defile the man.

17 And when he was entered into the house from the multitude, his disciples asked of him the parable.

18 And he says unto them, Are you so without understanding also? Perceive you not, that whatsoever from without goes into the man, it cannot defile him;

19 because it goes not into his heart, but into his belly, and goes out into the draught? This he said, making all meats clean.

20 And he said, That which proceeds out of the man, that defiles the man.

21 For from within, out of the heart of men, evil thoughts proceed, fornications, thefts, murders, adulteries,

22 covetings, wickednesses, deceit, lasciviousness, an evil eye, railing, pride, foolishness:

23 all these evil things proceed from within, and defile the man.

24 And from thence he arose, and went away into the borders of Tyre and Sidon. And he entered into a house, and would have no man know it: and he could not be hid.

25 But straightway a woman, whose little daughter had an unclean spirit, having heard of him, came and fell down at his feet.

26 Now the woman was a Greek, a Syrophoenician by race. And she besought him that he would cast forth the devil out of her daughter.

27 And he said unto her, Let the children first be filled: for it is not meet to take the children's bread and cast it to the dogs.

28 But she answered and says unto him, Yea, Lord: even the dogs under the table eat of the children's crumbs.

29 And he said unto her, For this saying go your way; the devil is gone out of your daughter.

30 And she went away unto her house, and found the child laid upon the bed, and the devil gone out.

31 And again he went out from the borders of Tyre, and came through Sidon unto the sea of Galilee, through the midst of the borders of Decapolis.

32 And they bring unto him one that was deaf, and had an impediment in his speech; and they beseech him to lay his hand upon him.

33 And he took him aside from the multitude privately, and put his fingers into his ears, and he spat, and touched his tongue;

34 and looking up to heaven, he sighed, and says unto him, Ephphatha, that is, Be opened.

35 And his ears were opened, and the bond of his tongue was loosed, and he spake plain.

36 And he charged them that they should tell no man: but the more he charged them, so much the more a great deal they published it.

37 And they were beyond measure astonished, saying, He has done all things well: he makes even the deaf to hear, and the dumb to speak.

Chapter 8

1 In those days, when there was again a great multitude, and they had nothing to eat, he called unto him his disciples, and says unto them,

2 I have compassion on the multitude, because they continue with me now three days, and have nothing to eat:

3 and if I send them away fasting to their home, they will faint in the way; and some of them are come from far.

4 And his disciples answered him, Whence shall one be able to fill these men with bread here in a desert place?

5 And he asked them, How many loaves have you? And they said, Seven.

6 And he commands the multitude to sit down on the ground: and he took the seven loaves, and having given thanks, he brake, and gave to his disciples, to set before them; and they set them before the multitude.

7 And they had a few small fishes: and having blessed them, he commanded to set these also before them.

8 And they did eat, and were filled: and they took up, of broken pieces that remained over, seven baskets.

9 And they were about four thousand: and he sent them away.

10 And straightway he entered into the boat with his disciples, and came into the parts of Dalmanutha.

11 And the Pharisees came forth, and began to question with him, seeking of him a sign from heaven, tempting him.

12 And he sighed deeply in his spirit, and says, Why does this generation seek a sign? verily I say unto you, There shall no sign be given unto this generation.

13 And he left them, and again entering into the boat departed to the other side.

14 And they forgot to take bread; and they had not in the boat with them more than one loaf.

15 And he charged them, saying, Take heed, beware of the leaven of the Pharisees and the leaven of Herod.

16 And they reasoned one with another, saying, We have no bread.

17 And Jesus perceiving it says unto them, Why reason you, because you have no bread? do you not yet perceive, neither understand? have you your heart hardened?

18 Having eyes, see you not? and having ears, hear you not? and do you not remember?

19 When I brake the five loaves among the five thousand, how many baskets full of broken pieces took you up? They say unto him, Twelve.

20 And when the seven among the four thousand, how many basketfuls of broken pieces took you up? And they say unto him, Seven.

21 And he said unto them, Do you not yet understand?

22 And they come unto Bethsaida. And they bring to him a blind man, and beseech him to touch him.

23 And he took hold of the blind man by the hand, and brought him out of the village; and when he had spit on his eyes, and laid his hands upon him, he asked him, See you aught?

24 And he looked up, and said, I see men; for I behold them as trees, walking.

25 Then again he laid his hands upon his eyes; and he looked stedfastly, and was restored, and saw all things clearly.

26 And he sent him away to his home, saying, Do not even enter into the village.

27 And Jesus went forth, and his disciples, into the villages of Caesarea Philippi: and in the way he asked his disciples, saying unto them, Who do men say that I am?

28 And they told him, saying, John the Baptist: and others, Elijah; but others, One of the prophets.

29 And he asked them, But who say you that I am? Peter answers and says unto him, You are the Christ.

30 And he charged them that they should tell no man of him.

31 And he began to teach them, that the Son of man must suffer many things, and be rejected by the elders, and the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again.

32 And he spake the saying openly. And Peter took him, and began to rebuke him.

33 But he turning about, and seeing his disciples, rebuked Peter, and says, Get you behind me, Satan: for you mind not the things of God, but the things of men.

34 And he called unto him the multitude with his disciples, and said unto them, If any man would come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me.

35 For whosoever would save his life shall lose it; and whosoever shall lose his life for my sake and the gospel's shall save it.

36 For what does it profit a man, to gain the whole world, and forfeit his life?

37 For what should a man give in exchange for his life?

38 For whosoever shall be ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, the Son of man also shall be ashamed of him, when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.

Chapter 9

1 And he said unto them, Verily I say unto you, There be some here of them that stand by, which shall in no wise taste of death, till they see the kingdom of God come with power.

2 And after six days Jesus takes with him Peter, and James, and John, and brings them up into a high mountain apart by themselves: and he was transfigured before them:

3 and his garments became glistering, exceeding white; so as no fuller on earth can whiten them.

4 And there appeared unto them Elijah with Moses: and they were talking with Jesus.

5 And Peter answers and says to Jesus, Rabbi, it is good for us to be here: and let us make three tabernacles; one for you, and one for Moses, and one for Elijah.

6 For he wist not what to answer; for they became sore afraid.

7 And there came a cloud overshadowing them: and there came a voice out of the cloud, This is my beloved Son: hear you him.

8 And suddenly looking round about, they saw no one any more, save Jesus only with themselves.

9 And as they were coming down from the mountain, he charged them that they should tell no man what things they had seen, save when the Son of man should have risen again from the dead.

10 And they kept the saying, questioning among themselves what the rising again from the dead should mean.

11 And they asked him, saying, The scribes say that Elijah must first come.

12 And he said unto them, Elijah indeed comes first, and restores all things: and how is it written of the Son of man, that he should suffer many things and be set at nought?

13 But I say unto you, that Elijah is come, and they have also done unto him whatsoever they listed, even as it is written of him.

14 And when they came to the disciples, they saw a great multitude about them, and scribes questioning with them.

15 And straightway all the multitude, when they saw him, were greatly amazed, and running to him saluted him.

16 And he asked them, What question you with them?

17 And one of the multitude answered him, Master, I brought unto you my son, which has a dumb spirit;

18 and wheresoever it takes him, it dashes him down: and he foams, and grinds his teeth, and pins away: and I spake to your disciples that they should cast it out; and they were not able.

19 And he answers them and says, O faithless generation, how long shall I be with you? how long shall I bear with you? bring him unto me.

20 And they brought him unto him: and when he saw him, straightway the spirit tare him grievously; and he fell on the ground, and wallowed foaming.

21 And he asked his father, How long time is it since this has come unto him? And he said, From a child.

22 And oft-times it has cast him both into the fire and into the waters, to destroy him: but if you can do anything, have compassion on us, and help us.

23 And Jesus said unto him, If you can! All things are possible to him that believes.

24 Straightway the father of the child cried out, and said, I believe; help you mine unbelief.

25 And when Jesus saw that a multitude came running together, he rebuked the unclean spirit, saying unto him, You dumb and deaf spirit, I command you, come out of him, and enter no more into him.

26 And having cried out, and torn him much, he came out: and the child became as one dead; insomuch that the more part said, He is dead.

27 But Jesus took him by the hand, and raised him up; and he arose.

28 And when he was come into the house, his disciples asked him privately, saying, We could not cast it out.

29 And he said unto them, This kind can come out by nothing, save by prayer.

30 And they went forth from thence, and passed through Galilee; and he would not that any man should know it.

31 For he taught his disciples, and said unto them, The Son of man is delivered up into the hands of men, and they shall kill him; and when he is killed, after three days he shall rise again.

32 But they understood not the saying, and were afraid to ask him.

33 And they came to Capernaum: and when he was in the house he asked them, What were you reasoning in the way?

34 But they held their peace: for they had disputed one with another in the way, who was the greatest.

35 And he sat down, and called the twelve; and he says unto them, If any man would be first, he shall be last of all, and minister of all.

36 And he took a little child, and set him in the midst of them: and taking him in his arms, he said unto them,

37 Whosoever shall receive one of such little children in my name, receives me: and whosoever receives me, receives not me, but him that sent me.

38 John said unto him, Master, we saw one casting out devils in your name: and we forbade him, because he followed not us.

39 But Jesus said, Forbid him not: for there is no man which shall do a mighty work in my name, and be able quickly to speak evil of me.

40 For he that is not against us is for us.

41 For whosoever shall give you a cup of water to drink, because you are Christ's, verily I say unto you, he shall in no wise lose his reward.

42 And whosoever shall cause one of these little ones that believe on me to stumble, it were better for him if a great millstone were hanged about his neck, and he were cast into the sea.

43 And if your hand cause you to stumble, cut it off: it is good for you to enter into life maimed, rather than having your two hands to go into hell, into the unquenchable fire.

45 And if your foot cause you to stumble, cut it off: it is good for you to enter into life halt, rather than having your two feet to be cast into hell.

47 And if your eye cause you to stumble, cast it out: it is good for you to enter into the kingdom of God with one eye, rather than having two eyes to be cast into hell;

48 where their worm dies not, and the fire is not quenched.

49 For every one shall be salted with fire.

50 Salt is good: but if the salt have lost its saltness, wherewith will you season it? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace one with another.

Chapter 10

1 And he arose from thence, and comes into the borders of Judea and beyond Jordan: and multitudes come together unto him again; and, as he was wont, he taught them again.

2 And there came unto him Pharisees, and asked him, Is it lawful for a man to put away his wife? tempting him.

3 And he answered and said unto them, What did Moses command you?

4 And they said, Moses suffered to write a bill of divorcement, and to put her away.

5 But Jesus said unto them, For your hardness of heart he wrote you this commandment.

6 But from the beginning of the creation, Male and female made he them.

7 For this cause shall a man leave his father and mother, and shall cleave to his wife;

8 and the twain shall become one flesh: so that they are no more twain, but one flesh.

9 What therefore God has joined together, let not man put asunder.

10 And in the house the disciples asked him again of this matter.

11 And he says unto them, Whosoever shall put away his wife, and marry another, commits adultery against her:

12 and if she herself shall put away her husband, and marry another, she commits adultery.

13 And they brought unto him little children, that he should touch them: and the disciples rebuked them.

14 But when Jesus saw it, he was moved with indignation, and said unto them, Suffer the little children to come unto me; forbid them not: for of such is the kingdom of God.

15 Verily I say unto you, Whosoever shall not receive the kingdom of God as a little child, he shall in no wise enter therein.

16 And he took them in his arms, and blessed them, laying his hands upon them.

17 And as he was going forth into the way, there ran one to him, and kneeled to him, and asked him, Good Master, what shall I do that I may inherit eternal life?

18 And Jesus said unto him, Why call you me good? none is good save one, even God.

19 You know the commandments, Do not kill, Do not commit adultery, Do not steal, Do not bear false witness, Do not defraud, Honour your father and mother.

20 And he said unto him, Master, all these things have I observed from my youth.

21 And Jesus looking upon him loved him, and said unto him, One thing you lack: go, sell whatsoever you have, and give to the poor, and you shall have treasure in heaven: and come, follow me.

22 But his countenance fell at the saying, and he went away sorrowful: for he was one that had great possessions.

23 And Jesus looked round about, and says unto his disciples, How hardly shall they that have riches enter into the kingdom of God!

24 And the disciples were amazed at his words. But Jesus answers again, and says unto them, Children, how hard is it for them that trust in riches to enter into the kingdom of God!

25 It is easier for a camel to go through a needle's eye, than for a rich man to enter into the kingdom of God.

26 And they were astonished exceedingly, saying unto him, Then who can be saved?

27 Jesus looking upon them says, With men it is impossible, but not with God: for all things are possible with God.

28 Peter began to say unto him, Lo, we have left all, and have followed you.

29 Jesus said, Verily I say unto you, There is no man that has left house, or brethren, or sisters, or mother, or father, or children, or lands, for my sake, and for the gospel's sake,

30 but he shall receive a hundredfold now in this time, houses, and brethren, and sisters, and mothers, and children, and lands, with persecutions; and in the world to come eternal life.

31 But many that are first shall be last; and the last first.

32 And they were in the way, going up to Jerusalem; and Jesus was going before them: and they were amazed; and they that followed were afraid. And he took again the twelve, and began to tell them the things that were to happen unto him,

33 saying, Behold, we go up to Jerusalem; and the Son of man shall be delivered unto the chief priests and the scribes; and they shall condemn him to death, and shall deliver him unto the Gentiles:

34 and they shall mock him, and shall spit upon him, and shall scourge him, and shall kill him; and after three days he shall rise again.

35 And there come near unto him James and John, the sons of Zebedee, saying unto him, Master, we would that you should do for us whatsoever we shall ask of you.

36 And he said unto them, What would you that I should do for you?

37 And they said unto him, Grant unto us that we may sit, one on your right hand, and one on your left hand, in your glory.

38 But Jesus said unto them, You know not what you ask. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink? or to be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?

39 And they said unto him, We are able. And Jesus said unto them, The cup that I drink you shall drink; and with the baptism that I am baptized withal shall you be baptized:

40 but to sit on my right hand or on my left hand is not mine to give: but it is for them for whom it has been prepared.

41 And when the ten heard it, they began to be moved with indignation concerning James and John.

42 And Jesus called them to him, and says unto them, You know that they which are accounted to rule over the Gentiles lord it over them; and their great ones exercise authority over them.

43 But it is not so among you: but whosoever would become great among you, shall be your minister:

44 and whosoever would be first among you, shall be servant of all.

45 For verily the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give his life a ransom for many.

46 And they come to Jericho: and as he went out from Jericho, with his disciples and a great multitude, the son of Timaeus, Bartimaeus, a blind beggar, was sitting by the way side.

47 And when he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to cry out, and say, Jesus, you son of David, have mercy on me.

48 And many rebuked him, that he should hold his peace: but he cried out the more a great deal, You son of David, have mercy on me.

49 And Jesus stood still, and said, Call you him. And they call the blind man, saying unto him, Be of good cheer: rise, he calls you.

50 And he, casting away his garment, sprang up, and came to Jesus.

51 And Jesus answered him, and said, What will you that I should do unto you? And the blind man said unto him, Rabboni, that I may receive my sight.

52 And Jesus said unto him, Go your way; your faith has made you whole. And straightway he received his sight, and followed him in the way.

Chapter 11

1 And when they draw nigh unto Jerusalem, unto Bethphage and Bethany, at the mount of Olives, he sends two of his disciples,

2 and says unto them, Go your way into the village that is over against you: and straightway as you enter into it, you shall find a colt tied, whereon no man ever yet sat; loose him, and bring him.

3 And if any one say unto you, Why do you this? say you, The Lord has need of him; and straightway he will send him back hither.

4 And they went away, and found a colt tied at the door without in the open street; and they loose him.

5 And certain of them that stood there said unto them, What do you, loosing the colt?

6 And they said unto them even as Jesus had said: and they let them go.

7 And they bring the colt unto Jesus, and cast on him their garments; and he sat upon him.

8 And many spread their garments upon the way; and others branches, which they had cut from the fields.

9 And they that went before, and they that followed, cried, Hosanna; Blessed is he that comes in the name of the Lord:

10 Blessed is the kingdom that comes, the kingdom of our father David: Hosanna in the highest.

11 And he entered into Jerusalem, into the temple; and when he had looked round about upon all things, it being now eventide, he went out unto Bethany with the twelve.

12 And on the morrow, when they were come out from Bethany, he hungered.

13 And seeing a fig tree afar off having leaves, he came, if haply he might find anything thereon: and when he came to it, he found nothing but leaves; for it was not the season of figs.

14 And he answered and said unto it, No man eat fruit from you henceforward for ever. And his disciples heard it.

15 And they come to Jerusalem: and he entered into the temple, and began to cast out them that sold and them that bought in the temple, and overthrew the tables of the money-changers, and the seats of them that sold the doves;

16 and he would not suffer that any man should carry a vessel through the temple.

17 And he taught, and said unto them, Is it not written, My house shall be called a house of prayer for all the nations? but you have made it a den of robbers.

18 And the chief priests and the scribes heard it, and sought how they might destroy him: for they feared him, for all the multitude was astonished at his teaching.

19 And every evening he went forth out of the city.

20 And as they passed by in the morning, they saw the fig tree withered away from the roots.

21 And Peter calling to remembrance says unto him, Rabbi, behold, the fig tree which you cursedst is withered away.

22 And Jesus answering says unto them, Have faith in God.

23 Verily I say unto you, Whosoever shall say unto this mountain, Be you taken up and cast into the sea; and shall not doubt in his heart, but shall believe that what he says comes to pass; he shall have it.

24 Therefore I say unto you, All things whatsoever you pray and ask for, believe that you have received them, and you shall have them.

25 And whensoever you stand praying, forgive, if you have aught against any one; that your Father also which is in heaven may forgive you your trespasses.

27 And they come again to Jerusalem: and as he was walking in the temple, there come to him the chief priests, and the scribes, and the elders;

28 and they said unto him, By what authority do you these things? or who gave you this authority to do these things?

29 And Jesus said unto them, I will ask of you one question, and answer me, and I will tell you by what authority I do these things.

30 The baptism of John, was it from heaven, or from men? answer me.

31 And they reasoned with themselves, saying, If we shall say, From heaven; he will say, Why then did you not believe him?

32 But should we say, From men—they feared the people: for all verily held John to be a prophet.

33 And they answered Jesus and say, We know not. And Jesus says unto them, Neither tell I you by what authority I do these things.

Chapter 12

1 And he began to speak unto them in parables. A man planted a vineyard, and set a hedge about it, and digged a pit for the winepress, and built a tower, and let it out to husbandmen, and went into another country.

2 And at the season he sent to the husbandmen a servant, that he might receive from the husbandmen of the fruits of the vineyard.

3 And they took him, and beat him, and sent him away empty.

4 And again he sent unto them another servant; and him they wounded in the head, and handled shamefully.

5 And he sent another; and him they killed: and many others; beating some, and killing some.

6 He had yet one, a beloved son: he sent him last unto them, saying, They will reverence my son.

7 But those husbandmen said among themselves, This is the heir; come, let us kill him, and the inheritance shall be ours.

8 And they took him, and killed him, and cast him forth out of the vineyard.

9 What therefore will the lord of the vineyard do? he will come and destroy the husbandmen, and will give the vineyard unto others.

10 Have you not read even this scripture; The stone which the builders rejected, The same was made the head of the corner:

11 This was from the Lord, And it is marvelous in our eyes?

12 And they sought to lay hold on him; and they feared the multitude; for they perceived that he spake the parable against them: and they left him, and went away.

13 And they send unto him certain of the Pharisees and of the Herodians, that they might catch him in talk.

14 And when they were come, they say unto him, Master, we know that you are true, and care not for any one: for you regard not the person of men, but of a truth teach the way of God: Is it lawful to give tribute unto Caesar, or not?

15 Shall we give, or shall we not give? But he, knowing their hypocrisy, said unto them, Why tempt you me? bring me a penny, that I may see it.

16 And they brought it. And he says unto them, Whose is this image and superscription? And they said unto him, Caesar's.

17 And Jesus said unto them, Render unto Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and unto God the things that are God's. And they marveled greatly at him.

18 And there come unto him Sadducees, which say that there is no resurrection; and they asked him, saying,

19 Master, Moses wrote unto us, If a man's brother die, and leave a wife behind him, and leave no child, that his brother should take his wife, and raise up seed unto his brother.

20 There were seven brethren: and the first took a wife, and dying left no seed;

21 and the second took her, and died, leaving no seed behind him; and the third likewise:

22 and the seven left no seed. Last of all the woman also died.

23 In the resurrection whose wife shall she be of them? for the seven had her to wife.

24 Jesus said unto them, Is it not for this cause that you err, that you know not the scriptures, nor the power of God?

25 For when they shall rise from the dead, they neither marry, nor are given in marriage; but are as angels in heaven.

26 But as touching the dead, that they are raised; have you not read in the book of Moses, in the place concerning the Bush, how God spake unto him, saying, I am the God of Abraham, and the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob?

27 He is not the God of the dead, but of the living: you do greatly err.

28 And one of the scribes came, and heard them questioning together, and knowing that he had answered them well, asked him, What commandment is the first of all?

29 Jesus answered, The first is, Hear, O Israel; The Lord our God, the Lord is one:

30 and you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength.

31 The second is this, You shall love your neighbour as yourself. There is none other commandment greater than these.

32 And the scribe said unto him, Of a truth, Master, you have well said that he is one; and there is none other but he:

33 and to love him with all the heart, and with all the understanding, and with all the strength, and to love his

neighbour as himself, is much more than all whole burnt offerings and sacrifices.

34 And when Jesus saw that he answered discreetly, he said unto him, You are not far from the kingdom of God. And no man after that durst ask him any question.

35 And Jesus answered and said, as he taught in the temple, How say the scribes that the Christ is the son of David?

36 David himself said in the Holy Spirit, The Lord said unto my Lord, Sit you on my right hand, Till I make your enemies the footstool of your feet.

37 David himself calls him Lord; and whence is he his son? And the common people heard him gladly.

38 And in his teaching he said, Beware of the scribes, which desire to walk in long robes, and to have salutations in the marketplaces,

39 and chief seats in the synagogues, and chief places at feasts:

40 they which devour widows' houses, and for a pretence make long prayers; these shall receive greater condemnation.

41 And he sat down over against the treasury, and beheld how the multitude cast money into the treasury: and many that were rich cast in much.

42 And there came a poor widow, and she cast in two mites, which make a farthing.

43 And he called unto him his disciples, and said unto them, Verily I say unto you, This poor widow cast in more than all they which are casting into the treasury:

44 for they all did cast in of their superfluity; but she of her want did cast in all that she had, even all her living.

Chapter 13

1 And as he went forth out of the temple, one of his disciples says unto him, Master, behold, what manner of stones and what manner of buildings!

2 And Jesus said unto him, See you these great buildings? there shall not be left here one stone upon another, which shall not be thrown down.

3 And as he sat on the mount of Olives over against the temple, Peter and James and John and Andrew asked him privately,

4 Tell us, when shall these things be? and what shall be the sign when these things are all about to be accomplished?

5 And Jesus began to say unto them, Take heed that no man lead you astray.

6 Many shall come in my name, saying, I am he; and shall lead many astray.

7 And when you shall hear of wars and rumours of wars, be not troubled: these things must needs come to pass; but the end is not yet.

8 For nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom: there shall be earthquakes in divers places; there shall be famines: these things are the beginning of travail.

9 But take you heed to yourselves: for they shall deliver you up to councils; and in synagogues shall you be beaten; and before governors and kings shall you stand for my sake, for a testimony unto them.

10 And the gospel must first be preached unto all the nations.

11 And when they lead you to judgment, and deliver you up, be not anxious beforehand what you shall speak: but whatsoever shall be given you in that hour, that speak you: for it is not you that speak, but the Holy Ghost.

12 And brother shall deliver up brother to death, and the father his child; and children shall rise up against parents, and cause them to be put to death.

13 And you shall be hated of all men for my name's sake: but he that endures to the end, the same shall be saved.

14 But when you see the abomination of desolation standing where he ought not (let him that reads understand), then let them that are in Judea flee unto the mountains:

15 and let him that is on the housetop not go down, nor enter in, to take anything out of his house:

16 and let him that is in the field not return back to take his cloke.

17 But woe unto them that are with child and to them that give suck in those days!

18 And pray you that it be not in the winter.

19 For those days shall be tribulation, such as there has not been the like from the beginning of the creation which God created until now, and never shall be.

20 And except the Lord had shortened the days, no flesh would have been saved: but for the elect's sake, whom he chose, he shortened the days.

21 And then if any man shall say unto you, Lo, here is the Christ; or, Lo, there; believe it not:

22 for there shall arise false Christs and false prophets, and shall shew signs and wonders, that they may lead astray, if possible, the elect.

23 But take you heed: behold, I have told you all things beforehand.

24 But in those days, after that tribulation, the sun shall be darkened, and the moon shall not give her light,

25 and the stars shall be falling from heaven, and the powers that are in the heavens shall be shaken.

26 And then shall they see the Son of man coming in clouds with great power and glory.

27 And then shall he send forth the angels, and shall gather together his elect from the four winds, from the uttermost part of the earth to the uttermost part of heaven.

28 Now from the fig tree learn her parable: when her branch is now become tender, and puts forth its leaves, you know that the summer is nigh;

29 even so you also, when you see these things coming to pass, know you that he is nigh, even at the doors.

30 Verily I say unto you, This generation shall not pass away, until all these things be accomplished.

31 Heaven and earth shall pass away: but my words shall not pass away.

32 But of that day or that hour knows no one, not even the angels in heaven, neither the Son, but the Father.

33 Take you heed, watch and pray: for you know not when the time is.

34 It is as when a man, sojourning in another country, having left his house, and given authority to his servants, to each one his work, commanded also the porter to watch.

35 Watch therefore: for you know not when the lord of the house comes, whether at even, or at midnight, or at cockcrowing, or in the morning;

36 lest coming suddenly he find you sleeping.

37 And what I say unto you I say unto all, Watch.

Chapter 14

1 Now after two days was the feast of the passover and the unleavened bread: and the chief priests and the scribes sought how they might take him with subtilty, and kill him:

2 for they said, Not during the feast, lest haply there shall be a tumult of the people.

3 And while he was in Bethany in the house of Simon the leper, as he sat at meat, there came a woman having an alabaster cruse of ointment of spikenard very costly; and she brake the cruse, and poured it over his head.

4 But there were some that had indignation among themselves, saying, To what purpose has this waste of the ointment been made?

5 For this ointment might have been sold for above three hundred pence, and given to the poor. And they murmured against her.

6 But Jesus said, Let her alone; why trouble you her? she has wrought a good work on me.

7 For you have the poor always with you, and whensoever you will you can do them good: but me you have not always.

8 She has done what she could: she has anointed my body aforehand for the burying.

9 And verily I say unto you, Wheresoever the gospel shall be preached throughout the whole world, that also which this woman has done shall be spoken of for a memorial of her.

10 And Judas Iscariot, he that was one of the twelve, went away unto the chief priests, that he might deliver him unto them.

11 And they, when they heard it, were glad, and promised to give him money. And he sought how he might conveniently deliver him unto them.

12 And on the first day of unleavened bread, when they sacrificed the passover, his disciples say unto him, Where will you that we go and make ready that you may eat the passover?

13 And he sends two of his disciples, and says unto them, Go into the city, and there shall meet you a man bearing a pitcher of water: follow him;

14 and wheresoever he shall enter in, say to the goodman of the house, The Master says, Where is my guest-chamber, where I shall eat the passover with my disciples?

15 And he will himself shew you a large upper room furnished and ready: and there make ready for us.

16 And the disciples went forth, and came into the city, and found as he had said unto them: and they made ready the passover.

17 And when it was evening he comes with the twelve.

18 And as they sat and were eating, Jesus said, Verily I say unto you, One of you shall betray me, even he that eats with me.

19 They began to be sorrowful, and to say unto him one by one, Is it I?

20 And he said unto them, It is one of the twelve, he that dips with me in the dish.

21 For the Son of man goes, even as it is written of him: but woe unto that man through whom the Son of man is betrayed! good were it for that man if he had not been born.

22 And as they were eating, he took bread, and when he had blessed, he brake it, and gave to them, and said, Take you: this is my body.

23 And he took a cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave to them: and they all drank of it.

24 And he said unto them, This is my blood of the covenant, which is shed for many.

25 Verily I say unto you, I will no more drink of the fruit of the vine, until that day when I drink it new in the kingdom of God.

26 And when they had sung a hymn, they went out unto the mount of Olives.

27 And Jesus says unto them, All you shall be offended: for it is written, I will smite the shepherd, and the sheep shall be scattered abroad.

28 Howbeit, after I am raised up, I will go before you into Galilee.

29 But Peter said unto him, Although all shall be offended, yet will not I.

30 And Jesus says unto him, Verily I say unto you, that you today, even this night, before the cock crow twice, shall deny me thrice.

31 But he spake exceeding vehemently, If I must die with you, I will not deny you. And in like manner also said they all.

32 And they come unto a place which was named Gethsemane: and he says unto his disciples, Sit you here, while I pray.

33 And he takes with him Peter and James and John, and began to be greatly amazed, and sore troubled.

34 And he says unto them, My soul is exceeding sorrowful even unto death: abide you here, and watch.

35 And he went forward a little, and fell on the ground, and prayed that, if it were possible, the hour might pass away from him.

36 And he said, Abba, Father, all things are possible unto you; remove this cup from me: howbeit not what I will, but what you will.

37 And he comes, and finds them sleeping, and says unto Peter, Simon, sleep you? could you not watch one hour?

38 Watch and pray, that you enter not into temptation: the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.

39 And again he went away, and prayed, saying the same words.

40 And again he came, and found them sleeping, for their eyes were very heavy; and they wist not what to answer him.

41 And he comes the third time, and says unto them, Sleep on now, and take your rest: it is enough; the hour is come; behold, the Son of man is betrayed into the hands of sinners.

42 Arise, let us be going: behold, he that betrays me is at hand.

43 And straightway, while he yet spake, comes Judas, one of the twelve, and with him a multitude with swords and staves, from the chief priests and the scribes and the elders.

44 Now he that betrayed him had given them a token, saying, Whomsoever I shall kiss, that is he; take him, and lead him away safely.

45 And when he was come, straightway he came to him, and says, Rabbi; and kissed him.

46 And they laid hands on him, and took him.

47 But a certain one of them that stood by drew his sword, and smote the servant of the high priest, and struck off his ear.

48 And Jesus answered and said unto them, Are you come out, as against a robber, with swords and staves to seize me?

49 I was daily with you in the temple teaching, and you took me not: but this is done that the scriptures might be fulfilled.

50 And they all left him, and fled.

51 And a certain young man followed with him, having a linen cloth cast about him, over his naked body: and they lay hold on him;

52 but he left the linen cloth, and fled naked.

53 And they led Jesus away to the high priest: and there come together with him all the chief priests and the elders and the scribes.

54 And Peter had followed him afar off, even within, into the court of the high priest; and he was sitting with the officers, and warming himself in the light of the fire.

55 Now the chief priests and the whole council sought witness against Jesus to put him to death; and found it not.

56 For many bare false witness against him, and their witness agreed not together.

57 And there stood up certain, and bare false witness against him, saying,

58 We heard him say, I will destroy this temple that is made with hands, and in three days I will build another made without hands.

59 And not even so did their witness agree together.

60 And the high priest stood up in the midst, and asked Jesus, saying, Answer you nothing? what is it which these witness against you?

61 But he held his peace, and answered nothing. Again the high priest asked him, and says unto him, Are you the Christ, the Son of the Blessed?

62 And Jesus said, I am: and you shall see the Son of man sitting at the right hand of power, and coming with the clouds of heaven.

63 And the high priest rent his clothes, and says, What further need have we of witnesses?

64 You have heard the blasphemy: what think you? And they all condemned him to be worthy of death.

65 And some began to spit on him, and to cover his face, and to buffet him, and to say unto him, Prophesy: and the officers received him with blows of their hands.

66 And as Peter was beneath in the court, there comes one of the maids of the high priest;

67 and seeing Peter warming himself, she looked upon him, and says, You also were with the Nazarene, even Jesus.

68 But he denied, saying, I neither know, nor understand what you say: and he went out into the porch; and the cock crew.

69 And the maid saw him, and began again to say to them that stood by, This is one of them.

70 But he again denied it. And after a little while again they that stood by said to Peter, Of a truth you are one of them; for you are a Galilaean.

71 But he began to curse, and to swear, I know not this man of whom you speak.

72 And straightway the second time the cock crew. And Peter called to mind the word, how that Jesus said unto him, Before the cock crow twice, you shall deny me thrice. And when he thought thereon, he wept.

Chapter 15

1 And straightway in the morning the chief priests with the elders and scribes, and the whole council, held a consultation, and bound Jesus, and carried him away, and delivered him up to Pilate.

2 And Pilate asked him, Are you the King of the Jews? And he answering says unto him, You say.

3 And the chief priests accused him of many things.

4 And Pilate again asked him, saying, Answer you nothing? behold how many things they accuse you of.

5 But Jesus no more answered anything; insomuch that Pilate marveled.

6 Now at the feast he used to release unto them one prisoner, whom they asked of him.

7 And there was one called Barabbas, lying bound with them that had made insurrection, men who in the insurrection had committed murder.

8 And the multitude went up and began to ask him to do as he was wont to do unto them.

9 And Pilate answered them, saying, Will you that I release unto you the King of the Jews?

10 For he perceived that for envy the chief priests had delivered him up.

11 But the chief priests stirred up the multitude, that he should rather release Barabbas unto them.

12 And Pilate again answered and said unto them, What then shall I do unto him whom you call the King of the Jews?

13 And they cried out again, Crucify him.

14 And Pilate said unto them, Why, what evil has he done? But they cried out exceedingly, Crucify him.

15 And Pilate, wishing to content the multitude, released unto them Barabbas, and delivered Jesus, when he had scourged him, to be crucified.

16 And the soldiers led him away within the court, which is the Praetorium; and they call together the whole band.

17 And they clothe him with purple, and plaiting a crown of thorns, they put it on him;

18 and they began to salute him, Hail, King of the Jews!

19 And they smote his head with a reed, and did spit upon him, and bowing their knees worshipped him.

20 And when they had mocked him, they took off from him the purple, and put on him his garments. And they lead him out to crucify him.

21 And they compel one passing by, Simon of Cyrene, coming from the country, the father of Alexander and Rufus, to go with them, that he might bear his cross.

22 And they bring him unto the place Golgotha, which is, being interpreted, The place of a skull.

23 And they offered him wine mingled with myrrh: but he received it not.

24 And they crucify him, and part his garments among them, casting lots upon them, what each should take.

25 And it was the third hour, and they crucified him.

26 And the superscription of his accusation was written over, THE KING OF THE JEWS.

27 And with him they crucify two robbers; one on his right hand, and one on his left.

29 And they that passed by railed on him, wagging their heads, and saying, Ha! you that destroy the temple, and build it in three days,

30 save yourself, and come down from the cross.

31 In like manner also the chief priests mocking him among themselves with the scribes said, He saved others; himself he cannot save.

32 Let the Christ, the King of Israel, now come down from the cross, that we may see and believe. And they that were crucified with him reproached him.

33 And when the sixth hour was come, there was darkness over the whole land until the ninth hour.

34 And at the ninth hour Jesus cried with a loud voice, Eloi, Eloi, lama sabachthani? which is, being interpreted, My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?

35 And some of them that stood by, when they heard it, said, Behold, he calls Elijah.

36 And one ran, and filling a sponge full of vinegar, put it on a reed, and gave him to drink, saying, Let be; let us see whether Elijah comes to take him down.

37 And Jesus uttered a loud voice, and gave up the ghost.

38 And the veil of the temple was rent in twain from the top to the bottom.

39 And when the centurion, which stood by over against him, saw that he so gave up the ghost, he said, Truly this man was the Son of God.

40 And there were also women beholding from afar: among whom were both Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James the less and of Joses, and Salome;

41 who, when he was in Galilee, followed him, and ministered unto him; and many other women which came up with him unto Jerusalem.

42 And when even was now come, because it was the Preparation, that is, the day before the sabbath,

43 there came Joseph of Arimathea, a councillor of honourable estate, who also himself was looking for the kingdom of God; and he boldly went in unto Pilate, and asked for the body of Jesus.

44 And Pilate marveled if he were already dead: and calling unto him the centurion, he asked him whether he had been any while dead.

45 And when he learned it of the centurion, he granted the corpse to Joseph.

46 And he bought a linen cloth, and taking him down, wound him in the linen cloth, and laid him in a tomb which had been hewn out of a rock; and he rolled a stone against the door of the tomb.

47 And Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of Joses beheld where he was laid.

Chapter 16

1 And when the sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome, bought spices, that they might come and anoint him.

2 And very early on the first day of the week, they come to the tomb when the sun was risen.

3 And they were saying among themselves, Who shall roll us away the stone from the door of the tomb?

4 and looking up, they see that the stone is rolled back: for it was exceeding great.

5 And entering into the tomb, they saw a young man sitting on the right side, arrayed in a white robe; and they were amazed.

6 And he says unto them, Be not amazed: you seek Jesus, the Nazarene, which has been crucified: he is risen; he is not here: behold, the place where they laid him!

7 But go, tell his disciples and Peter, He goes before you into Galilee: there shall you see him, as he said unto you.

8 And they went out, and fled from the tomb; for trembling and astonishment had come upon them: and they said nothing to any one; for they were afraid.

9 Now when he was risen early on the first day of the week, he appeared first to Mary Magdalene, from whom he had cast out seven devils.

10 She went and told them that had been with him, as they mourned and wept.

11 And they, when they heard that he was alive, and had been seen of her, disbelieved.

12 And after these things he was manifested in another form unto two of them, as they walked, on their way into the country.

13 And they went away and told it unto the rest: neither believed they them.

14 And afterward he was manifested unto the eleven themselves as they sat at meat; and he upbraided them with their unbelief and hardness of heart, because they believed not them which had seen him after he was risen.

15 And he said unto them, Go you into all the world, and preach the gospel to the whole creation.

16 He that believes and is baptized shall be saved; but he that disbelieves shall be condemned.

17 And these signs shall follow them that believe: in my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues;

18 they shall take up serpents, and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall in no wise hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover.

19 So then the Lord Jesus, after he had spoken unto them, was received up into heaven, and sat down at the right hand of God.

20 And they went forth, and preached everywhere, the Lord working with them, and confirming the word by the signs that followed. Amen.

Luke

Chapter 1

1 Forasmuch as many have taken in hand to draw up a narrative concerning those matters which have been fulfilled among us,

2 even as they delivered them unto us, which from the beginning were eyewitnesses and ministers of the word,

3 it seemed good to me also, having traced the course of all things accurately from the first, to write unto you in order, most excellent Theophilus;

4 that you might know the certainty concerning the things wherein you were instructed.

5 There was in the days of Herod, king of Judea, a certain priest named Zacharias, of the course of Abijah: and he had a wife of the daughters of Aaron, and her name was Elisabeth.

6 And they were both righteous before God, walking in all the commandments and ordinances of the Lord blameless.

7 And they had no child, because that Elisabeth was barren, and they both were now well stricken in years.

8 Now it came to pass, while he executed the priest's office before God in the order of his course,

9 according to the custom of the priest's office, his lot was to enter into the temple of the Lord and burn incense.

10 And the whole multitude of the people were praying without at the hour of incense.

11 And there appeared unto him an angel of the Lord standing on the right side of the altar of incense.

12 And Zacharias was troubled when he saw him, and fear fell upon him.

13 But the angel said unto him, Fear not, Zacharias: because your supplication is heard, and your wife Elisabeth shall bear you a son, and you shall call his name John.

14 And you shall have joy and gladness; and many shall rejoice at his birth.

15 For he shall be great in the sight of the Lord, and he shall drink no wine nor strong drink; and he shall be filled with the Holy Ghost, even from his mother's womb.

16 And many of the children of Israel shall he turn unto the Lord their God.

17 And he shall go before his face in the spirit and power of Elijah, to turn the hearts of the fathers to the children, and the disobedient to walk in the wisdom of the just; to make ready for the Lord a people prepared for him.

18 And Zacharias said unto the angel, Whereby shall I know this? for I am an old man, and my wife well stricken in years.

19 And the angel answering said unto him, I am Gabriel, that stand in the presence of God; and I was sent to speak unto you, and to bring you these good tidings.

20 And behold, you shall be silent and not able to speak, until the day that these things shall come to pass, because you believedst not my words, which shall be fulfilled in their season.

21 And the people were waiting for Zacharias, and they marveled while he tarried in the temple.

22 And when he came out, he could not speak unto them: and they perceived that he had seen a vision in the temple: and he continued making signs unto them, and remained dumb.

23 And it came to pass, when the days of his ministration were fulfilled, he departed unto his house.

24 And after these days Elisabeth his wife conceived; and she hid herself five months, saying,

25 Thus has the Lord done unto me in the days wherein he looked upon me, to take away my reproach among men.

26 Now in the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God unto a city of Galilee, named Nazareth,

27 to a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David; and the virgin's name was Mary.

28 And he came in unto her, and said, Hail, you that are highly favoured, the Lord is with you.

29 But she was greatly troubled at the saying, and cast in her mind what manner of salutation this might be.

30 And the angel said unto her, Fear not, Mary: for you have found favour with God.

31 And behold, you shall conceive in your womb, and bring forth a son, and shall call his name JESUS.

32 He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the Most High: and the Lord God shall give unto him the throne of his father David:

33 and he shall reign over the house of Jacob for ever; and of his kingdom there shall be no end.

34 And Mary said unto the angel, How shall this be, seeing I know not a man?

35 And the angel answered and said unto her, The Holy Ghost shall come upon you, and the power of the Most High shall overshadow you: wherefore also that which is to be born shall be called holy, the Son of God.

36 And behold, Elisabeth your kinswoman, she also has conceived a son in her old age: and this is the sixth month with her that was called barren.

37 For no word from God shall be void of power.

38 And Mary said, Behold, the handmaid of the Lord; be it unto me according to your word. And the angel departed from her.

39 And Mary arose in these days and went into the hill country with haste, into a city of Judah;

40 and entered into the house of Zacharias and saluted Elisabeth.

41 And it came to pass, when Elisabeth heard the salutation of Mary, the babe leaped in her womb; and Elisabeth was filled with the Holy Ghost;

42 and she lifted up her voice with a loud cry, and said, Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb.

43 And whence is this to me, that the mother of my Lord should come unto me?

44 For behold, when the voice of your salutation came into mine ears, the babe leaped in my womb for joy.

45 And blessed is she that believed; for there shall be a fulfillment of the things which have been spoken to her from the Lord.

46 And Mary said, My soul does magnify the Lord,

47 And my spirit has rejoiced in God my Saviour.

48 For he has looked upon the low estate of his handmaiden: For behold, from henceforth all generations shall call me blessed.

49 For he that is mighty has done to me great things; And holy is his name.

50 And his mercy is unto generations and generations On them that fear him.

51 He has shewed strength with his arm; He has scattered the proud in the imagination of their heart.

52 He has put down princes from their thrones, And has exalted them of low degree.

53 The hungry he has filled with good things; And the rich he has sent empty away.

54 He has holpen Israel his servant, That he might remember mercy

55 (As he spake unto our fathers) Toward Abraham and his seed for ever.

56 And Mary abode with her about three months, and returned unto her house.

57 Now Elisabeth's time was fulfilled that she should be delivered; and she brought forth a son.

58 And her neighbours and her kinsfolk heard that the Lord had magnified his mercy towards her; and they rejoiced with her.

59 And it came to pass on the eighth day, that they came to circumcise the child; and they would have called him Zacharias, after the name of his father.

60 And his mother answered and said, Not so; but he shall be called John.

61 And they said unto her, There is none of your kindred that is called by this name.

62 And they made signs to his father, what he would have him called.

63 And he asked for a writing tablet, and wrote, saying, His name is John. And they marveled all.

64 And his mouth was opened immediately, and his tongue loosed, and he spake, blessing God.

65 And fear came on all that dwelt round about them: and all these sayings were noised abroad throughout all the hill country of Judea.

66 And all that heard them laid them up in their heart, saying, What then shall this child be? For the hand of the Lord was with him.

67 And his father Zacharias was filled with the Holy Ghost, and prophesied, saying,

68 Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel; For he has visited and wrought redemption for his people,

69 And has raised up a horn of salvation for us In the house of his servant David

70 (As he spake by the mouth of his holy prophets which have been since the world began),

71 Salvation from our enemies, and from the hand of all that hate us;

72 To shew mercy towards our fathers, And to remember his holy covenant;

73 The oath which he sware unto Abraham our father,

74 To grant unto us that we being delivered out of the hand of our enemies Should serve him without fear,

75 In holiness and righteousness before him all our days.

76 Yea and you, child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High: For you shall go before the face of the Lord to make ready his ways;

77 To give knowledge of salvation unto his people In the remission of their sins,

78 Because of the tender mercy of our God, Whereby the dayspring from on high shall visit us,

79 To shine upon them that sit in darkness and the shadow of death; To guide our feet into the way of peace.

80 And the child grew, and waxed strong in spirit, and was in the deserts till the day of his shewing unto Israel.

Chapter 2

1 Now it came to pass in those days, there went out a decree from Caesar Augustus, that all the world should be enrolled.

2 This was the first enrollment made when Quirinius was governor of Syria.

3 And all went to enroll themselves, every one to his own city.

4 And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and family of David;

5 to enroll himself with Mary, who was betrothed to him, being great with child.

6 And it came to pass, while they were there, the days were fulfilled that she should be delivered.

7 And she brought forth her firstborn son; and she wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn.

8 And there were shepherds in the same country abiding in the field, and keeping watch by night over their flock.

9 And an angel of the Lord stood by them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid.

10 And the angel said unto them, Be not afraid; for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy which shall be to all the people:

11 for there is born to you this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord.

12 And this is the sign unto you; You shall find a babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, and lying in a manger.

13 And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying,

14 Glory to God in the highest, And on earth peace among men in whom he is well pleased.

15 And it came to pass, when the angels went away from them into heaven, the shepherds said one to another, Let us now go even unto Bethlehem, and see this thing that is come to pass, which the Lord has made known unto us.

16 And they came with haste, and found both Mary and Joseph, and the babe lying in the manger.

17 And when they saw it, they made known concerning the saying which was spoken to them about this child.

18 And all that heard it wondered at the things which were spoken unto them by the shepherds.

19 But Mary kept all these sayings, pondering them in her heart.

20 And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things that they had heard and seen, even as it was spoken unto them.

21 And when eight days were fulfilled for circumcising him, his name was called JESUS, which was so called by the angel before he was conceived in the womb.

22 And when the days of their purification according to the law of Moses were fulfilled, they brought him up to Jerusalem, to present him to the Lord

23 (as it is written in the law of the Lord, Every male that opens the womb shall be called holy to the Lord),

24 and to offer a sacrifice according to that which is said in the law of the Lord, A pair of turtledoves, or two young pigeons.

25 And behold, there was a man in Jerusalem, whose name was Simeon; and this man was righteous and devout, looking for the consolation of Israel: and the Holy Spirit was upon him.

26 And it had been revealed unto him by the Holy Spirit, that he should not see death, before he had seen the Lord's Christ.

27 And he came in the Spirit into the temple: and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, that they might do concerning him after the custom of the law,

28 then he received him into his arms, and blessed God, and said,

29 Now let you your servant depart, O Lord, According to your word, in peace;

30 For mine eyes have seen your salvation,

31 Which you have prepared before the face of all peoples;

32 A light for revelation to the Gentiles, And the glory of your people Israel.

33 And his father and his mother were marveling at the things which were spoken concerning him;

34 and Simeon blessed them, and said unto Mary his mother, Behold, this child is set for the falling and rising up of many in Israel; and for a sign which is spoken against;

35 yea and a sword shall pierce through your own soul; that thoughts out of many hearts may be revealed.

36 And there was one Anna, a prophetess, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher (she was of a great age, having lived with a husband seven years from her virginity,

37 and she had been a widow even for fourscore and four years), which departed not from the temple, worshipping with fastings and supplications night and day.

38 And coming up at that very hour she gave thanks unto God, and spake of him to all them that were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem.

39 And when they had accomplished all things that were according to the law of the Lord, they returned into Galilee, to their own city Nazareth.

40 And the child grew, and waxed strong, filled with wisdom: and the grace of God was upon him.

41 And his parents went every year to Jerusalem at the feast of the passover.

42 And when he was twelve years old, they went up after the custom of the feast;

43 and when they had fulfilled the days, as they were returning, the boy Jesus tarried behind in Jerusalem; and his parents knew it not;

44 but supposing him to be in the company, they went a day's journey; and they sought for him among their kinsfolk and acquaintance:

45 and when they found him not, they returned to Jerusalem, seeking for him.

46 And it came to pass, after three days they found him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the doctors, both hearing them, and asking them questions:

47 and all that heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers.

48 And when they saw him, they were astonished: and his mother said unto him, Son, why have you thus dealt with us? behold, your father and I sought you sorrowing.

49 And he said unto them, How is it that you sought me? wist you not that I must be in my Father's house?

50 And they understood not the saying which he spake unto them.

51 And he went down with them, and came to Nazareth; and he was subject unto them: and his mother kept all these sayings in her heart.

52 And Jesus advanced in wisdom and stature, and in favour with God and men.

Chapter 3

1 Now in the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar, Pontius Pilate being governor of Judea, and Herod being tetrarch of Galilee, and his brother Philip tetrarch of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias tetrarch of Abilene,

2 in the high-priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came unto John the son of Zacharias in the wilderness.

3 And he came into all the region round about Jordan, preaching the baptism of repentance unto remission of sins;

4 as it is written in the book of the words of Isaiah the prophet, The voice of one crying in the wilderness, Make you ready the way of the Lord, Make his paths straight.

5 Every valley shall be filled, And every mountain and hill shall be brought low; And the crooked shall become straight, And the rough ways smooth;

6 And all flesh shall see the salvation of God.

7 He said therefore to the multitudes that went out to be baptized of him, You offspring of vipers, who warned you to flee from the wrath to come?

8 Bring forth therefore fruits worthy of repentance, and begin not to say within yourselves, We have Abraham to our father: for I say unto you, that God is able of these stones to raise up children unto Abraham.

9 And even now is the axe also laid unto the root of the trees: every tree therefore that brings not forth good fruit is hewn down, and cast into the fire.

10 And the multitudes asked him, saying, What then must we do?

11 And he answered and said unto them, He that has two coats, let him impart to him that has none; and he that has food, let him do likewise.

12 And there came also publicans to be baptized, and they said unto him, Master, what must we do?

13 And he said unto them, Extort no more than that which is appointed you.

14 And soldiers also asked him, saying, And we, what must we do? And he said unto them, Do violence to no man, neither exact anything wrongfully; and be content with your wages.

15 And as the people were in expectation, and all men reasoned in their hearts concerning John, whether haply he were the Christ;

16 John answered, saying unto them all, I indeed baptize you with water; but there comes he that is mightier than I, the latchet of whose shoes I am not worthy to unloose: he shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost and with fire:

17 whose fan is in his hand, throughly to cleanse his threshing-floor, and to gather the wheat into his garner; but the chaff he will burn up with unquenchable fire.

18 With many other exhortations therefore preached he good tidings unto the people;

19 but Herod the tetrarch, being reproved by him for Herodias his brother's wife, and for all the evil things which Herod had done,

20 added yet this above all, that he shut up John in prison.

21 Now it came to pass, when all the people were baptized, that, Jesus also having been baptized, and praying, the heaven was opened,

22 and the Holy Ghost descended in a bodily form, as a dove, upon him, and a voice came out of heaven, You are my beloved Son; in you I am well pleased.

23 And Jesus himself, when he began to teach, was about thirty years of age, being the son (as was supposed) of Joseph, the son of Heli,

24 the son of Matthat, the son of Levi, the son of Melchi, the son of Jannai, the son of Joseph,

25 the son of Mattathias, the son of Amos, the son of Nahum, the son of Esli, the son of Naggai,

26 the son of Maath, the son of Mattathias, the son of Semein, the son of Josech, the son of Joda,

27 the son of Joanan, the son of Rhesa, the son of Zerubbabel, the son of Shealtiel, the son of Neri,

28 the son of Melchi, the son of Addi, the son of Cosam, the son of Elmadam, the son of Er,

29 the son of Jesus, the son of Eliezer, the son of Jorim, the son of Matthat, the son of Levi,

30 the son of Simeon, the son of Judas, the son of Joseph, the son of Jonam, the son of Eliakim,

31 the son of Melea, the son of Menna, the son of Mattatha, the son of Nathan, the son of David,

32 the son of Jesse, the son of Obed, the son of Boaz, the son of Salmon, the son of Nahshon,

33 the son of Amminadab, the son of Arni, the son of Hezron, the son of Perez, the son of Judah,

34 the son of Jacob, the son of Isaac, the son of Abraham, the son of Terah, the son of Nahor,

35 the son of Serug, the son of Reu, the son of Peleg, the son of Eber, the son of Shelah,

36 the son of Cainan, the son of Arphaxad, the son of Shem, the son of Noah, the son of Lamech,

37 the son of Methuselah, the son of Enoch, the son of Jared, the son of Mahalaleel, the son of Cainan,

38 the son of Enos, the son of Seth, the son of Adam, the son of God.

Chapter 4

1 And Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan, and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness

2 during forty days, being tempted of the devil. And he did eat nothing in those days: and when they were completed, he hungered.

3 And the devil said unto him, If you are the Son of God, command this stone that it become bread.

4 And Jesus answered unto him, It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone.

5 And he led him up, and shewed him all the kingdoms of the world in a moment of time.

6 And the devil said unto him, To you will I give all this authority, and the glory of them: for it has been delivered unto me; and to whomsoever I will I give it.

7 If you therefore will worship before me, it shall all be yours.

8 And Jesus answered and said unto him, It is written, You shall worship the Lord your God, and him only shall you serve.

9 And he led him to Jerusalem, and set him on the pinnacle of the temple, and said unto him, If you are the Son of God, cast yourself down from hence:

10 for it is written, He shall give his angels charge concerning you, to guard you:

11 and, On their hands they shall bear you up, Lest haply you dash your foot against a stone.

12 And Jesus answering said unto him, It is said, You shall not tempt the Lord your God.

13 And when the devil had completed every temptation, he departed from him for a season.

14 And Jesus returned in the power of the Spirit into Galilee: and a fame went out concerning him through all the region round about.

15 And he taught in their synagogues, being glorified of all.

16 And he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up: and he entered, as his custom was, into the synagogue on the sabbath day, and stood up to read.

17 And there was delivered unto him the book of the prophet Isaiah. And he opened the book, and found the place where it was written,

18 The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, Because he anointed me to preach good tidings to the poor: He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives, And recovering of sight to the blind, To set at liberty them that are bruised,

19 To proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord.

20 And he closed the book, and gave it back to the attendant, and sat down: and the eyes of all in the synagogue were fastened on him.

21 And he began to say unto them, Today has this scripture been fulfilled in your ears.

22 And all bare him witness, and wondered at the words of grace which proceeded out of his mouth: and they said, Is not this Joseph's son?

23 And he said unto them, Doubtless you will say unto me this parable, Physician, heal yourself: whatsoever we have heard done at Capernaum, do also here in your own country.

24 And he said, Verily I say unto you, No prophet is acceptable in his own country.

25 But of a truth I say unto you, There were many widows in Israel in the days of Elijah, when the heaven was shut up three years and six months, when there came a great famine over all the land;

26 and unto none of them was Elijah sent, but only to Zarephath, in the land of Sidon, unto a woman that was a widow.

27 And there were many lepers in Israel in the time of Elisha the prophet; and none of them was cleansed, but only Naaman the Syrian.

28 And they were all filled with wrath in the synagogue, as they heard these things;

29 and they rose up, and cast him forth out of the city, and led him unto the brow of the hill whereon their city was built, that they might throw him down headlong.

30 But he passing through the midst of them went his way.

31 And he came down to Capernaum, a city of Galilee. And he was teaching them on the sabbath day:

32 and they were astonished at his teaching; for his word was with authority.

33 And in the synagogue there was a man, which had a spirit of an unclean devil; and he cried out with a loud voice,

34 Ah! what have we to do with you, you Jesus of Nazareth? are you come to destroy us? I know you who you are, the Holy One of God.

35 And Jesus rebuked him, saying, Hold your peace, and come out of him. And when the devil had thrown him down in the midst, he came out of him, having done him no hurt.

36 And amazement came upon all, and they spake together, one with another, saying, What is this word? for with authority and power he commands the unclean spirits, and they come out.

37 And there went forth a rumour concerning him into every place of the region round about.

38 And he rose up from the synagogue, and entered into the house of Simon. And Simon's wife's mother was holden with a great fever; and they besought him for her.

39 And he stood over her, and rebuked the fever; and it left her: and immediately she rose up and ministered unto them.

40 And when the sun was setting, all they that had any sick with divers diseases brought them unto him; and he laid his hands on every one of them, and healed them.

41 And devils also came out from many, crying out, and saying, You are the Son of God. And rebuking them, he suffered them not to speak, because they knew that he was the Christ.

42 And when it was day, he came out and went into a desert place: and the multitudes sought after him, and came unto him, and would have stayed him, that he should not go from them.

43 But he said unto them, I must preach the good tidings of the kingdom of God to the other cities also: for therefore was I sent.

44 And he was preaching in the synagogues of Galilee.

Chapter 5

1 Now it came to pass, while the multitude pressed upon him and heard the word of God, that he was standing by the lake of Gennesaret;

2 and he saw two boats standing by the lake: but the fishermen had gone out of them, and were washing their nets.

3 And he entered into one of the boats, which was Simon's, and asked him to put out a little from the land. And he sat down and taught the multitudes out of the boat.

4 And when he had left speaking, he said unto Simon, Put out into the deep, and let down your nets for a draught.

5 And Simon answered and said, Master, we toiled all night, and took nothing: but at your word I will let down the nets.

6 And when they had this done, they enclosed a great multitude of fishes; and their nets were breaking;

7 and they beckoned unto their partners in the other boat, that they should come and help them. And they came, and filled both the boats, so that they began to sink.

8 But Simon Peter, when he saw it, fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, Depart from me; for I am a sinful man, O Lord.

9 For he was amazed, and all that were with him, at the draught of the fishes which they had taken;

10 and so were also James and John, sons of Zebedee, which were partners with Simon. And Jesus said unto Simon, Fear not; from henceforth you shall catch men.

11 And when they had brought their boats to land, they left all, and followed him.

12 And it came to pass, while he was in one of the cities, behold, a man full of leprosy: and when he saw Jesus, he fell on his face, and besought him, saying, Lord, if you will, you can make me clean.

13 And he stretched forth his hand, and touched him, saying, I will; be you made clean. And straightway the leprosy departed from him.

14 And he charged him to tell no man: but go your way, and shew yourself to the priest, and offer for your cleansing, according as Moses commanded, for a testimony unto them.

15 But so much the more went abroad the report concerning him: and great multitudes came together to hear, and to be healed of their infirmities.

16 But he withdrew himself in the deserts, and prayed.

17 And it came to pass on one of those days, that he was teaching; and there were Pharisees and doctors of the law sitting by, which were come out of every village of Galilee

and Judea and Jerusalem: and the power of the Lord was with him to heal.

18 And behold, men bring on a bed a man that was palsied: and they sought to bring him in, and to lay him before him.

19 And not finding by what way they might bring him in because of the multitude, they went up to the housetop, and let him down through the tiles with his couch into the midst before Jesus.

20 And seeing their faith, he said, Man, your sins are forgiven you.

21 And the scribes and the Pharisees began to reason, saying, Who is this that speaks blasphemies? Who can forgive sins, but God alone?

22 But Jesus perceiving their reasonings, answered and said unto them, What reason you in your hearts?

23 Whether is easier, to say, Your sins are forgiven you; or to say, Arise and walk?

24 But that you may know that the Son of man has power on earth to forgive sins (he said unto him that was palsied), I say unto you, Arise, and take up your couch, and go unto your house.

25 And immediately he rose up before them, and took up that whereon he lay, and departed to his house, glorifying God.

26 And amazement took hold on all, and they glorified God; and they were filled with fear, saying, We have seen strange things today.

27 And after these things he went forth, and beheld a publican, named Levi, sitting at the place of toll, and said unto him, Follow me.

28 And he forsook all, and rose up and followed him.

29 And Levi made him a great feast in his house: and there was a great multitude of publicans and of others that were sitting at meat with them.

30 And the Pharisees and their scribes murmured against his disciples, saying, Why do you eat and drink with the publicans and sinners?

31 And Jesus answering said unto them, They that are whole have no need of a physician; but they that are sick.

32 I am not come to call the righteous but sinners to repentance.

33 And they said unto him, The disciples of John fast often, and make supplications; likewise also the disciples of the Pharisees; but your eat and drink.

34 And Jesus said unto them, Can you make the sons of the bride-chamber fast, while the bridegroom is with them?

35 But the days will come; and when the bridegroom shall be taken away from them, then will they fast in those days.

36 And he spake also a parable unto them; No man rends a piece from a new garment and puts it upon an old garment; else he will rend the new, and also the piece from the new will not agree with the old.

37 And no man puts new wine into old wineskins; else the new wine will burst the skins, and itself will be spilled, and the skins will perish.

38 But new wine must be put into fresh wineskins.

39 And no man having drunk old wine desires new: for he says, The old is good.

Chapter 6

1 Now it came to pass on a sabbath, that he was going through the cornfields; and his disciples plucked the ears of corn, and did eat, rubbing them in their hands.

2 But certain of the Pharisees said, Why do you that which it is not lawful to do on the sabbath day?

3 And Jesus answering them said, Have you not read even this, what David did, when he was an hungred, he, and they that were with him;

4 how he entered into the house of God, and did take and eat the shewbread, and gave also to them that were with him; which it is not lawful to eat save for the priests alone?

5 And he said unto them, The Son of man is lord of the sabbath.

6 And it came to pass on another sabbath, that he entered into the synagogue and taught: and there was a man there, and his right hand was withered.

7 And the scribes and the Pharisees watched him, whether he would heal on the sabbath; that they might find how to accuse him.

8 But he knew their thoughts; and he said to the man that had his hand withered, Rise up, and stand forth in the midst. And he arose and stood forth.

9 And Jesus said unto them, I ask you, Is it lawful on the sabbath to do good, or to do harm? to save a life, or to destroy it?

10 And he looked round about on them all, and said unto him, Stretch forth your hand. And he did so: and his hand was restored.

11 But they were filled with madness; and communed one with another what they might do to Jesus.

12 And it came to pass in these days, that he went out into the mountain to pray; and he continued all night in prayer to God.

13 And when it was day, he called his disciples: and he chose from them twelve, whom also he named apostles;

14 Simon, whom he also named Peter, and Andrew his brother, and James and John, and Philip and Bartholomew,

15 and Matthew and Thomas, and James the son of Alphaeus, and Simon which was called the Zealot,

16 and Judas the son of James, and Judas Iscariot, which was the traitor;

17 and he came down with them, and stood on a level place, and a great multitude of his disciples, and a great number of the people from all Judea and Jerusalem, and the sea coast of Tyre and Sidon, which came to hear him, and to be healed of their diseases;

18 and they that were troubled with unclean spirits were healed.

19 And all the multitude sought to touch him: for power came forth from him, and healed them all.

20 And he lifted up his eyes on his disciples, and said, Blessed are you poor: for yours is the kingdom of God.

21 Blessed are you that hunger now: for you shall be filled. Blessed are you that weep now: for you shall laugh.

22 Blessed are you, when men shall hate you, and when they shall separate you from their company, and reproach you, and cast out your name as evil, for the Son of man's sake.

23 Rejoice in that day, and leap for joy: for behold, your reward is great in heaven: for in the same manner did their fathers unto the prophets.

24 But woe unto you that are rich! for you have received your consolation.

25 Woe unto you, you that are full now! for you shall hunger. Woe unto you, you that laugh now! for you shall mourn and weep.

26 Woe unto you, when all men shall speak well of you! for in the same manner did their fathers to the false prophets.

27 But I say unto you which hear, Love your enemies, do good to them that hate you,

28 bless them that curse you, pray for them that despitefully use you.

29 To him that smites you on the one cheek offer also the other; and from him that takes away your cloke withhold not your coat also.

30 Give to every one that asks you; and of him that takes away your goods ask them not again.

31 And as you would that men should do to you, do you also to them likewise.

32 And if you love them that love you, what thank have you? for even sinners love those that love them.

33 And if you do good to them that do good to you, what thank have you? for even sinners do the same.

34 And if you lend to them of whom you hope to receive, what thank have you? even sinners lend to sinners, to receive again as much.

35 But love your enemies, and do them good, and lend, never despairing; and your reward shall be great, and you shall be sons of the Most High: for he is kind toward the unthankful and evil.

36 Be you merciful, even as your Father is merciful.

37 And judge not, and you shall not be judged: and condemn not, and you shall not be condemned: release, and you shall be released:

38 give, and it shall be given unto you; good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, shall they give into your bosom. For with what measure you mete it shall be measured to you again.

39 And he spake also a parable unto them, Can the blind guide the blind? shall they not both fall into a pit?

40 The disciple is not above his master: but every one when he is perfected shall be as his master.

41 And why behold you the mote that is in your brother's eye, but consider not the beam that is in your own eye?

42 Or how can you say to your brother, Brother, let me cast out the mote that is in your eye, when you yourself behold not the beam that is in your own eye? You hypocrite, cast out first the beam out of your own eye, and then shall you see clearly to cast out the mote that is in your brother's eye.

43 For there is no good tree that brings forth corrupt fruit; nor again a corrupt tree that brings forth good fruit.

44 For each tree is known by its own fruit. For of thorns men do not gather figs, nor of a bramble bush gather they grapes.

45 The good man out of the good treasure of his heart brings forth that which is good; and the evil man out of the evil treasure brings forth that which is evil: for out of the abundance of the heart his mouth speaks.

46 And why call you me, Lord, Lord, and do not the things which I say?

47 Every one that comes unto me, and hears my words, and does them, I will shew you to whom he is like:

48 he is like a man building a house, who digged and went deep, and laid a foundation upon the rock: and when a flood arose, the stream brake against that house, and could not shake it: because it had been well builded.

49 But he that hears, and does not, is like a man that built a house upon the earth without a foundation; against which the stream brake, and straightway it fell in; and the ruin of that house was great.

Chapter 7

1 After he had ended all his sayings in the ears of the people, he entered into Capernaum.

2 And a certain centurion's servant, who was dear unto him, was sick and at the point of death.

3 And when he heard concerning Jesus, he sent unto him elders of the Jews, asking him that he would come and save his servant.

4 And they, when they came to Jesus, besought him earnestly, saying, He is worthy that you should do this for him:

5 for he loves our nation, and himself built us our synagogue.

6 And Jesus went with them. And when he was now not far from the house, the centurion sent friends to him, saying unto him, Lord, trouble not yourself: for I am not worthy that you should come under my roof:

7 wherefore neither thought I myself worthy to come unto you: but say the word, and my servant shall be healed.

8 For I also am a man set under authority, having under myself soldiers: and I say to this one, Go, and he goes; and to another, Come, and he comes; and to my servant, Do this, and he does it.

9 And when Jesus heard these things, he marveled at him, and turned and said unto the multitude that followed him, I say unto you, I have not found so great faith, no, not in Israel.

10 And they that were sent, returning to the house, found the servant whole.

11 And it came to pass soon afterwards, that he went to a city called Nain; and his disciples went with him, and a great multitude.

12 Now when he drew near to the gate of the city, behold, there was carried out one that was dead, the only son of his mother, and she was a widow: and much people of the city was with her.

13 And when the Lord saw her, he had compassion on her, and said unto her, Weep not.

14 And he came nigh and touched the bier: and the bearers stood still. And he said, Young man, I say unto you, Arise.

15 And he that was dead sat up, and began to speak. And he gave him to his mother.

16 And fear took hold on all: and they glorified God, saying, A great prophet is arisen among us: and, God has visited his people.

17 And this report went forth concerning him in the whole of Judea, and all the region round about.

18 And the disciples of John told him of all these things.

19 And John calling unto him two of his disciples sent them to the Lord, saying, Are you he that comes, or look we for another?

20 And when the men were come unto him, they said, John the Baptist has sent us unto you, saying, Are you he that comes, or look we for another?

21 In that hour he cured many of diseases and plagues and evil spirits; and on many that were blind he bestowed sight.

22 And he answered and said unto them, Go your way, and tell John what things you have seen and heard; the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, and the deaf hear, the dead are raised up, the poor have good tidings preached to them.

23 And blessed is he, whosoever shall find none occasion of stumbling in me.

24 And when the messengers of John were departed, he began to say unto the multitudes concerning John, What went you out into the wilderness to behold? a reed shaken with the wind?

25 But what went you out to see? a man clothed in soft raiment? Behold, they which are gorgeously apparelled, and live delicately, are in kings' courts.

26 But what went you out to see? a prophet? Yea, I say unto you, and much more than a prophet.

27 This is he of whom it is written, Behold, I send my messenger before your face, Who shall prepare your way before you.

28 I say unto you, Among them that are born of women there is none greater than John: yet he that is but little in the kingdom of God is greater than he.

29 And all the people when they heard, and the publicans, justified God, being baptized with the baptism of John.

30 But the Pharisees and the lawyers rejected for themselves the counsel of God, being not baptized of him.

31 Whereunto then shall I liken the men of this generation, and to what are they like?

32 They are like unto children that sit in the marketplace, and call one to another; which say, We piped unto you, and you did not dance; we wailed, and you did not weep.

33 For John the Baptist is come eating no bread nor drinking wine; and you say, He has a devil.

34 The Son of man is come eating and drinking; and you say, Behold, a gluttonous man, and a winebibber, a friend of publicans and sinners!

35 And wisdom is justified of all her children.

36 And one of the Pharisees desired him that he would eat with him. And he entered into the Pharisee's house, and sat down to meat.

37 And behold, a woman which was in the city, a sinner; and when she knew that he was sitting at meat in the

Pharisee's house, she brought an alabaster cruse of ointment,

38 and standing behind at his feet, weeping, she began to wet his feet with her tears, and wiped them with the hair of her head, and kissed his feet, and anointed them with the ointment.

39 Now when the Pharisee which had bidden him saw it, he spake within himself, saying, This man, if he were a prophet, would have perceived who and what manner of woman this is which touched him, that she is a sinner.

40 And Jesus answering said unto him, Simon, I have somewhat to say unto you. And he says, Master, say on.

41 A certain lender had two debtors: the one owed five hundred pence, and the other fifty.

42 When they had not wherewith to pay, he forgave them both. Which of them therefore will love him most?

43 Simon answered and said, He, I suppose, to whom he forgave the most. And he said unto him, You have rightly judged.

44 And turning to the woman, he said unto Simon, See you this woman? I entered into yours house, you gave me no water for my feet: but she has wetted my feet with her tears, and wiped them with her hair.

45 You gave me no kiss: but she, since the time I came in, has not ceased to kiss my feet.

46 My head with oil you did not anoint: but she has anointed my feet with ointment.

47 Wherefore I say unto you, Her sins, which are many, are forgiven; for she loved much: but to whom little is forgiven, the same loves little.

48 And he said unto her, Your sins are forgiven.

49 And they that sat at meat with him began to say within themselves, Who is this that even forgives sins?

50 And he said unto the woman, Your faith has saved you; go in peace.

Chapter 8

1 And it came to pass soon afterwards, that he went about through cities and villages, preaching and bringing the good tidings of the kingdom of God, and with him the twelve,

2 and certain women which had been healed of evil spirits and infirmities, Mary that was called Magdalene, from whom seven devils had gone out,

3 and Joanna the wife of Chuza Herod's steward, and Susanna, and many others, which ministered unto them of their substance.

4 And when a great multitude came together, and they of every city resorted unto him, he spake by a parable:

5 The sower went forth to sow his seed: and as he sowed, some fell by the way side; and it was trodden under foot, and the birds of the heaven devoured it.

6 And other fell on the rock; and as soon as it grew, it withered away, because it had no moisture.

7 And other fell amidst the thorns; and the thorns grew with it, and choked it.

8 And other fell into the good ground, and grew, and brought forth fruit a hundredfold. As he said these things, he cried, He that has ears to hear, let him hear.

9 And his disciples asked him what this parable might be.

10 And he said, Unto you it is given to know the mysteries of the kingdom of God: but to the rest in parables; that seeing they may not see, and hearing they may not understand.

11 Now the parable is this: The seed is the word of God.

12 And those by the way side are they that have heard; then comes the devil, and takes away the word from their heart, that they may not believe and be saved.

13 And those on the rock are they which, when they have heard, receive the word with joy; and these have no root, which for a while believe, and in time of temptation fall away.

14 And that which fell among the thorns, these are they that have heard, and as they go on their way they are choked with cares and riches and pleasures of this life, and bring no fruit to perfection.

15 And that in the good ground, these are such as in an honest and good heart, having heard the word, hold it fast, and bring forth fruit with patience.

16 And no man, when he has lighted a lamp, covers it with a vessel, or puts it under a bed; but puts it on a stand, that they which enter in may see the light.

17 For nothing is hid, that shall not be made manifest; nor anything secret, that shall not be known and come to light.

18 Take heed therefore how you hear: for whosoever has, to him shall be given; and whosoever has not, from him shall be taken away even that which he thinks he has.

19 And there came to him his mother and brethren, and they could not come at him for the crowd.

20 And it was told him, Your mother and your brethren stand without, desiring to see you.

21 But he answered and said unto them, My mother and my brethren are these which hear the word of God, and do it.

22 Now it came to pass on one of those days, that he entered into a boat, himself and his disciples; and he said unto them, Let us go over unto the other side of the lake: and they launched forth.

23 But as they sailed he fell asleep: and there came down a storm of wind on the lake; and they were filling with water, and were in jeopardy.

24 And they came to him, and awoke him, saying, Master, master, we perish. And he awoke, and rebuked the wind and the raging of the water: and they ceased, and there was a calm.

25 And he said unto them, Where is your faith? And being afraid they marveled, saying one to another, Who then is this, that he commands even the winds and the water, and they obey him?

26 And they arrived at the country of the Gerasenes, which is over against Galilee.

27 And when he was come forth upon the land, there met him a certain man out of the city, who had devils; and for a long time he had worn no clothes, and abode not in any house, but in the tombs.

28 And when he saw Jesus, he cried out, and fell down before him, and with a loud voice said, What have I to do with you, Jesus, you Son of the Most High God? I beseech you, torment me not.

29 For he commanded the unclean spirit to come out from the man. For oftentimes it had seized him: and he was kept under guard, and bound with chains and fetters; and breaking the bands asunder, he was driven of the devil into the deserts.

30 And Jesus asked him, What is your name? And he said, Legion; for many devils were entered into him.

31 And they entreated him that he would not command them to depart into the abyss.

32 Now there was there a herd of many swine feeding on the mountain: and they entreated him that he would give them leave to enter into them. And he gave them leave.

33 And the devils came out from the man, and entered into the swine: and the herd rushed down the steep into the lake, and were choked.

34 And when they that fed them saw what had come to pass, they fled, and told it in the city and in the country.

35 And they went out to see what had come to pass; and they came to Jesus, and found the man, from whom the devils were gone out, sitting, clothed and in his right mind, at the feet of Jesus: and they were afraid.

36 And they that saw it told them how he that was possessed with devils was made whole.

37 And all the people of the country of the Gerasenes round about asked him to depart from them; for they were holden with great fear: and he entered into a boat, and returned.

38 But the man from whom the devils were gone out prayed him that he might be with him: but he sent him away, saying,

39 Return to your house, and declare how great things God has done for you. And he went his way, publishing throughout the whole city how great things Jesus had done for him.

40 And as Jesus returned, the multitude welcomed him; for they were all waiting for him.

41 And behold, there came a man named Jairus, and he was a ruler of the synagogue: and he fell down at Jesus' feet, and besought him to come into his house;

42 for he had an only daughter, about twelve years of age, and she lay a dying. But as he went the multitudes thronged him.

43 And a woman having an issue of blood twelve years, which had spent all her living upon physicians, and could not be healed of any,

44 came behind him, and touched the border of his garment: and immediately the issue of her blood stanched.

45 And Jesus said, Who is it that touched me? And when all denied, Peter said, and they that were with him, Master, the multitudes press you and crush you.

46 But Jesus said, Some one did touch me: for I perceived that power had gone forth from me.

47 And when the woman saw that she was not hid, she came trembling, and falling down before him declared in the presence of all the people for what cause she touched him, and how she was healed immediately.

48 And he said unto her, Daughter, your faith has made you whole; go in peace.

49 While he yet spake, there comes one from the ruler of the synagogue's house, saying, Your daughter is dead; trouble not the Master.

50 But Jesus hearing it, answered him, Fear not: only believe, and she shall be made whole.

51 And when he came to the house, he suffered not any man to enter in with him, save Peter, and John, and James, and the father of the maiden and her mother.

52 And all were weeping, and bewailing her: but he said, Weep not; for she is not dead, but sleeps.

53 And they laughed him to scorn, knowing that she was dead.

54 But he, taking her by the hand, called, saying, Maiden, arise.

55 And her spirit returned, and she rose up immediately: and he commanded that something be given her to eat.

56 And her parents were amazed: but he charged them to tell no man what had been done.

Chapter 9

1 And he called the twelve together, and gave them power and authority over all devils, and to cure diseases.

2 And he sent them forth to preach the kingdom of God, and to heal the sick.

3 And he said unto them, Take nothing for your journey, neither staff, nor wallet, nor bread, nor money; neither have two coats.

4 And into whatsoever house you enter, there abide, and thence depart.

5 And as many as receive you not, when you depart from that city, shake off the dust from your feet for a testimony against them.

6 And they departed, and went throughout the villages, preaching the gospel, and healing everywhere.

7 Now Herod the tetrarch heard of all that was done: and he was much perplexed, because that it was said by some, that John was risen from the dead;

8 and by some, that Elijah had appeared; and by others, that one of the old prophets was risen again.

9 And Herod said, John I beheaded: but who is this, about whom I hear such things? And he sought to see him.

10 And the apostles, when they were returned, declared unto him what things they had done. And he took them, and withdrew apart to a city called Bethsaida.

11 But the multitudes perceiving it followed him: and he welcomed them, and spake to them of the kingdom of God, and them that had need of healing he healed.

12 And the day began to wear away; and the twelve came, and said unto him, Send the multitude away, that they may go into the villages and country round about, and lodge, and get victuals: for we are here in a desert place.

13 But he said unto them, Give you them to eat. And they said, We have no more than five loaves and two fishes; except we should go and buy food for all this people.

14 For they were about five thousand men. And he said unto his disciples, Make them sit down in companies, about fifty each.

15 And they did so, and made them all sit down.

16 And he took the five loaves and the two fishes, and looking up to heaven, he blessed them, and brake; and gave to the disciples to set before the multitude.

17 And they did eat, and were all filled: and there was taken up that which remained over to them of broken pieces, twelve baskets.

18 And it came to pass, as he was praying alone, the disciples were with him: and he asked them, saying, Who do the multitudes say that I am?

19 And they answering said, John the Baptist; but others say, Elijah; and others, that one of the old prophets is risen again.

20 And he said unto them, But who say you that I am? And Peter answering said, The Christ of God.

21 But he charged them, and commanded them to tell this to no man;

22 saying, The Son of man must suffer many things, and be rejected of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and the third day be raised up.

23 And he said unto all, If any man would come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow me.

24 For whosoever would save his life shall lose it; but whosoever shall lose his life for my sake, the same shall save it.

25 For what is a man profited, if he gain the whole world, and lose or forfeit his own self?

26 For whosoever shall be ashamed of me and of my words, of him shall the Son of man be ashamed, when he comes in his own glory, and the glory of the Father, and of the holy angels.

27 But I tell you of a truth, There be some of them that stand here, which shall in no wise taste of death, till they see the kingdom of God.

28 And it came to pass about eight days after these sayings, he took with him Peter and John and James, and went up into the mountain to pray.

29 And as he was praying, the fashion of his countenance was altered, and his raiment became white and dazzling.

30 And behold, there talked with him two men, which were Moses and Elijah;

31 who appeared in glory, and spake of his decease which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem.

32 Now Peter and they that were with him were heavy with sleep: but when they were fully awake, they saw his glory, and the two men that stood with him.

33 And it came to pass, as they were parting from him, Peter said unto Jesus, Master, it is good for us to be here: and let us make three tabernacles; one for you, and one for Moses, and one for Elijah: not knowing what he said.

34 And while he said these things, there came a cloud, and overshadowed them: and they feared as they entered into the cloud.

35 And a voice came out of the cloud, saying, This is my Son, my chosen: hear you him.

36 And when the voice came, Jesus was found alone. And they held their peace, and told no man in those days any of the things which they had seen.

37 And it came to pass, on the next day, when they were come down from the mountain, a great multitude met him.

38 And behold, a man from the multitude cried, saying, Master, I beseech you to look upon my son; for he is mine only child:

39 and behold, a spirit takes him, and he suddenly cries out; and it tears him that he foams, and it hardly departs from him, bruising him sorely.

40 And I besought your disciples to cast it out; and they could not.

41 And Jesus answered and said, O faithless and perverse generation, how long shall I be with you, and bear with you? bring hither your son.

42 And as he was yet a coming, the devil dashed him down, and tare him grievously. But Jesus rebuked the unclean spirit, and healed the boy, and gave him back to his father.

43 And they were all astonished at the majesty of God. But while all were marveling at all the things which he did, he said unto his disciples,

44 Let these words sink into your ears: for the Son of man shall be delivered up into the hands of men.

45 But they understood not this saying, and it was concealed from them, that they should not perceive it: and they were afraid to ask him about this saying.

46 And there arose a reasoning among them, which of them should be greatest.

47 But when Jesus saw the reasoning of their heart, he took a little child, and set him by his side,

48 and said unto them, Whosoever shall receive this little child in my name receives me: and whosoever shall receive me receives him that sent me: for he that is least among you all, the same is great.

49 And John answered and said, Master, we saw one casting out devils in your name; and we forbade him, because he follows not with us.

50 But Jesus said unto him, Forbid him not: for he that is not against you is for you.

51 And it came to pass, when the days were well-nigh come that he should be received up, he stedfastly set his face to go to Jerusalem,

52 and sent messengers before his face: and they went, and entered into a village of the Samaritans, to make ready for him.

53 And they did not receive him, because his face was as though he were going to Jerusalem.

54 And when his disciples James and John saw this, they said, Lord, will you that we bid fire to come down from heaven, and consume them?

55 But he turned, and rebuked them.

56 And they went to another village.

57 And as they went in the way, a certain man said unto him, I will follow you whithersoever you go.

58 And Jesus said unto him, The foxes have holes, and the birds of the heaven have nests; but the Son of man has not where to lay his head.

59 And he said unto another, Follow me. But he said, Lord, suffer me first to go and bury my father.

60 But he said unto him, Leave the dead to bury their own dead; but go you and publish abroad the kingdom of God.

61 And another also said, I will follow you, Lord; but first suffer me to bid farewell to them that are at my house.

62 But Jesus said unto him, No man, having put his hand to the plough, and looking back, is fit for the kingdom of God.

Chapter 10

1 Now after these things the Lord appointed seventy others, and sent them two and two before his face into every city and place, whither he himself was about to come.

2 And he said unto them, The harvest is plenteous, but the labourers are few: pray you therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he send forth labourers into his harvest.

3 Go your ways: behold, I send you forth as lambs in the midst of wolves.

4 Carry no purse, no wallet, no shoes: and salute no man on the way.

5 And into whatsoever house you shall enter, first say, Peace be to this house.

6 And if a son of peace be there, your peace shall rest upon him: but if not, it shall turn to you again.

7 And in that same house remain, eating and drinking such things as they give: for the labourer is worthy of his hire. Go not from house to house.

8 And into whatsoever city you enter, and they receive you, eat such things as are set before you:

9 and heal the sick that are therein, and say unto them, The kingdom of God is come nigh unto you.

10 But into whatsoever city you shall enter, and they receive you not, go out into the streets thereof and say,

11 Even the dust from your city, that cleaves to our feet, we do wipe off against you: howbeit know this, that the kingdom of God is come nigh.

12 I say unto you, It shall be more tolerable in that day for Sodom, than for that city.

13 Woe unto you, Chorazin! woe unto you, Bethsaida! for if the mighty works had been done in Tyre and Sidon,

which were done in you, they would have repented long ago, sitting in sackcloth and ashes.

14 Howbeit it shall be more tolerable for Tyre and Sidon in the judgment, than for you.

15 And you, Capernaum, shall you be exalted unto heaven? you shall be brought down unto Hades.

16 He that hears you hears me; and he that rejects you rejects me; and he that rejects me rejects him that sent me.

17 And the seventy returned with joy, saying, Lord, even the devils are subject unto us in your name.

18 And he said unto them, I beheld Satan fallen as lightning from heaven.

19 Behold, I have given you authority to tread upon serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy: and nothing shall in any wise hurt you.

20 Howbeit in this rejoice not, that the spirits are subject unto you; but rejoice that your names are written in heaven.

21 In that same hour he rejoiced in the Holy Spirit, and said, I thank you, O Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that you did hide these things from the wise and understanding, and did reveal them unto babes: yea, Father; for so it was well-pleasing in your sight.

22 All things have been delivered unto me of my Father: and no one knows who the Son is, save the Father; and who the Father is, save the Son, and he to whomsoever the Son wills to reveal him.

23 And turning to the disciples, he said privately, Blessed are the eyes which see the things that you see:

24 for I say unto you, that many prophets and kings desired to see the things which you see, and saw them not; and to hear the things which you hear, and heard them not.

25 And behold, a certain lawyer stood up and tempted him, saying, Master, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?

26 And he said unto him, What is written in the law? how read you?

27 And he answering said, You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbour as yourself.

28 And he said unto him, You have answered right: this do, and you shall live.

29 But he, desiring to justify himself, said unto Jesus, And who is my neighbour?

30 Jesus made answer and said, A certain man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho; and he fell among robbers, which both stripped him and beat him, and departed, leaving him half dead.

31 And by chance a certain priest was going down that way: and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side.

32 And in like manner a Levite also, when he came to the place, and saw him, passed by on the other side.

33 But a certain Samaritan, as he journeyed, came where he was: and when he saw him, he was moved with compassion,

34 and came to him, and bound up his wounds, pouring on them oil and wine; and he set him on his own beast, and brought him to an inn, and took care of him.

35 And on the morrow he took out two pence, and gave them to the host, and said, Take care of him; and whatsoever you spend more, I, when I come back again, will repay you.

36 Which of these three, think you, proved neighbour unto him that fell among the robbers?

37 And he said, He that shewed mercy on him. And Jesus said unto him, Go, and do you likewise.

38 Now as they went on their way, he entered into a certain village: and a certain woman named Martha received him into her house.

39 And she had a sister called Mary, which also sat at the Lord's feet, and heard his word.

40 But Martha was cumbered about much serving; and she came up to him, and said, Lord, do you not care that my sister did leave me to serve alone? bid her therefore that she help me.

41 But the Lord answered and said unto her, Martha, Martha, you are anxious and troubled about many things:

42 but one thing is needful: for Mary has chosen the good part, which shall not be taken away from her.

Chapter 11

1 And it came to pass, as he was praying in a certain place, that when he ceased, one of his disciples said unto him, Lord, teach us to pray, even as John also taught his disciples.

2 And he said unto them, When you pray, say, Father, Hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come.

3 Give us day by day our daily bread.

4 And forgive us our sins; for we ourselves also forgive every one that is indebted to us. And bring us not into temptation.

5 And he said unto them, Which of you shall have a friend, and shall go unto him at midnight, and say to him, Friend, lend me three loaves;

6 for a friend of mine is come to me from a journey, and I have nothing to set before him;

7 and he from within shall answer and say, Trouble me not: the door is now shut, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot rise and give you?

8 I say unto you, Though he will not rise and give him, because he is his friend, yet because of his importunity he will arise and give him as many as he needs.

9 And I say unto you, Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and you shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you.

10 For every one that asks receives; and he that seeks finds; and to him that knocks it shall be opened.

11 And of which of you that is a father shall his son ask a loaf, and he give him a stone? or a fish, and he for a fish give him a serpent?

12 Or if he shall ask an egg, will he give him a scorpion?

13 If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children, how much more shall your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them that ask him?

14 And he was casting out a devil which was dumb. And it came to pass, when the devil was gone out, the dumb man spake; and the multitudes marveled.

15 But some of them said, By Beelzebub the prince of the devils casts he out devils.

16 And others, tempting him, sought of him a sign from heaven.

17 But he, knowing their thoughts, said unto them, Every kingdom divided against itself is brought to desolation; and a house divided against a house falls.

18 And if Satan also is divided against himself, how shall his kingdom stand? because you say that I cast out devils by Beelzebub.

19 And if I by Beelzebub cast out devils, by whom do your sons cast them out? therefore shall they be your judges.

20 But if I by the finger of God cast out devils, then is the kingdom of God come upon you.

21 When the strong man fully armed guards his own court, his goods are in peace:

22 but when a stronger than he shall come upon him, and overcome him, he takes from him his whole armour wherein he trusted, and divides his spoils.

23 He that is not with me is against me; and he that gathers not with me scatters.

24 The unclean spirit when he is gone out of the man, passes through waterless places, seeking rest; and finding none, he says, I will turn back unto my house whence I came out.

25 And when he is come, he finds it swept and garnished.

26 Then goes he, and takes to him seven other spirits more evil than himself; and they enter in and dwell there: and the last state of that man becomes worse than the first.

27 And it came to pass, as he said these things, a certain woman out of the multitude lifted up her voice, and said unto him, Blessed is the womb that bare you, and the breasts which you did suck.

28 But he said, Yea rather, blessed are they that hear the word of God, and keep it.

29 And when the multitudes were gathering together unto him, he began to say, This generation is an evil generation: it seeks after a sign; and there shall no sign be given to it but the sign of Jonah.

30 For even as Jonah became a sign unto the Ninevites, so shall also the Son of man be to this generation.

31 The queen of the south shall rise up in the judgment with the men of this generation, and shall condemn them: for she came from the ends of the earth to hear the wisdom of Solomon; and behold, a greater than Solomon is here.

32 The men of Nineveh shall stand up in the judgment with this generation, and shall condemn it: for they repented at the preaching of Jonah; and behold, a greater than Jonah is here.

33 No man, when he has lighted a lamp, puts it in a cellar, neither under the bushel, but on the stand, that they which enter in may see the light.

34 The lamp of your body is your eye: when your eye is single, your whole body also is full of light; but when it is evil, your body also is full of darkness.

35 Look therefore whether the light that is in you be not darkness.

36 If therefore your whole body be full of light, having no part dark, it shall be wholly full of light, as when the lamp with its bright shining does give you light.

37 Now as he spake, a Pharisee asks him to dine with him: and he went in, and sat down to meat.

38 And when the Pharisee saw it, he marveled that he had not first washed before dinner.

39 And the Lord said unto him, Now do you Pharisees cleanse the outside of the cup and of the platter; but your inward part is full of extortion and wickedness.

40 You foolish ones, did not he that made the outside make the inside also?

41 Howbeit give for alms those things which are within; and behold, all things are clean unto you.

42 But woe unto you Pharisees! for you tithe mint and rue and every herb, and pass over judgment and the love of God: but these ought you to have done, and not to leave the other undone.

43 Woe unto you Pharisees! for you love the chief seats in the synagogues, and the salutations in the marketplaces.

44 Woe unto you! for you are as the tombs which appear not, and the men that walk over them know it not.

45 And one of the lawyers answering says unto him, Master, in saying this you reproach us also.

46 And he said, Woe unto you lawyers also! for you lade men with burdens grievous to be borne, and you yourselves touch not the burdens with one of your fingers.

47 Woe unto you! for you build the tombs of the prophets, and your fathers killed them.

48 So you are witnesses and consent unto the works of your fathers: for they killed them, and you build their tombs.

49 Therefore also said the wisdom of God, I will send unto them prophets and apostles; and some of them they shall kill and persecute;

50 that the blood of all the prophets, which was shed from the foundation of the world, may be required of this generation;

51 from the blood of Abel unto the blood of Zachariah, who perished between the altar and the sanctuary: yea, I say unto you, it shall be required of this generation.

52 Woe unto you lawyers! for you took away the key of knowledge: you entered not in yourselves, and them that were entering in you hindered.

53 And when he was come out from thence, the scribes and the Pharisees began to press upon him vehemently, and to provoke him to speak of many things;

54 laying wait for him, to catch something out of his mouth.

Chapter 12

1 In the mean time, when the many thousands of the multitude were gathered together, insomuch that they trode one upon another, he began to say unto his disciples first of all, Beware you of the leaven of the Pharisees, which is hypocrisy.

2 But there is nothing covered up, that shall not be revealed: and hid, that shall not be known.

3 Wherefore whatsoever you have said in the darkness shall be heard in the light; and what you have spoken in the ear in the inner chambers shall be proclaimed upon the housetops.

4 And I say unto you my friends, Be not afraid of them which kill the body, and after that have no more that they can do.

5 But I will warn you whom you shall fear: Fear him, which after he has killed has power to cast into hell; yea, I say unto you, Fear him.

6 Are not five sparrows sold for two farthings? and not one of them is forgotten in the sight of God.

7 But the very hairs of your head are all numbered. Fear not: you are of more value than many sparrows.

8 And I say unto you, Every one who shall confess me before men, him shall the Son of man also confess before the angels of God:

9 but he that denies me in the presence of men shall be denied in the presence of the angels of God.

10 And every one who shall speak a word against the Son of man, it shall be forgiven him: but unto him that blasphemeth against the Holy Spirit it shall not be forgiven.

11 And when they bring you before the synagogues, and the rulers, and the authorities, be not anxious how or what you shall answer, or what you shall say:

12 for the Holy Spirit shall teach you in that very hour what you ought to say.

13 And one out of the multitude said unto him, Master, bid my brother divide the inheritance with me.

14 But he said unto him, Man, who made me a judge or a divider over you?

15 And he said unto them, Take heed, and keep yourselves from all covetousness: for a man's life consists not in the abundance of the things which he possesses.

16 And he spake a parable unto them, saying, The ground of a certain rich man brought forth plentifully:

17 and he reasoned within himself, saying, What shall I do, because I have not where to bestow my fruits?

18 And he said, This will I do: I will pull down my barns, and build greater; and there will I bestow all my corn and my goods.

19 And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have much goods laid up for many years; take your ease, eat, drink, be merry.

20 But God said unto him, You foolish one, this night is your soul required of you; and the things which you have prepared, whose shall they be?

21 So is he that lays up treasure for himself, and is not rich toward God.

22 And he said unto his disciples, Therefore I say unto you, Be not anxious for your life, what you shall eat; nor yet for your body, what you shall put on.

23 For the life is more than the food, and the body than the raiment.

24 Consider the ravens, that they sow not, neither reap; which have no store-chamber nor barn; and God feeds them: of how much more value are you than the birds!

25 And which of you by being anxious can add a cubit unto his stature?

26 If then you are not able to do even that which is least, why are you anxious concerning the rest?

27 Consider the lilies, how they grow: they toil not, neither do they spin; yet I say unto you, Even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these.

28 But if God does so clothe the grass in the field, which today is, and tomorrow is cast into the oven; how much more shall he clothe you, O you of little faith?

29 And seek not you what you shall eat, and what you shall drink, neither be you of doubtful mind.

30 For all these things do the nations of the world seek after: but your Father knows that you have need of these things.

31 Howbeit seek you his kingdom, and these things shall be added unto you.

32 Fear not, little flock; for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom.

33 Sell that you have, and give alms; make for yourselves purses which wax not old, a treasure in the heavens that fails not, where no thief draws near, neither moth destroys.

34 For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.

35 Let your loins be girded about, and your lamps burning;

36 and be you yourselves like unto men looking for their lord, when he shall return from the marriage feast; that, when he comes and knocks, they may straightway open unto him.

37 Blessed are those servants, whom the lord when he comes shall find watching: verily I say unto you, that he shall gird himself, and make them sit down to meat, and shall come and serve them.

38 And if he shall come in the second watch, and if in the third, and find them so, blessed are those servants.

39 But know this, that if the master of the house had known in what hour the thief was coming, he would have watched, and not have left his house to be broken through.

40 Be you also ready: for in an hour that you think not the Son of man comes.

41 And Peter said, Lord, speak you this parable unto us, or even unto all?

42 And the Lord said, Who then is the faithful and wise steward, whom his lord shall set over his household, to give them their portion of food in due season?

43 Blessed is that servant, whom his lord when he comes shall find so doing.

44 Of a truth I say unto you, that he will set him over all that he has.

45 But if that servant shall say in his heart, My lord delays his coming; and shall begin to beat the menservants and the maidservants, and to eat and drink, and to be drunken;

46 the lord of that servant shall come in a day when he expects not, and in an hour when he knows not, and shall cut him asunder, and appoint his portion with the unfaithful.

47 And that servant, which knew his lord's will, and made not ready, nor did according to his will, shall be beaten with many stripes;

48 but he that knew not, and did things worthy of stripes, shall be beaten with few stripes. And to whomsoever much is given, of him shall much be required: and to whom they commit much, of him will they ask the more.

49 I came to cast fire upon the earth; and what will I, if it is already kindled?

50 But I have a baptism to be baptized with; and how am I straitened till it be accomplished!

51 Think you that I am come to give peace in the earth? I tell you, Nay; but rather division:

52 for there shall be from henceforth five in one house divided, three against two, and two against three.

53 They shall be divided, father against son, and son against father; mother against daughter, and daughter against her mother; mother in law against her daughter in law, and daughter in law against her mother in law.

54 And he said to the multitudes also, When you see a cloud rising in the west, straightway you say, There comes a shower; and so it comes to pass.

55 And when you see a south wind blowing, you say, There will be a scorching heat; and it comes to pass.

56 You hypocrites, you know how to interpret the face of the earth and the heaven; but how is it that you know not how to interpret this time?

57 And why even of yourselves judge you not what is right?

58 For as you are going with your adversary before the magistrate, on the way give diligence to be quit of him; lest haply he hale you unto the judge, and the judge shall deliver you to the officer, and the officer shall cast you into prison.

59 I say unto you, You shall by no means come out thence, till you have paid the very last mite.

Chapter 13

1 Now there were some present at that very season which told him of the Galilaeans, whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices.

2 And he answered and said unto them, Think you that these Galilaeans were sinners above all the Galilaeans, because they have suffered these things?

3 I tell you, Nay: but, except you repent, you shall all in like manner perish.

4 Or those eighteen, upon whom the tower in Siloam fell, and killed them, think you that they were offenders above all the men that dwell in Jerusalem?

5 I tell you, Nay: but, except you repent, you shall all likewise perish.

6 And he spake this parable; A certain man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came seeking fruit thereon, and found none.

7 And he said unto the vinedresser, Behold, these three years I come seeking fruit on this fig tree, and find none: cut it down; why does it also cumber the ground?

8 And he answering says unto him, Lord, let it alone this year also, till I shall dig about it, and dung it:

9 and if it bear fruit thenceforth, well; but if not, you shall cut it down.

10 And he was teaching in one of the synagogues on the sabbath day.

11 And behold, a woman which had a spirit of infirmity eighteen years; and she was bowed together, and could in no wise lift herself up.

12 And when Jesus saw her, he called her, and said to her, Woman, you are loosed from your infirmity.

13 And he laid his hands upon her: and immediately she was made straight, and glorified God.

14 And the ruler of the synagogue, being moved with indignation because Jesus had healed on the sabbath, answered and said to the multitude, There are six days in which men ought to work: in them therefore come and be healed, and not on the day of the sabbath.

15 But the Lord answered him, and said, You hypocrites, does not each one of you on the sabbath loose his ox or his ass from the stall, and lead him away to watering?

16 And ought not this woman, being a daughter of Abraham, whom Satan had bound, lo, these eighteen years, to have been loosed from this bond on the day of the sabbath?

17 And as he said these things, all his adversaries were put to shame: and all the multitude rejoiced for all the glorious things that were done by him.

18 He said therefore, Unto what is the kingdom of God like? and whereunto shall I liken it?

19 It is like unto a grain of mustard seed, which a man took, and cast into his own garden; and it grew, and became a tree; and the birds of the heaven lodged in the branches thereof.

20 And again he said, Whereunto shall I liken the kingdom of God?

21 It is like unto leaven, which a woman took and hid in three measures of meal, till it was all leavened.

22 And he went on his way through cities and villages, teaching, and journeying on unto Jerusalem.

23 And one said unto him, Lord, are they few that be saved? And he said unto them,

24 Strive to enter in by the narrow door: for many, I say unto you, shall seek to enter in, and shall not be able.

25 When once the master of the house is risen up, and has shut to the door, and you begin to stand without, and to knock at the door, saying, Lord, open to us; and he shall answer and say to you, I know you not whence you are;

26 then shall you begin to say, We did eat and drink in your presence, and you did teach in our streets;

27 and he shall say, I tell you, I know not whence you are; depart from me, all you workers of iniquity.

28 There shall be the weeping and gnashing of teeth, when you shall see Abraham, and Isaac, and Jacob, and all the prophets, in the kingdom of God, and yourselves cast forth without.

29 And they shall come from the east and west, and from the north and south, and shall sit down in the kingdom of God.

30 And behold, there are last which shall be first, and there are first which shall be last.

31 In that very hour there came certain Pharisees, saying to him, Get you out, and go hence: for Herod would fain kill you.

32 And he said unto them, Go and say to that fox, Behold, I cast out devils and perform cures today and tomorrow, and the third day I am perfected.

33 Howbeit I must go on my way today and tomorrow and the day following: for it cannot be that a prophet perish out of Jerusalem.

34 O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, which kills the prophets, and stones them that are sent unto her! how often would I have gathered your children together, even as a hen gathers her own brood under her wings, and you would not!

35 Behold, your house is left unto you desolate: and I say unto you, You shall not see me, until you shall say, Blessed is he that comes in the name of the Lord.

Chapter 14

1 And it came to pass, when he went into the house of one of the rulers of the Pharisees on a sabbath to eat bread, that they were watching him.

2 And behold, there was before him a certain man which had the dropsy.

3 And Jesus answering spake unto the lawyers and Pharisees, saying, Is it lawful to heal on the sabbath, or not?

4 But they held their peace. And he took him, and healed him, and let him go.

5 And he said unto them, Which of you shall have an ass or an ox fallen into a well, and will not straightway draw him up on a sabbath day?

6 And they could not answer again unto these things.

7 And he spake a parable unto those which were bidden, when he marked how they chose out the chief seats; saying unto them,

8 When you are bidden of any man to a marriage feast, sit not down in the chief seat; lest haply a more honourable man than you be bidden of him,

9 and he that bade you and him shall come and say to you, Give this man place; and then you shall begin with shame to take the lowest place.

10 But when you are bidden, go and sit down in the lowest place; that when he that has bidden you comes, he may say to you, Friend, go up higher: then shall you have glory in the presence of all that sit at meat with you.

11 For every one that exalts himself shall be humbled; and he that humbles himself shall be exalted.

12 And he said to him also that had bidden him, When you make a dinner or a supper, call not your friends, nor your brethren, nor your kinsmen, nor rich neighbours; lest haply they also bid you again, and a recompense be made you.

13 But when you make a feast, bid the poor, the maimed, the lame, the blind:

14 and you shall be blessed; because they have not wherewith to recompense you: for you shall be recompensed in the resurrection of the just.

15 And when one of them that sat at meat with him heard these things, he said unto him, Blessed is he that shall eat bread in the kingdom of God.

16 But he said unto him, A certain man made a great supper; and he bade many:

17 and he sent forth his servant at supper time to say to them that were bidden, Come; for all things are now ready.

18 And they all with one consent began to make excuse. The first said unto him, I have bought a field, and I must needs go out and see it: I pray you have me excused.

19 And another said, I have bought five yoke of oxen, and I go to prove them: I pray you have me excused.

20 And another said, I have married a wife, and therefore I cannot come.

21 And the servant came, and told his lord these things. Then the master of the house being angry said to his servant, Go out quickly into the streets and lanes of the city, and bring in hither the poor and maimed and blind and lame.

22 And the servant said, Lord, what you did command is done, and yet there is room.

23 And the lord said unto the servant, Go out into the highways and hedges, and constrain them to come in, that my house may be filled.

24 For I say unto you, that none of those men which were bidden shall taste of my supper.

25 Now there went with him great multitudes: and he turned, and said unto them,

26 If any man comes unto me, and hates not his own father, and mother, and wife, and children, and brethren, and sisters, yea, and his own life also, he cannot be my disciple.

27 Whosoever does not bear his own cross, and come after me, cannot be my disciple.

28 For which of you, desiring to build a tower, does not first sit down and count the cost, whether he have wherewith to complete it?

29 Lest haply, when he has laid a foundation, and is not able to finish, all that behold begin to mock him,

30 saying, This man began to build, and was not able to finish.

31 Or what king, as he goes to encounter another king in war, will not sit down first and take counsel whether he is able with ten thousand to meet him that comes against him with twenty thousand?

32 Or else, while the other is yet a great way off, he sends an ambassage, and asks conditions of peace.

33 So therefore whosoever he be of you that renounces not all that he has, he cannot be my disciple.

34 Salt therefore is good: but if even the salt have lost its savour, wherewith shall it be seasoned?

35 It is fit neither for the land nor for the dunghill: men cast it out. He that has ears to hear, let him hear.

Chapter 15

1 Now all the publicans and sinners were drawing near unto him for to hear him.

2 And both the Pharisees and the scribes murmured, saying, This man receives sinners, and eats with them.

3 And he spake unto them this parable, saying,

4 What man of you, having a hundred sheep, and having lost one of them, does not leave the ninety and nine in the wilderness, and go after that which is lost, until he find it?

5 And when he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders, rejoicing.

6 And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and his neighbours, saying unto them, Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep which was lost.

7 I say unto you, that even so there shall be joy in heaven over one sinner that repents, more than over ninety and nine righteous persons, which need no repentance.

8 Or what woman having ten pieces of silver, if she lose one piece, does not light a lamp, and sweep the house, and seek diligently until she find it?

9 And when she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbours, saying, Rejoice with me, for I have found the piece which I had lost.

10 Even so, I say unto you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner that repents.

11 And he said, A certain man had two sons:

12 and the younger of them said to his father, Father, give me the portion of your substance that falls to me. And he divided unto them his living.

13 And not many days after the younger son gathered all together, and took his journey into a far country; and there he wasted his substance with riotous living.

14 And when he had spent all, there arose a mighty famine in that country; and he began to be in want.

15 And he went and joined himself to one of the citizens of that country; and he sent him into his fields to feed swine.

16 And he would fain have been filled with the husks that the swine did eat: and no man gave unto him.

17 But when he came to himself he said, How many hired servants of my father's have bread enough and to spare, and I perish here with hunger!

18 I will arise and go to my father, and will say unto him, Father, I have sinned against heaven, and in your sight:

19 I am no more worthy to be called your son: make me as one of your hired servants.

20 And he arose, and came to his father. But while he was yet afar off, his father saw him, and was moved with compassion, and ran, and fell on his neck, and kissed him.

21 And the son said unto him, Father, I have sinned against heaven, and in your sight: I am no more worthy to be called your son.

22 But the father said to his servants, Bring forth quickly the best robe, and put it on him; and put a ring on his hand, and shoes on his feet:

23 and bring the fatted calf, and kill it, and let us eat, and make merry:

24 for this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found. And they began to be merry.

25 Now his elder son was in the field: and as he came and drew nigh to the house, he heard music and dancing.

26 And he called to him one of the servants, and inquired what these things might be.

27 And he said unto him, Your brother is come; and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has received him safe and sound.

28 But he was angry, and would not go in: and his father came out, and entreated him.

29 But he answered and said to his father, Lo, these many years do I serve you, and I never transgressed a commandment of yours: and yet you never gave me a kid, that I might make merry with my friends:

30 but when this your son came, which has devoured your living with harlots, you killedst for him the fatted calf.

31 And he said unto him, Son, you are ever with me, and all that is mine is yours.

32 But it was meet to make merry and be glad: for this your brother was dead, and is alive again; and was lost, and is found.

Chapter 16

1 And he said also unto the disciples, There was a certain rich man, which had a steward; and the same was accused unto him that he was wasting his goods.

2 And he called him, and said unto him, What is this that I hear of you? render the account of your stewardship; for you can be no longer steward.

3 And the steward said within himself, What shall I do, seeing that my lord takes away the stewardship from me? I have not strength to dig; to beg I am ashamed.

4 I am resolved what to do, that, when I am put out of the stewardship, they may receive me into their houses.

5 And calling to him each one of his lord's debtors, he said to the first, How much owe you unto my lord?

6 And he said, A hundred measures of oil. And he said unto him, Take your bond, and sit down quickly and write fifty.

7 Then said he to another, And how much owe you? And he said, A hundred measures of wheat. He says unto him, Take your bond, and write fourscore.

8 And his lord commended the unrighteous steward because he had done wisely: for the sons of this world are for their own generation wiser than the sons of the light.

9 And I say unto you, Make to yourselves friends by means of the mammon of unrighteousness; that, when it shall fail, they may receive you into the eternal tabernacles.

10 He that is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much: and he that is unrighteous in a very little is unrighteous also in much.

11 If therefore you have not been faithful in the unrighteous mammon, who will commit to your trust the true riches?

12 And if you have not been faithful in that which is another's, who will give you that which is your own?

13 No servant can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to one, and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon.

14 And the Pharisees, who were lovers of money, heard all these things; and they scoffed at him.

15 And he said unto them, You are they that justify yourselves in the sight of men; but God knows your hearts: for that which is exalted among men is an abomination in the sight of God.

16 The law and the prophets were until John: from that time the gospel of the kingdom of God is preached, and every man enters violently into it.

17 But it is easier for heaven and earth to pass away, than for one tittle of the law to fall.

18 Every one that puts away his wife, and marries another, commits adultery: and he that marries one that is put away from a husband commits adultery.

19 Now there was a certain rich man, and he was clothed in purple and fine linen, faring sumptuously every day:

20 and a certain beggar named Lazarus was laid at his gate, full of sores,

21 and desiring to be fed with the crumbs that fell from the rich man's table; yea, even the dogs came and licked his sores.

22 And it came to pass, that the beggar died, and that he was carried away by the angels into Abraham's bosom: and the rich man also died, and was buried.

23 And in Hades he lifted up his eyes, being in torments, and sees Abraham afar off, and Lazarus in his bosom.

24 And he cried and said, Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus, that he may dip the tip of his finger in water, and cool my tongue; for I am in anguish in this flame.

25 But Abraham said, Son, remember that you in your lifetime receivedst your good things, and Lazarus in like manner evil things: but now here he is comforted, and you are in anguish.

26 And beside all this, between us and you there is a great gulf fixed, that they which would pass from hence to you may not be able, and that none may cross over from thence to us.

27 And he said, I pray you therefore, father, that you would send him to my father's house;

28 for I have five brethren; that he may testify unto them, lest they also come into this place of torment.

29 But Abraham says, They have Moses and the prophets; let them hear them.

30 And he said, Nay, father Abraham: but if one go to them from the dead, they will repent.

31 And he said unto him, If they hear not Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded, if one rise from the dead.

Chapter 17

1 And he said unto his disciples, It is impossible but that occasions of stumbling should come: but woe unto him, through whom they come!

2 It were well for him if a millstone were hanged about his neck, and he were thrown into the sea, rather than that he should cause one of these little ones to stumble.

3 Take heed to yourselves: if your brother sin, rebuke him; and if he repent, forgive him.

4 And if he sin against you seven times in the day, and seven times turn again to you, saying, I repent; you shall forgive him.

5 And the apostles said unto the Lord, Increase our faith.

6 And the Lord said, If you have faith as a grain of mustard seed, you would say unto this sycamine tree, Be you rooted up, and be you planted in the sea; and it would have obeyed you.

7 But who is there of you, having a servant plowing or keeping sheep, that will say unto him, when he is come in from the field, Come straightway and sit down to meat;

8 and will not rather say unto him, Make ready wherewith I may sup, and gird yourself, and serve me, till I have eaten and drunken; and afterward you shall eat and drink?

9 Does he thank the servant because he did the things that were commanded?

10 Even so you also, when you shall have done all the things that are commanded you, say, We are unprofitable servants; we have done that which it was our duty to do.

11 And it came to pass, as they were on the way to Jerusalem, that he was passing through the midst of Samaria and Galilee.

12 And as he entered into a certain village, there met him ten men that were lepers, which stood afar off:

13 and they lifted up their voices, saying, Jesus, Master, have mercy on us.

14 And when he saw them, he said unto them, Go and shew yourselves unto the priests. And it came to pass, as they went, they were cleansed.

15 And one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, with a loud voice glorifying God;

16 and he fell upon his face at his feet, giving him thanks: and he was a Samaritan.

17 And Jesus answering said, Were not the ten cleansed? but where are the nine?

18 Were there none found that returned to give glory to God, save this stranger?

19 And he said unto him, Arise, and go your way: your faith has made you whole.

20 And being asked by the Pharisees, when the kingdom of God comes, he answered them and said, The kingdom of God comes not with observation:

21 neither shall they say, Lo, here! or, There! for lo, the kingdom of God is within you.

22 And he said unto the disciples, The days will come, when you shall desire to see one of the days of the Son of man, and you shall not see it.

23 And they shall say to you, Lo, there! Lo, here! go not away, nor follow after them:

24 for as the lightning, when it lightens out of the one part under the heaven, shines unto the other part under heaven; so shall the Son of man be in his day.

25 But first must he suffer many things and be rejected of this generation.

26 And as it came to pass in the days of Noah, even so shall it be also in the days of the Son of man.

27 They ate, they drank, they married, they were given in marriage, until the day that Noah entered into the ark, and the flood came, and destroyed them all.

28 Likewise even as it came to pass in the days of Lot; they ate, they drank, they bought, they sold, they planted, they builded;

29 but in the day that Lot went out from Sodom it rained fire and brimstone from heaven, and destroyed them all:

30 after the same manner shall it be in the day that the Son of man is revealed.

31 In that day, he which shall be on the housetop, and his goods in the house, let him not go down to take them away: and let him that is in the field likewise not return back.

32 Remember Lot's wife.

33 Whosoever shall seek to gain his life shall lose it: but whosoever shall lose his life shall preserve it.

34 I say unto you, In that night there shall be two men on one bed; the one shall be taken, and the other shall be left.

35 There shall be two women grinding together; the one shall be taken, and the other shall be left.

37 And they answering say unto him, Where, Lord? And he said unto them, Where the body is, thither will the eagles also be gathered together.

Chapter 18

1 And he spake a parable unto them to the end that they ought always to pray, and not to faint;

2 saying, There was in a city a judge, which feared not God, and regarded not man:

3 and there was a widow in that city; and she came oft unto him, saying, Avenge me of mine adversary.

4 And he would not for a while: but afterward he said within himself, Though I fear not God, nor regard man;

5 yet because this widow troubles me, I will avenge her, lest she wear me out by her continual coming.

6 And the Lord said, Hear what the unrighteous judge says.

7 And shall not God avenge his elect, which cry to him day and night, and he is longsuffering over them?

8 I say unto you, that he will avenge them speedily. Howbeit when the Son of man comes, shall he find faith on the earth?

9 And he spake also this parable unto certain which trusted in themselves that they were righteous, and set all others at nought:

10 Two men went up into the temple to pray; the one a Pharisee, and the other a publican.

11 The Pharisee stood and prayed thus with himself, God, I thank you, that I am not as the rest of men, extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even as this publican.

12 I fast twice in the week; I give tithes of all that I get.

13 But the publican, standing afar off, would not lift up so much as his eyes unto heaven, but smote his breast, saying, God, be merciful to me a sinner.

14 I say unto you, This man went down to his house justified rather than the other: for every one that exalts himself shall be humbled; but he that humbles himself shall be exalted.

15 And they brought unto him also their babes, that he should touch them: but when the disciples saw it, they rebuked them.

16 But Jesus called them unto him, saying, Suffer the little children to come unto me, and forbid them not: for of such is the kingdom of God.

17 Verily I say unto you, Whosoever shall not receive the kingdom of God as a little child, he shall in no wise enter therein.

18 And a certain ruler asked him, saying, Good Master, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?

19 And Jesus said unto him, Why call you me good? none is good, save one, even God.

20 You know the commandments, Do not commit adultery, Do not kill, Do not steal, Do not bear false witness, Honour your father and mother.

21 And he said, All these things have I observed from my youth up.

22 And when Jesus heard it, he said unto him, One thing you lack yet: sell all that you have, and distribute unto the poor, and you shall have treasure in heaven: and come, follow me.

23 But when he heard these things, he became exceeding sorrowful; for he was very rich.

24 And Jesus seeing him said, How hardly shall they that have riches enter into the kingdom of God!

25 For it is easier for a camel to enter in through a needle's eye, than for a rich man to enter into the kingdom of God.

26 And they that heard it said, Then who can be saved?

27 But he said, The things which are impossible with men are possible with God.

28 And Peter said, Lo, we have left our own, and followed you.

29 And he said unto them, Verily I say unto you, There is no man that has left house, or wife, or brethren, or parents, or children, for the kingdom of God's sake,

30 who shall not receive manifold more in this time, and in the world to come eternal life.

31 And he took unto him the twelve, and said unto them, Behold, we go up to Jerusalem, and all the things that are written by the prophets shall be accomplished unto the Son of man.

32 For he shall be delivered up unto the Gentiles, and shall be mocked, and shamefully entreated, and spit upon:

33 and they shall scourge and kill him: and the third day he shall rise again.

34 And they understood none of these things; and this saying was hid from them, and they perceived not the things that were said.

35 And it came to pass, as he drew nigh unto Jericho, a certain blind man sat by the way side begging:

36 and hearing a multitude going by, he inquired what this meant.

37 And they told him, that Jesus of Nazareth passes by.

38 And he cried, saying, Jesus, you son of David, have mercy on me.

39 And they that went before rebuked him, that he should hold his peace: but he cried out the more a great deal, You son of David, have mercy on me.

40 And Jesus stood, and commanded him to be brought unto him: and when he was come near, he asked him,

41 What will you that I should do unto you? And he said, Lord, that I may receive my sight.

42 And Jesus said unto him, Receive your sight: your faith has made you whole.

43 And immediately he received his sight, and followed him, glorifying God: and all the people, when they saw it, gave praise unto God.

Chapter 19

1 And he entered and was passing through Jericho.

2 And behold, a man called by name Zacchaeus; and he was a chief publican, and he was rich.

3 And he sought to see Jesus who he was; and could not for the crowd, because he was little of stature.

4 And he ran on before, and climbed up into a sycomore tree to see him: for he was to pass that way.

5 And when Jesus came to the place, he looked up, and said unto him, Zacchaeus, make haste, and come down; for today I must abide at your house.

6 And he made haste, and came down, and received him joyfully.

7 And when they saw it, they all murmured, saying, He is gone in to lodge with a man that is a sinner.

8 And Zacchaeus stood, and said unto the Lord, Behold, Lord, the half of my goods I give to the poor; and if I have wrongfully exacted aught of any man, I restore fourfold.

9 And Jesus said unto him, Today is salvation come to this house, forasmuch as he also is a son of Abraham.

10 For the Son of man came to seek and to save that which was lost.

11 And as they heard these things, he added and spake a parable, because he was nigh to Jerusalem, and because they supposed that the kingdom of God was immediately to appear.

12 He said therefore, A certain nobleman went into a far country, to receive for himself a kingdom, and to return.

13 And he called ten servants of his, and gave them ten pounds, and said unto them, Trade you herewith till I come.

14 But his citizens hated him, and sent an ambassage after him, saying, We will not that this man reign over us.

15 And it came to pass, when he was come back again, having received the kingdom, that he commanded these servants, unto whom he had given the money, to be called to him, that he might know what they had gained by trading.

16 And the first came before him, saying, Lord, your pound has made ten pounds more.

17 And he said unto him, Well done, you good servant: because you were found faithful in a very little, have you authority over ten cities.

18 And the second came, saying, Your pound, Lord, has made five pounds.

19 And he said unto him also, Be you also over five cities.

20 And another came, saying, Lord, behold, here is your pound, which I kept laid up in a napkin:

21 for I feared you, because you are an austere man: you take up that you layedst not down, and reap that you did not sow.

22 He says unto him, Out of your own mouth will I judge you, you wicked servant. You knew that I am an austere man, taking up that I laid not down, and reaping that I did not sow;

23 then wherefore gave you not my money into the bank, and I at my coming should have required it with interest?

24 And he said unto them that stood by, Take away from him the pound, and give it unto him that has the ten pounds.

25 And they said unto him, Lord, he has ten pounds.

26 I say unto you, that unto every one that has shall be given; but from him that has not, even that which he has shall be taken away from him.

27 Howbeit these mine enemies, which would not that I should reign over them, bring hither, and slay them before me.

28 And when he had thus spoken, he went on before, going up to Jerusalem.

29 And it came to pass, when he drew nigh unto Bethphage and Bethany, at the mount that is called the mount of Olives, he sent two of the disciples,

30 saying, Go your way into the village over against you; in the which as you enter you shall find a colt tied, whereon no man ever yet sat: loose him, and bring him.

31 And if any one ask you, Why do you loose him? thus shall you say, The Lord has need of him.

32 And they that were sent went away, and found even as he had said unto them.

33 And as they were loosing the colt, the owners thereof said unto them, Why loose you the colt?

34 And they said, The Lord has need of him.

35 And they brought him to Jesus: and they threw their garments upon the colt, and set Jesus thereon.

36 And as he went, they spread their garments in the way.

37 And as he was now drawing nigh, even at the descent of the mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to rejoice and praise God with a loud voice for all the mighty works which they had seen;

38 saying, Blessed is the King that comes in the name of the Lord: peace in heaven, and glory in the highest.

39 And some of the Pharisees from the multitude said unto him, Master, rebuke your disciples.

40 And he answered and said, I tell you that, if these shall hold their peace, the stones will cry out.

41 And when he drew nigh, he saw the city and wept over it,

42 saying, If you had known in this day, even you, the things which belong unto peace! but now they are hid from your eyes.

43 For the days shall come upon you, when your enemies shall cast up a bank about you, and compass you round, and keep you in on every side,

44 and shall dash you to the ground, and your children within you; and they shall not leave in you one stone upon another; because you knew not the time of your visitation.

45 And he entered into the temple, and began to cast out them that sold,

46 saying unto them, It is written, And my house shall be a house of prayer: but you have made it a den of robbers.

47 And he was teaching daily in the temple. But the chief priests and the scribes and the principal men of the people sought to destroy him:

48 and they could not find what they might do; for the people all hung upon him, listening.

Chapter 20

1 And it came to pass, on one of the days, as he was teaching the people in the temple, and preaching the gospel, there came upon him the chief priests and the scribes with the elders;

2 and they spake, saying unto him, Tell us: By what authority do you these things? or who is he that gave you this authority?

3 And he answered and said unto them, I also will ask you a question; and tell me:

4 The baptism of John, was it from heaven, or from men?

5 And they reasoned with themselves, saying, If we shall say, From heaven; he will say, Why did you not believe him?

6 But if we shall say, From men; all the people will stone us: for they be persuaded that John was a prophet.

7 And they answered, that they knew not whence it was.

8 And Jesus said unto them, Neither tell I you by what authority I do these things.

9 And he began to speak unto the people this parable: A man planted a vineyard, and let it out to husbandmen, and went into another country for a long time.

10 And at the season he sent unto the husbandmen a servant, that they should give him of the fruit of the vineyard: but the husbandmen beat him, and sent him away empty.

11 And he sent yet another servant: and him also they beat, and handled him shamefully, and sent him away empty.

12 And he sent yet a third: and him also they wounded, and cast him forth.

13 And the lord of the vineyard said, What shall I do? I will send my beloved son: it may be they will reverence him.

14 But when the husbandmen saw him, they reasoned one with another, saying, This is the heir: let us kill him, that the inheritance may be ours.

15 And they cast him forth out of the vineyard, and killed him. What therefore will the lord of the vineyard do unto them?

16 He will come and destroy these husbandmen, and will give the vineyard unto others. And when they heard it, they said, God forbid.

17 But he looked upon them, and said, What then is this that is written, The stone which the builders rejected, The same was made the head of the corner?

18 Every one that falls on that stone shall be broken to pieces; but on whomsoever it shall fall, it will scatter him as dust.

19 And the scribes and the chief priests sought to lay hands on him in that very hour; and they feared the people: for they perceived that he spake this parable against them.

20 And they watched him, and sent forth spies, which feigned themselves to be righteous, that they might take hold of his speech, so as to deliver him up to the rule and to the authority of the governor.

21 And they asked him, saying, Master, we know that you say and teach rightly, and accept not the person of any, but of a truth teach the way of God:

22 Is it lawful for us to give tribute unto Caesar, or not?

23 But he perceived their craftiness, and said unto them,

24 Shew me a penny. Whose image and superscription has it? And they said, Caesar's.

25 And he said unto them, Then render unto Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and unto God the things that are God's.

26 And they were not able to take hold of the saying before the people: and they marveled at his answer, and held their peace.

27 And there came to him certain of the Sadducees, they which say that there is no resurrection; and they asked him,

28 saying, Master, Moses wrote unto us, that if a man's brother die, having a wife, and he be childless, his brother should take the wife, and raise up seed unto his brother.

29 There were therefore seven brethren: and the first took a wife, and died childless;

30 and the second;

31 and the third took her; and likewise the seven also left no children, and died.

32 Afterward the woman also died.

33 In the resurrection therefore whose wife of them shall she be? for the seven had her to wife.

34 And Jesus said unto them, The sons of this world marry, and are given in marriage:

35 but they that are accounted worthy to attain to that world, and the resurrection from the dead, neither marry, nor are given in marriage:

36 for neither can they die any more: for they are equal unto the angels; and are sons of God, being sons of the resurrection.

37 But that the dead are raised, even Moses shewed, in the place concerning the Bush, when he calls the Lord the God of Abraham, and the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob.

38 Now he is not the God of the dead, but of the living: for all live unto him.

39 And certain of the scribes answering said, Master, you have well said.

40 For they durst not any more ask him any question.

41 And he said unto them, How say they that the Christ is David's son?

42 For David himself says in the book of Psalms, The Lord said unto my Lord, Sit you on my right hand,

43 Till I make your enemies the footstool of your feet.

44 David therefore calls him Lord, and how is he his son?

45 And in the hearing of all the people he said unto his disciples,

46 Beware of the scribes, which desire to walk in long robes, and love salutations in the marketplaces, and chief seats in the synagogues, and chief places at feasts;

47 which devour widows' houses, and for a pretence make long prayers: these shall receive greater condemnation.

Chapter 21

1 And he looked up, and saw the rich men that were casting their gifts into the treasury.

2 And he saw a certain poor widow casting in thither two mites.

3 And he said, Of a truth I say unto you, This poor widow cast in more than they all:

4 for all these did of their superfluity cast in unto the gifts: but she of her want did cast in all the living that she had.

5 And as some spake of the temple, how it was adorned with goodly stones and offerings, he said,

6 As for these things which you behold, the days will come, in which there shall not be left here one stone upon another, that shall not be thrown down.

7 And they asked him, saying, Master, when therefore shall these things be? and what shall be the sign when these things are about to come to pass?

8 And he said, Take heed that you be not led astray: for many shall come in my name, saying, I am he; and, The time is at hand: go you not after them.

9 And when you shall hear of wars and tumults, be not terrified: for these things must needs come to pass first; but the end is not immediately.

10 Then said he unto them, Nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom:

11 and there shall be great earthquakes, and in divers places famines and pestilences; and there shall be terrors and great signs from heaven.

12 But before all these things, they shall lay their hands on you, and shall persecute you, delivering you up to the synagogues and prisons, bringing you before kings and governors for my name's sake.

13 It shall turn unto you for a testimony.

14 Settle it therefore in your hearts, not to meditate beforehand how to answer:

15 for I will give you a mouth and wisdom, which all your adversaries shall not be able to withstand or to gainsay.

16 But you shall be delivered up even by parents, and brethren, and kinsfolk, and friends; and some of you shall they cause to be put to death.

17 And you shall be hated of all men for my name's sake.

18 And not a hair of your head shall perish.

19 In your patience you shall win your souls.

20 But when you see Jerusalem compassed with armies, then know that her desolation is at hand.

21 Then let them that are in Judea flee unto the mountains; and let them that are in the midst of her depart out; and let not them that are in the country enter therein.

22 For these are days of vengeance, that all things which are written may be fulfilled.

23 Woe unto them that are with child and to them that give suck in those days! for there shall be great distress upon the land, and wrath unto this people.

24 And they shall fall by the edge of the sword, and shall be led captive into all the nations: and Jerusalem shall be trodden down of the Gentiles, until the times of the Gentiles be fulfilled.

25 And there shall be signs in sun and moon and stars; and upon the earth distress of nations, in perplexity for the roaring of the sea and the billows;

26 men fainting for fear, and for expectation of the things which are coming on the world: for the powers of the heavens shall be shaken.

27 And then shall they see the Son of man coming in a cloud with power and great glory.

28 But when these things begin to come to pass, look up, and lift up your heads; because your redemption draws nigh.

29 And he spake to them a parable: Behold the fig tree, and all the trees:

30 when they now shoot forth, you see it and know of your own selves that the summer is now nigh.

31 Even so you also, when you see these things coming to pass, know you that the kingdom of God is nigh.

32 Verily I say unto you, This generation shall not pass away, till all things be accomplished.

33 Heaven and earth shall pass away: but my words shall not pass away.

34 But take heed to yourselves, lest haply your hearts be overcharged with surfeiting, and drunkenness, and cares of this life, and that day come on you suddenly as a snare:

35 for so shall it come upon all them that dwell on the face of all the earth.

36 But watch you at every season, making supplication, that you may prevail to escape all these things that shall come to pass, and to stand before the Son of man.

37 And every day he was teaching in the temple; and every night he went out, and lodged in the mount that is called the mount of Olives.

38 And all the people came early in the morning to him in the temple, to hear him.

Chapter 22

1 Now the feast of unleavened bread drew nigh, which is called the Passover.

2 And the chief priests and the scribes sought how they might put him to death; for they feared the people.

3 And Satan entered into Judas who was called Iscariot, being of the number of the twelve.

4 And he went away, and communed with the chief priests and captains, how he might deliver him unto them.

5 And they were glad, and covenanted to give him money.

6 And he consented, and sought opportunity to deliver him unto them in the absence of the multitude.

7 And the day of unleavened bread came, on which the passover must be sacrificed.

8 And he sent Peter and John, saying, Go and make ready for us the passover, that we may eat.

9 And they said unto him, Where will you that we make ready?

10 And he said unto them, Behold, when you are entered into the city, there shall meet you a man bearing a pitcher of water; follow him into the house whereinto he goes.

11 And you shall say unto the goodman of the house, The Master says unto you, Where is the guest-chamber, where I shall eat the passover with my disciples?

12 And he will shew you a large upper room furnished: there make ready.

13 And they went, and found as he had said unto them: and they made ready the passover.

14 And when the hour was come, he sat down, and the apostles with him.

15 And he said unto them, With desire I have desired to eat this passover with you before I suffer:

16 for I say unto you, I will not eat it, until it be fulfilled in the kingdom of God.

17 And he received a cup, and when he had given thanks, he said, Take this, and divide it among yourselves:

18 for I say unto you, I will not drink from henceforth of the fruit of the vine, until the kingdom of God shall come.

19 And he took bread, and when he had given thanks, he brake it, and gave to them, saying, This is my body which is given for you: this do in remembrance of me.

20 And the cup in like manner after supper, saying, This cup is the new covenant in my blood, even that which is poured out for you.

21 But behold, the hand of him that betrays me is with me on the table.

22 For the Son of man indeed goes, as it has been determined: but woe unto that man through whom he is betrayed!

23 And they began to question among themselves, which of them it was that should do this thing.

24 And there arose also a contention among them, which of them is accounted to be greatest.

25 And he said unto them, The kings of the Gentiles have lordship over them; and they that have authority over them are called Benefactors.

26 But you shall not be so: but he that is the greater among you, let him become as the younger; and he that is chief, as he that does serve.

27 For whether is greater, he that sits at meat, or he that serves? is not he that sits at meat? but I am in the midst of you as he that serves.

28 But you are they which have continued with me in my temptations;

29 and I appoint unto you a kingdom, even as my Father appointed unto me,

30 that you may eat and drink at my table in my kingdom; and you shall sit on thrones judging the twelve tribes of Israel.

31 Simon, Simon, behold, Satan asked to have you, that he might sift you as wheat:

32 but I made supplication for you, that your faith fail not: and do you, when once you have turned again, stablish your brethren.

33 And he said unto him, Lord, with you I am ready to go both to prison and to death.

34 And he said, I tell you, Peter, the cock shall not crow this day, until you shall thrice deny that you know me.

35 And he said unto them, When I sent you forth without purse, and wallet, and shoes, lacked you any thing? And they said, Nothing.

36 And he said unto them, But now, he that has a purse, let him take it, and likewise a wallet: and he that has none, let him sell his cloke, and buy a sword.

37 For I say unto you, that this which is written must be fulfilled in me, And he was reckoned with transgressors: for that which concerns me has fulfillment.

38 And they said, Lord, behold, here are two swords. And he said unto them, It is enough.

39 And he came out, and went, as his custom was, unto the mount of Olives; and the disciples also followed him.

40 And when he was at the place, he said unto them, Pray that you enter not into temptation.

41 And he was parted from them about a stone's cast; and he kneeled down and prayed,

42 saying, Father, if you be willing, remove this cup from me: nevertheless not my will, but yours, be done.

43 And there appeared unto him an angel from heaven, strengthening him.

44 And being in an agony he prayed more earnestly: and his sweat became as it were great drops of blood falling down upon the ground.

45 And when he rose up from his prayer, he came unto the disciples, and found them sleeping for sorrow,

46 and said unto them, Why sleep you? rise and pray, that you enter not into temptation.

47 While he yet spake, behold, a multitude, and he that was called Judas, one of the twelve, went before them; and he drew near unto Jesus to kiss him.

48 But Jesus said unto him, Judas, betray you the Son of man with a kiss?

49 And when they that were about him saw what would follow, they said, Lord, shall we smite with the sword?

50 And a certain one of them smote the servant of the high priest, and struck off his right ear.

51 But Jesus answered and said, Suffer you thus far. And he touched his ear, and healed him.

52 And Jesus said unto the chief priests, and captains of the temple, and elders, which were come against him, Are you come out, as against a robber, with swords and staves?

53 When I was daily with you in the temple, you stretched not forth your hands against me: but this is your hour, and the power of darkness.

54 And they seized him, and led him away, and brought him into the high priest's house. But Peter followed afar off.

55 And when they had kindled a fire in the midst of the court, and had sat down together, Peter sat in the midst of them.

56 And a certain maid seeing him as he sat in the light of the fire, and looking stedfastly upon him, said, This man also was with him.

57 But he denied, saying, Woman, I know him not.

58 And after a little while another saw him, and said, You also art one of them. But Peter said, Man, I am not.

59 And after the space of about one hour another confidently affirmed, saying, Of a truth this man also was with him: for he is a Galilaean.

60 But Peter said, Man, I know not what you say. And immediately, while he yet spake, the cock crew.

61 And the Lord turned, and looked upon Peter. And Peter remembered the word of the Lord, how that he said unto him, Before the cock crow this day, you shall deny me thrice.

62 And he went out, and wept bitterly.

63 And the men that held Jesus mocked him, and beat him.

64 And they blindfolded him, and asked him, saying, Prophesy: who is he that struck you?

65 And many other things spake they against him, reviling him.

66 And as soon as it was day, the assembly of the elders of the people was gathered together, both chief priests and scribes; and they led him away into their council, saying,

67 If you are the Christ, tell us. But he said unto them, If I tell you, you will not believe:

68 and if I ask you, you will not answer.

69 But from henceforth shall the Son of man be seated at the right hand of the power of God.

70 And they all said, Are you then the Son of God? And he said unto them, You say that I am.

71 And they said, What further need have we of witness? for we ourselves have heard from his own mouth.

Chapter 23

1 And the whole company of them rose up, and brought him before Pilate.

2 And they began to accuse him, saying, We found this man perverting our nation, and forbidding to give tribute to Caesar, and saying that he himself is Christ a king.

3 And Pilate asked him, saying, Are you the King of the Jews? And he answered him and said, You say.

4 And Pilate said unto the chief priests and the multitudes, I find no fault in this man.

5 But they were the more urgent, saying, He stirs up the people, teaching throughout all Judea, and beginning from Galilee even unto this place.

6 But when Pilate heard it, he asked whether the man were a Galilaean.

7 And when he knew that he was of Herod's jurisdiction, he sent him unto Herod, who himself also was at Jerusalem in these days.

8 Now when Herod saw Jesus, he was exceeding glad: for he was of a long time desirous to see him, because he had heard concerning him; and he hoped to see some miracle done by him.

9 And he questioned him in many words; but he answered him nothing.

10 And the chief priests and the scribes stood, vehemently accusing him.

11 And Herod with his soldiers set him at nought, and mocked him, and arraying him in gorgeous apparel sent him back to Pilate.

12 And Herod and Pilate became friends with each other that very day: for before they were at enmity between themselves.

13 And Pilate called together the chief priests and the rulers and the people,

14 and said unto them, You brought unto me this man, as one that perverts the people: and behold, I, having examined him before you, found no fault in this man touching those things whereof you accuse him:

15 no, nor yet Herod: for he sent him back unto us; and behold, nothing worthy of death has been done by him.

16 I will therefore chastise him, and release him.

18 But they cried out all together, saying, Away with this man, and release unto us Barabbas:

19 one who for a certain insurrection made in the city, and for murder, was cast into prison.

20 And Pilate spake unto them again, desiring to release Jesus;

21 but they shouted, saying, Crucify, crucify him.

22 And he said unto them the third time, Why, what evil has this man done? I have found no cause of death in him: I will therefore chastise him and release him.

23 But they were instant with loud voices, asking that he might be crucified. And their voices prevailed.

24 And Pilate gave sentence that what they asked for should be done.

25 And he released him that for insurrection and murder had been cast into prison, whom they asked for; but Jesus he delivered up to their will.

26 And when they led him away, they laid hold upon one Simon of Cyrene, coming from the country, and laid on him the cross, to bear it after Jesus.

27 And there followed him a great multitude of the people, and of women who bewailed and lamented him.

28 But Jesus turning unto them said, Daughters of Jerusalem, weep not for me, but weep for yourselves, and for your children.

29 For behold, the days are coming, in which they shall say, Blessed are the barren, and the wombs that never bare, and the breasts that never gave suck.

30 Then shall they begin to say to the mountains, Fall on us; and to the hills, Cover us.

31 For if they do these things in the green tree, what shall be done in the dry?

32 And there were also two others, malefactors, led with him to be put to death.

33 And when they came unto the place which is called The skull, there they crucified him, and the malefactors, one on the right hand and the other on the left.

34 And Jesus said, Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do. And parting his garments among them, they cast lots.

35 And the people stood beholding. And the rulers also scoffed at him, saying, He saved others; let him save himself, if this is the Christ of God, his chosen.

36 And the soldiers also mocked him, coming to him, offering him vinegar,

37 and saying, If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself.

38 And there was also a superscription over him, THIS IS THE KING OF THE JEWS.

39 And one of the malefactors which were hanged railed on him, saying, Art not you the Christ? save yourself and us.

40 But the other answered, and rebuking him said, Do you not even fear God, seeing you are in the same condemnation?

41 And we indeed justly; for we receive the due reward of our deeds: but this man has done nothing amiss.

42 And he said, Jesus, remember me when you come in your kingdom.

43 And he said unto him, Verily I say unto you, Today shall you be with me in Paradise.

44 And it was now about the sixth hour, and a darkness came over the whole land until the ninth hour,

45 the sun's light failing: and the veil of the temple was rent in the midst.

46 And when Jesus had cried with a loud voice, he said, Father, into your hands I commend my spirit: and having said this, he gave up the ghost.

47 And when the centurion saw what was done, he glorified God, saying, Certainly this was a righteous man.

48 And all the multitudes that came together to this sight, when they beheld the things that were done, returned smiting their breasts.

49 And all his acquaintance, and the women that followed with him from Galilee, stood afar off, seeing these things.

50 And behold, a man named Joseph, who was a councillor, a good man and a righteous

51 (he had not consented to their counsel and deed), a man of Arimathea, a city of the Jews, who was looking for the kingdom of God:

52 this man went to Pilate, and asked for the body of Jesus.

53 And he took it down, and wrapped it in a linen cloth, and laid him in a tomb that was hewn in stone, where never man had yet lain.

54 And it was the day of the Preparation, and the sabbath drew on.

55 And the women, which had come with him out of Galilee, followed after, and beheld the tomb, and how his body was laid.

56 And they returned, and prepared spices and ointments. And on the sabbath they rested according to the commandment.

Chapter 24

1 But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, they came unto the tomb, bringing the spices which they had prepared.

2 And they found the stone rolled away from the tomb.

3 And they entered in, and found not the body of the Lord Jesus.

4 And it came to pass, while they were perplexed thereabout, behold, two men stood by them in dazzling apparel:

5 and as they were affrighted, and bowed down their faces to the earth, they said unto them, Why seek you the living among the dead?

6 He is not here, but is risen: remember how he spake unto you when he was yet in Galilee,

7 saying that the Son of man must be delivered up into the hands of sinful men, and be crucified, and the third day rise again.

8 And they remembered his words,

9 and returned from the tomb, and told all these things to the eleven, and to all the rest.

10 Now they were Mary Magdalene, and Joanna, and Mary the mother of James: and the other women with them told these things unto the apostles.

11 And these words appeared in their sight as idle talk; and they disbelieved them.

12 But Peter arose, and ran unto the tomb; and stooping and looking in, he sees the linen cloths by themselves; and he departed to his home, wondering at that which was come to pass.

13 And behold, two of them were going that very day to a village named Emmaus, which was threescore furlongs from Jerusalem.

14 And they communed with each other of all these things which had happened.

15 And it came to pass, while they communed and questioned together, that Jesus himself drew near, and went with them.

16 But their eyes were holden that they should not know him.

17 And he said unto them, What communications are these that you have one with another, as you walk? And they stood still, looking sad.

18 And one of them, named Cleopas, answering said unto him, Do you alone sojourn in Jerusalem and not know the things which are come to pass there in these days?

19 And he said unto them, What things? And they said unto him, The things concerning Jesus of Nazareth, which was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people:

20 and how the chief priests and our rulers delivered him up to be condemned to death, and crucified him.

21 But we hoped that it was he which should redeem Israel. Yea and beside all this, it is now the third day since these things came to pass.

22 Moreover certain women of our company amazed us, having been early at the tomb;

23 and when they found not his body, they came, saying, that they had also seen a vision of angels, which said that he was alive.

24 And certain of them that were with us went to the tomb, and found it even so as the women had said: but him they saw not.

25 And he said unto them, O foolish men, and slow of heart to believe in all that the prophets have spoken!

26 Behoved it not the Christ to suffer these things, and to enter into his glory?

27 And beginning from Moses and from all the prophets, he interpreted to them in all the scriptures the things concerning himself.

28 And they drew nigh unto the village, whither they were going: and he made as though he would go further.

29 And they constrained him, saying, Abide with us: for it is toward evening, and the day is now far spent. And he went in to abide with them.

30 And it came to pass, when he had sat down with them to meat, he took the bread, and blessed it, and brake, and gave to them.

31 And their eyes were opened, and they knew him; and he vanished out of their sight.

32 And they said one to another, Was not our heart burning within us, while he spake to us in the way, while he opened to us the scriptures?

33 And they rose up that very hour, and returned to Jerusalem, and found the eleven gathered together, and them that were with them,

34 saying, The Lord is risen indeed, and has appeared to Simon.

35 And they rehearsed the things that happened in the way, and how he was known of them in the breaking of the bread.

36 And as they spake these things, he himself stood in the midst of them, and says unto them, Peace be unto you.

37 But they were terrified and affrighted, and supposed that they beheld a spirit.

38 And he said unto them, Why are you troubled? and wherefore do reasonings arise in your heart?

39 See my hands and my feet, that it is I myself: handle me, and see; for a spirit has not flesh and bones, as you behold me having.

40 And when he had said this, he shewed them his hands and his feet.

41 And while they still disbelieved for joy, and wondered, he said unto them, Have you here anything to eat?

42 And they gave him a piece of a broiled fish.

43 And he took it, and did eat before them.

44 And he said unto them, These are my words which I spake unto you, while I was yet with you, how that all things must needs be fulfilled, which are written in the law of Moses, and the prophets, and the psalms, concerning me.

45 Then opened he their mind, that they might understand the scriptures;

46 and he said unto them, Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer, and rise again from the dead the third day;

47 and that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in his name unto all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem.

48 You are witnesses of these things.

49 And behold, I send forth the promise of my Father upon you: but tarry you in the city, until you be clothed with power from on high.

50 And he led them out until they were over against Bethany: and he lifted up his hands, and blessed them.

51 And it came to pass, while he blessed them, he parted from them, and was carried up into heaven.

52 And they worshipped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy:

53 and were continually in the temple, blessing God.

John

Chapter 1

1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

2 The same was in the beginning with God.

3 All things were made by him; and without him was not anything made that has been made.

4 In him was life; and the life was the light of men.

5 And the light shines in the darkness; and the darkness apprehended it not.

6 There came a man, sent from God, whose name was John.

7 The same came for witness, that he might bear witness of the light, that all might believe through him.

8 He was not the light, but came that he might bear witness of the light.

9 There was the true light, even the light which lights every man, coming into the world.

10 He was in the world, and the world was made by him, and the world knew him not.

11 He came unto his own, and they that were his own received him not.

12 But as many as received him, to them gave he the right to become children of God, even to them that believe on his name:

13 which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.

14 And the Word became flesh, and dwelt among us (and we beheld his glory, glory as of the only begotten from the Father), full of grace and truth.

15 John bears witness of him, and cries, saying, This was he of whom I said, He that comes after me is become before me: for he was before me.

16 For of his fulness we all received, and grace for grace.

17 For the law was given by Moses; grace and truth came by Jesus Christ.

18 No man has seen God at any time; the only begotten Son, which is in the bosom of the Father, he has declared him.

19 And this is the witness of John, when the Jews sent unto him from Jerusalem priests and Levites to ask him, Who are you?

20 And he confessed, and denied not; and he confessed, I am not the Christ.

21 And they asked him, What then? Are you Elijah? And he says, I am not. Are you the prophet? And he answered, No.

22 They said therefore unto him, Who are you? that we may give an answer to them that sent us. What say you of yourself?

23 He said, I am the voice of one crying in the wilderness, Make straight the way of the Lord, as said Isaiah the prophet.

24 And they had been sent from the Pharisees.

25 And they asked him, and said unto him, Why then baptize you, if you are not the Christ, neither Elijah, neither the prophet?

26 John answered them, saying, I baptize with water: in the midst of you stands one whom you know not,

27 even he that comes after me, the latchet of whose shoe I am not worthy to unloose.

28 These things were done in Bethany beyond Jordan, where John was baptizing.

29 On the morrow he sees Jesus coming unto him, and says, Behold, the Lamb of God, which takes away the sin of the world!

30 This is he of whom I said, After me comes a man which is become before me: for he was before me.

31 And I knew him not; but that he should be made manifest to Israel, for this cause came I baptizing with water.

32 And John bare witness, saying, I have beheld the Spirit descending as a dove out of heaven; and it abode upon him.

33 And I knew him not: but he that sent me to baptize with water, he said unto me, Upon whomsoever you shall see the Spirit descending, and abiding upon him, the same is he that baptizes with the Holy Spirit.

34 And I have seen, and have borne witness that this is the Son of God.

35 Again on the morrow John was standing, and two of his disciples;

36 and he looked upon Jesus as he walked, and says, Behold, the Lamb of God!

37 And the two disciples heard him speak, and they followed Jesus.

38 And Jesus turned, and beheld them following, and says unto them, What seek you? And they said unto him, Rabbi (which is to say, being interpreted, Master), where abide you?

39 He says unto them, Come, and you shall see. They came therefore and saw where he abode; and they abode with him that day: it was about the tenth hour.

40 One of the two that heard John speak, and followed him, was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother.

41 He finds first his own brother Simon, and says unto him, We have found the Messiah (which is, being interpreted, Christ).

42 He brought him unto Jesus. Jesus looked upon him, and said, You are Simon the son of John: you shall be called Cephas (which is by interpretation, Peter).

43 On the morrow he was minded to go forth into Galilee, and he finds Philip: and Jesus says unto him, Follow me.

44 Now Philip was from Bethsaida, of the city of Andrew and Peter.

45 Philip finds Nathanael, and says unto him, We have found him, of whom Moses in the law, and the prophets, did write, Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph.

46 And Nathanael said unto him, Can any good thing come out of Nazareth? Philip says unto him, Come and see.

47 Jesus saw Nathanael coming to him, and says of him, Behold, an Israelite indeed, in whom is no guile!

48 Nathanael says unto him, Whence know you me? Jesus answered and said unto him, Before Philip called you, when you were under the fig tree, I saw you.

49 Nathanael answered him, Rabbi, you are the Son of God; you are King of Israel.

50 Jesus answered and said unto him, Because I said unto you, I saw you underneath the fig tree, believe you? you shall see greater things than these.

51 And he says unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto you, You shall see the heaven opened, and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of man.

Chapter 2

1 And the third day there was a marriage in Cana of Galilee; and the mother of Jesus was there:

2 and Jesus also was bidden, and his disciples, to the marriage.

3 And when the wine failed, the mother of Jesus says unto him, They have no wine.

4 And Jesus says unto her, Woman, what have I to do with you? mine hour is not yet come.

5 His mother says unto the servants, Whatsoever he says unto you, do it.

6 Now there were six waterpots of stone set there after the Jews' manner of purifying, containing two or three firkins apiece.

7 Jesus says unto them, Fill the waterpots with water. And they filled them up to the brim.

8 And he says unto them, Draw out now, and bear unto the ruler of the feast. And they bare it.

9 And when the ruler of the feast tasted the water now become wine, and knew not whence it was (but the servants which had drawn the water knew), the ruler of the feast calls the bridegroom,

10 and says unto him, Every man sets on first the good wine; and when men have drunk freely, then that which is worse: you have kept the good wine until now.

11 This beginning of his signs did Jesus in Cana of Galilee, and manifested his glory; and his disciples believed on him.

12 After this he went down to Capernaum, he, and his mother, and his brethren, and his disciples: and there they abode not many days.

13 And the passover of the Jews was at hand, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem.

14 And he found in the temple those that sold oxen and sheep and doves, and the changers of money sitting:

15 and he made a scourge of cords, and cast all out of the temple, both the sheep and the oxen; and he poured out the changers' money, and overthrew their tables;

16 and to them that sold the doves he said, Take these things hence; make not my Father's house a house of merchandise.

17 His disciples remembered that it was written, The zeal of yours house shall eat me up.

18 The Jews therefore answered and said unto him, What sign show you unto us, seeing that you do these things?

19 Jesus answered and said unto them, Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up.

20 The Jews therefore said, Forty and six years was this temple in building, and will you raise it up in three days?

21 But he spake of the temple of his body.

22 When therefore he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he spake this; and they believed the scripture, and the word which Jesus had said.

23 Now when he was in Jerusalem at the passover, during the feast, many believed on his name, beholding his signs which he did.

24 But Jesus did not trust himself unto them, for that he knew all men,

25 and because he needed not that any one should bear witness concerning man; for he himself knew what was in man.

Chapter 3

1 Now there was a man of the Pharisees, named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews:

2 The same came unto him by night, and said to him, Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher come from God: for no man can do these signs that you do, except God be with him.

3 Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Except a man be born anew, he cannot see the kingdom of God.

4 Nicodemus says unto him, How can a man be born when he is old? can he enter a second time into his mother's womb, and be born?

5 Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Except a man be born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God.

6 That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.

7 Marvel not that I said unto you, You must be born anew.

8 The wind blows where it lists, and you hear the voice thereof, but know not whence it comes, and whither it goes: so is every one that is born of the Spirit.

9 Nicodemus answered and said unto him, How can these things be?

10 Jesus answered and said unto him, Are you the teacher of Israel, and understand not these things?

11 Verily, verily, I say unto you, We speak that we do know, and bear witness of that we have seen; and you receive not our witness.

12 If I told you earthly things, and you believe not, how shall you believe, if I tell you heavenly things?

13 And no man has ascended into heaven, but he that descended out of heaven, even the Son of man, which is in heaven.

14 And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of man be lifted up:

15 that whosoever believes may in him have eternal life.

16 For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believes on him should not perish, but have eternal life.

17 For God sent not the Son into the world to judge the world; but that the world should be saved through him.

18 He that believes on him is not judged: he that believes not has been judged already, because he has not believed on the name of the only begotten Son of God.

19 And this is the judgment, that the light is come into the world, and men loved the darkness rather than the light; for their works were evil.

20 For every one that does ill hates the light, and comes not to the light, lest his works should be reproved.

21 But he that does the truth comes to the light, that his works may be made manifest, that they have been wrought in God.

22 After these things came Jesus and his disciples into the land of Judea; and there he tarried with them, and baptized.

23 And John also was baptizing in AEnon near to Salim, because there was much water there: and they came, and were baptized.

24 For John was not yet cast into prison.

25 There arose therefore a questioning on the part of John's disciples with a Jew about purifying.

26 And they came unto John, and said to him, Rabbi, he that was with you beyond Jordan, to whom you have borne witness, behold, the same baptizes, and all men come to him.

27 John answered and said, A man can receive nothing, except it have been given him from heaven.

28 You yourselves bear me witness, that I said, I am not the Christ, but, that I am sent before him.

29 He that has the bride is the bridegroom: but the friend of the bridegroom, which stands and hears him, rejoices greatly because of the bridegroom's voice: this my joy therefore is fulfilled.

30 He must increase, but I must decrease.

31 He that comes from above is above all: he that is of the earth is of the earth, and of the earth he speaks: he that comes from heaven is above all.

32 What he has seen and heard, of that he bears witness; and no man receives his witness.

33 He that has received his witness has set his seal to this, that God is true.

34 For he whom God has sent speaks the words of God: for he gives not the Spirit by measure.

35 The Father loves the Son, and has given all things into his hand.

36 He that believes on the Son has eternal life; but he that obeys not the Son shall not see life, but the wrath of God abides on him.

Chapter 4

1 When therefore the Lord knew how that the Pharisees had heard that Jesus was making and baptizing more disciples than John

2 (although Jesus himself baptized not, but his disciples),

3 he left Judea, and departed again into Galilee.

4 And he must needs pass through Samaria.

5 So he comes to a city of Samaria, called Sychar, near to the parcel of ground that Jacob gave to his son Joseph:

6 and Jacob's well was there. Jesus therefore, being wearied with his journey, sat thus by the well. It was about the sixth hour.

7 There comes a woman of Samaria to draw water: Jesus says unto her, Give me to drink.

8 For his disciples were gone away into the city to buy food.

9 The Samaritan woman therefore says unto him, How is it that you, being a Jew, ask drink of me, which am a Samaritan woman? (For Jews have no dealings with Samaritans.)

10 Jesus answered and said unto her, If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that says to you, Give me to drink; you would have asked of him, and he would have given you living water.

11 The woman says unto him, Sir, you have nothing to draw with, and the well is deep: from whence then have you that living water?

12 Are you greater than our father Jacob, which gave us the well, and drank thereof himself, and his sons, and his cattle?

13 Jesus answered and said unto her, Every one that drinks of this water shall thirst again:

14 but whosoever drinks of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst; but the water that I shall give him shall become in him a well of water springing up unto eternal life.

15 The woman says unto him, Sir, give me this water, that I thirst not, neither come all the way hither to draw.

16 Jesus says unto her, Go, call your husband, and come hither.

17 The woman answered and said unto him, I have no husband. Jesus says unto her, You saidst well, I have no husband:

18 for you have had five husbands; and he whom you now have is not your husband: this have you said truly.

19 The woman says unto him, Sir, I perceive that you are a prophet.

20 Our fathers worshipped in this mountain; and you say, that in Jerusalem is the place where men ought to worship.

21 Jesus says unto her, Woman, believe me, the hour comes, when neither in this mountain, nor in Jerusalem, shall you worship the Father.

22 You worship that which you know not: we worship that which we know: for salvation is from the Jews.

23 But the hour comes, and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and truth: for such does the Father seek to be his worshippers.

24 God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship in spirit and truth.

25 The woman says unto him, I know that Messiah comes (which is called Christ): when he is come, he will declare unto us all things.

26 Jesus says unto her, I that speak unto you am he.

27 And upon this came his disciples; and they marveled that he was speaking with a woman; yet no man said, What seek you? or, Why speak you with her?

28 So the woman left her waterpot, and went away into the city, and says to the men,

29 Come, see a man, which told me all things that ever I did: can this be the Christ?

30 They went out of the city, and were coming to him.

31 In the mean while the disciples prayed him, saying, Rabbi, eat.

32 But he said unto them, I have meat to eat that you know not.

33 The disciples therefore said one to another, Has any man brought him aught to eat?

34 Jesus says unto them, My meat is to do the will of him that sent me, and to accomplish his work.

35 Say not you, There are yet four months, and then comes the harvest? behold, I say unto you, Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields, that they are white already unto harvest.

36 He that reaps receives wages, and gathers fruit unto life eternal; that he that sows and he that reaps may rejoice together.

37 For herein is the saying true, One sows, and another reaps.

38 I sent you to reap that whereon you have not laboured: others have laboured, and you are entered into their labour.

39 And from that city many of the Samaritans believed on him because of the word of the woman, who testified, He told me all things that ever I did.

40 So when the Samaritans came unto him, they besought him to abide with them: and he abode there two days.

41 And many more believed because of his word;

42 and they said to the woman, Now we believe, not because of your speaking: for we have heard for ourselves, and know that this is indeed the Saviour of the world.

43 And after the two days he went forth from thence into Galilee.

44 For Jesus himself testified, that a prophet has no honour in his own country.

45 So when he came into Galilee, the Galilaeans received him, having seen all the things that he did in Jerusalem at the feast: for they also went unto the feast.

46 He came therefore again unto Cana of Galilee, where he made the water wine. And there was a certain nobleman, whose son was sick at Capernaum.

47 When he heard that Jesus was come out of Judea into Galilee, he went unto him, and besought him that he would come down, and heal his son; for he was at the point of death.

48 Jesus therefore said unto him, Except you see signs and wonders, you will in no wise believe.

49 The nobleman says unto him, Sir, come down ere my child die.

50 Jesus says unto him, Go your way; your son lives. The man believed the word that Jesus spake unto him, and he went his way.

51 And as he was now going down, his servants met him, saying, that his son lived.

52 So he inquired of them the hour when he began to amend. They said therefore unto him, Yesterday at the seventh hour the fever left him.

53 So the father knew that it was at that hour in which Jesus said unto him, Your son lives: and himself believed, and his whole house.

54 This is again the second sign that Jesus did, having come out of Judea into Galilee.

Chapter 5

1 After these things there was a feast of the Jews; and Jesus went up to Jerusalem.

2 Now there is in Jerusalem by the sheep gate a pool, which is called in Hebrew Bethesda, having five porches.

3 In these lay a multitude of them that were sick, blind, halt, withered.

5 And a certain man was there, which had been thirty and eight years in his infirmity.

6 When Jesus saw him lying, and knew that he had been now a long time in that case, he says unto him, Would you be made whole?

7 The sick man answered him, Sir, I have no man, when the water is troubled, to put me into the pool: but while I am coming, another steps down before me.

8 Jesus says unto him, Arise, take up your bed, and walk.

9 And straightway the man was made whole, and took up his bed and walked. Now it was the sabbath on that day.

10 So the Jews said unto him that was cured, It is the sabbath, and it is not lawful for you to take up your bed.

11 But he answered them, He that made me whole, the same said unto me, Take up your bed, and walk.

12 They asked him, Who is the man that said unto you, Take up your bed, and walk?

13 But he that was healed wist not who it was: for Jesus had conveyed himself away, a multitude being in the place.

14 Afterward Jesus finds him in the temple, and said unto him, Behold, you are made whole: sin no more, lest a worse thing befall you.

15 The man went away, and told the Jews that it was Jesus which had made him whole.

16 And for this cause did the Jews persecute Jesus, because he did these things on the sabbath.

17 But Jesus answered them, My Father works even until now, and I work.

18 For this cause therefore the Jews sought the more to kill him, because he not only brake the sabbath, but also called God his own Father, making himself equal with God.

19 Jesus therefore answered and said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, The Son can do nothing of himself, but what he sees the Father doing: for what things soever he does, these the Son also does in like manner.

20 For the Father loves the Son, and shows him all things that himself does: and greater works than these will he shew him, that you may marvel.

21 For as the Father raises the dead and quickens them, even so the Son also quickens whom he will.

22 For neither does the Father judge any man, but he has given all judgment unto the Son;

23 that all may honour the Son, even as they honour the Father. He that honours not the Son honours not the Father which sent him.

24 Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that hears my word, and believes him that sent me, has eternal life, and comes not into judgment, but has passed out of death into life.

25 Verily, verily, I say unto you, The hour comes, and now is, when the dead shall hear the voice of the Son of God; and they that hear shall live.

26 For as the Father has life in himself, even so gave he to the Son also to have life in himself:

27 and he gave him authority to execute judgment, because he is the Son of man.

28 Marvel not at this: for the hour comes, in which all that are in the tombs shall hear his voice,

29 And shall come forth; they that have done good, unto the resurrection of life; and they that have done ill, unto the resurrection of judgment.

30 I can of myself do nothing: as I hear, I judge: and my judgment is righteous; because I seek not mine own will, but the will of him that sent me.

31 If I bear witness of myself, my witness is not true.

32 It is another that bears witness of me; and I know that the witness which he witnesses of me is true.

33 You have sent unto John, and he has borne witness unto the truth.

34 But the witness which I receive is not from man: howbeit I say these things, that you may be saved.

35 He was the lamp that burns and shines: and you were willing to rejoice for a season in his light.

36 But the witness which I have is greater than that of John: for the works which the Father has given me to accomplish, the very works that I do, bear witness of me, that the Father has sent me.

37 And the Father which sent me, he has borne witness of me. You have neither heard his voice at any time, nor seen his form.

38 And you have not his word abiding in you: for whom he sent, him you believe not.

39 You search the scriptures, because you think that in them you have eternal life; and these are they which bear witness of me;

40 and you will not come to me, that you may have life.

41 I receive not glory from men.

42 But I know you, that you have not the love of God in yourselves.

43 I am come in my Father's name, and you receive me not: if another shall come in his own name, him you will receive.

44 How can you believe, which receive glory one of another, and the glory that comes from the only God you seek not?

45 Think not that I will accuse you to the Father: there is one that accuses you, even Moses, on whom you have set your hope.

46 For if you believed Moses, you would believe me; for he wrote of me.

47 But if you believe not his writings, how shall you believe my words?

Chapter 6

1 After these things Jesus went away to the other side of the sea of Galilee, which is the sea of Tiberias.

2 And a great multitude followed him, because they beheld the signs which he did on them that were sick.

3 And Jesus went up into the mountain, and there he sat with his disciples.

4 Now the passover, the feast of the Jews, was at hand.

5 Jesus therefore lifting up his eyes, and seeing that a great multitude comes unto him, says unto Philip, Whence are we to buy bread, that these may eat?

6 And this he said to prove him: for he himself knew what he would do.

7 Philip answered him, Two hundred pennyworth of bread is not sufficient for them, that every one may take a little.

8 One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, says unto him,

9 There is a lad here, which has five barley loaves, and two fishes: but what are these among so many?

10 Jesus said, Make the people sit down. Now there was much grass in the place. So the men sat down, in number about five thousand.

11 Jesus therefore took the loaves; and having given thanks, he distributed to them that were set down; likewise also of the fishes as much as they would.

12 And when they were filled, he says unto his disciples, Gather up the broken pieces which remain over, that nothing be lost.

13 So they gathered them up, and filled twelve baskets with broken pieces from the five barley loaves, which remained over unto them that had eaten.

14 When therefore the people saw the sign which he did, they said, This is of a truth the prophet that comes into the world.

15 Jesus therefore perceiving that they were about to come and take him by force, to make him king, withdrew again into the mountain himself alone.

16 And when evening came, his disciples went down unto the sea;

17 and they entered into a boat, and were going over the sea unto Capernaum. And it was now dark, and Jesus had not yet come to them.

18 And the sea was rising by reason of a great wind that blew.

19 When therefore they had rowed about five and twenty or thirty furlongs, they behold Jesus walking on the sea, and drawing nigh unto the boat: and they were afraid.

20 But he says unto them, It is I; be not afraid.

21 They were willing therefore to receive him into the boat: and straightway the boat was at the land whither they were going.

22 On the morrow the multitude which stood on the other side of the sea saw that there was none other boat there, save one, and that Jesus entered not with his disciples into the boat, but that his disciples went away alone

23 (howbeit there came boats from Tiberias nigh unto the place where they ate the bread after the Lord had given thanks):

24 when the multitude therefore saw that Jesus was not there, neither his disciples, they themselves got into the boats, and came to Capernaum, seeking Jesus.

25 And when they found him on the other side of the sea, they said unto him, Rabbi, when came you hither?

26 Jesus answered them and said, Verily, verily, I say unto you, You seek me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate of the loaves, and were filled.

27 Work not for the meat which perishes, but for the meat which abides unto eternal life, which the Son of man shall give unto you: for him the Father, even God, has sealed.

28 They said therefore unto him, What must we do, that we may work the works of God?

29 Jesus answered and said unto them, This is the work of God, that you believe on him whom he has sent.

30 They said therefore unto him, What then do you for a sign, that we may see, and believe you? what work you?

31 Our fathers ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, He gave them bread out of heaven to eat.

32 Jesus therefore said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, It was not Moses that gave you the bread out of heaven; but my Father gives you the true bread out of heaven.

33 For the bread of God is that which comes down out of heaven, and gives life unto the world.

34 They said therefore unto him, Lord, evermore give us this bread.

35 Jesus said unto them, I am the bread of life: he that comes to me shall not hunger, and he that believes on me shall never thirst.

36 But I said unto you, that you have seen me, and yet believe not.

37 All that which the Father gives me shall come unto me; and him that comes to me I will in no wise cast out.

38 For I am come down from heaven, not to do mine own will, but the will of him that sent me.

39 And this is the will of him that sent me, that of all that which he has given me I should lose nothing, but should raise it up at the last day.

40 For this is the will of my Father, that every one that beholds the Son, and believes on him, should have eternal life; and I will raise him up at the last day.

41 The Jews therefore murmured concerning him, because he said, I am the bread which came down out of heaven.

42 And they said, Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? how does he now say, I am come down out of heaven?

43 Jesus answered and said unto them, Murmur not among yourselves.

44 No man can come to me, except the Father which sent me draw him: and I will raise him up in the last day.

45 It is written in the prophets, And they shall all be taught of God. Every one that has heard from the Father, and has learned, comes unto me.

46 Not that any man has seen the Father, save he which is from God, he has seen the Father.

47 Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believes has eternal life.

48 I am the bread of life.

49 Your fathers did eat the manna in the wilderness, and they died.

50 This is the bread which comes down out of heaven, that a man may eat thereof, and not die.

51 I am the living bread which came down out of heaven: if any man eat of this bread, he shall live for ever: yea and the bread which I will give is my flesh, for the life of the world.

52 The Jews therefore strove one with another, saying, How can this man give us his flesh to eat?

53 Jesus therefore said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Except you eat the flesh of the Son of man and drink his blood, you have not life in yourselves.

54 He that eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life; and I will raise him up at the last day.

55 For my flesh is meat indeed, and my blood is drink indeed.

56 He that eats my flesh and drinks my blood abides in me, and I in him.

57 As the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father; so he that eats me, he also shall live because of me.

58 This is the bread which came down out of heaven: not as the fathers did eat, and died: he that eats this bread shall live for ever.

59 These things said he in the synagogue, as he taught in Capernaum.

60 Many therefore of his disciples, when they heard this, said, This is a hard saying; who can hear it?

61 But Jesus knowing in himself that his disciples murmured at this, said unto them, Does this cause you to stumble?

62 What then if you should behold the Son of man ascending where he was before?

63 It is the spirit that quickens; the flesh profits nothing: the words that I have spoken unto you are spirit, and are life.

64 But there are some of you that believe not. For Jesus knew from the beginning who they were that believed not, and who it was that should betray him.

65 And he said, For this cause have I said unto you, that no man can come unto me, except it be given unto him of the Father.

66 Upon this many of his disciples went back, and walked no more with him.

67 Jesus said therefore unto the twelve, Would you also go away?

68 Simon Peter answered him, Lord, to whom shall we go? you have the words of eternal life.

69 And we have believed and know that you are the Holy One of God.

70 Jesus answered them, Did not I choose you the twelve, and one of you is a devil?

71 Now he spake of Judas the son of Simon Iscariot, for he it was that should betray him, being one of the twelve.

Chapter 7

1 And after these things Jesus walked in Galilee: for he would not walk in Judea, because the Jews sought to kill him.

2 Now the feast of the Jews, the feast of tabernacles, was at hand.

3 His brethren therefore said unto him, Depart hence, and go into Judea, that your disciples also may behold your works which you do.

4 For no man does anything in secret, and himself seeks to be known openly. If you do these things, manifest yourself to the world.

5 For even his brethren did not believe on him.

6 Jesus therefore says unto them, My time is not yet come; but your time is alway ready.

7 The world cannot hate you; but me it hates, because I testify of it, that its works are evil.

8 Go you up unto the feast: I go not up yet unto this feast; because my time is not yet fulfilled.

9 And having said these things unto them, he abode still in Galilee.

10 But when his brethren were gone up unto the feast, then went he also up, not publicly, but as it were in secret.

11 The Jews therefore sought him at the feast, and said, Where is he?

12 And there was much murmuring among the multitudes concerning him: some said, He is a good man; others said, Not so, but he leads the multitude astray.

13 Howbeit no man spake openly of him for fear of the Jews.

14 But when it was now the midst of the feast Jesus went up into the temple, and taught.

15 The Jews therefore marveled, saying, How knows this man letters, having never learned?

16 Jesus therefore answered them, and said, My teaching is not mine, but his that sent me.

17 If any man wills to do his will, he shall know of the teaching, whether it be of God, or whether I speak from myself.

18 He that speaks from himself seeks his own glory: but he that seeks the glory of him that sent him, the same is true, and no unrighteousness is in him.

19 Did not Moses give you the law, and yet none of you does the law? Why seek you to kill me?

20 The multitude answered, You have a devil: who seeks to kill you?

21 Jesus answered and said unto them, I did one work, and you all marvel.

22 For this cause has Moses given you circumcision (not that it is of Moses, but of the fathers); and on the sabbath you circumcise a man.

23 If a man receives circumcision on the sabbath, that the law of Moses may not be broken; are you wroth with me, because I made a man every whit whole on the sabbath?

24 Judge not according to appearance, but judge righteous judgment.

25 Some therefore of them of Jerusalem said, Is not this he whom they seek to kill?

26 And lo, he speaks openly, and they say nothing unto him. Can it be that the rulers indeed know that this is the Christ?

27 Howbeit we know this man whence he is: but when the Christ comes, no one knows whence he is.

28 Jesus therefore cried in the temple, teaching and saying, You both know me, and know whence I am; and I am not come of myself, but he that sent me is true, whom you know not.

29 I know him; because I am from him, and he sent me.

30 They sought therefore to take him: and no man laid his hand on him, because his hour was not yet come.

31 But of the multitude many believed on him; and they said, When the Christ shall come, will he do more signs than those which this man has done?

32 The Pharisees heard the multitude murmuring these things concerning him; and the chief priests and the Pharisees sent officers to take him.

33 Jesus therefore said, Yet a little while am I with you, and I go unto him that sent me.

34 You shall seek me, and shall not find me: and where I am, you cannot come.

35 The Jews therefore said among themselves, Whither will this man go that we shall not find him? will he go unto the Dispersion among the Greeks, and teach the Greeks?

36 What is this word that he said, You shall seek me, and shall not find me: and where I am, you cannot come?

37 Now on the last day, the great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried, saying, If any man thirst, let him come unto me, and drink.

38 He that believes on me, as the scripture has said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water.

39 But this spake he of the Spirit, which they that believed on him were to receive: for the Spirit was not yet given; because Jesus was not yet glorified.

40 Some of the multitude therefore, when they heard these words, said, This is of a truth the prophet.

41 Others said, This is the Christ. But some said, What, does the Christ come out of Galilee?

42 Has not the scripture said that the Christ comes of the seed of David, and from Bethlehem, the village where David was?

43 So there arose a division in the multitude because of him.

44 And some of them would have taken him; but no man laid hands on him.

45 The officers therefore came to the chief priests and Pharisees; and they said unto them, Why did you not bring him?

46 The officers answered, Never man so spake.

47 The Pharisees therefore answered them, Are you also led astray?

48 Has any of the rulers believed on him, or of the Pharisees?

49 But this multitude which knows not the law are accursed.

50 Nicodemus says unto them (he that came to him before, being one of them),

51 Does our law judge a man, except it first hear from himself and know what he does?

52 They answered and said unto him, Are you also of Galilee? Search, and see that out of Galilee arises no prophet.

53 And they went every man unto his own house:

Chapter 8

1 but Jesus went unto the mount of Olives.

2 And early in the morning he came again into the temple, and all the people came unto him; and he sat down, and taught them.

3 And the scribes and the Pharisees bring a woman taken in adultery; and having set her in the midst,

4 they say unto him, Master, this woman has been taken in adultery, in the very act.

5 Now in the law Moses commanded us to stone such: what then say you of her?

6 And this they said, tempting him, that they might have whereof to accuse him. But Jesus stooped down, and with his finger wrote on the ground.

7 But when they continued asking him, he lifted up himself, and said unto them, He that is without sin among you, let him first cast a stone at her.

8 And again he stooped down, and with his finger wrote on the ground.

9 And they, when they heard it, went out one by one, beginning from the eldest, even unto the last: and Jesus was left alone, and the woman, where she was, in the midst.

10 And Jesus lifted up himself, and said unto her, Woman, where are they? did no man condemn you?

11 And she said, No man, Lord. And Jesus said, Neither do I condemn you: go your way; from henceforth sin no more.

12 Again therefore Jesus spake unto them, saying, I am the light of the world: he that follows me shall not walk in the darkness, but shall have the light of life.

13 The Pharisees therefore said unto him, You bear witness of yourself; your witness is not true.

14 Jesus answered and said unto them, Even if I bear witness of myself, my witness is true; for I know whence I came, and whither I go; but you know not whence I come, or whither I go.

15 You judge after the flesh; I judge no man.

16 Yea and if I judge, my judgment is true; for I am not alone, but I and the Father that sent me.

17 Yea and in your law it is written, that the witness of two men is true.

18 I am he that bears witness of myself, and the Father that sent me bears witness of me.

19 They said therefore unto him, Where is your Father? Jesus answered, You know neither me, nor my Father: if you knew me, you would know my Father also.

20 These words spake he in the treasury, as he taught in the temple: and no man took him; because his hour was not yet come.

21 He said therefore again unto them, I go away, and you shall seek me, and shall die in your sin: whither I go, you cannot come.

22 The Jews therefore said, Will he kill himself, that he says, Whither I go, you cannot come?

23 And he said unto them, You are from beneath; I am from above: you are of this world; I am not of this world.

24 I said therefore unto you, that you shall die in your sins: for except you believe that I am he, you shall die in your sins.

25 They said therefore unto him, Who are you? Jesus said unto them, Even that which I have also spoken unto you from the beginning.

26 I have many things to speak and to judge concerning you: howbeit he that sent me is true; and the things which I heard from him, these speak I unto the world.

27 They perceived not that he spake to them of the Father.

28 Jesus therefore said, When you have lifted up the Son of man, then shall you know that I am he, and that I do nothing of myself, but as the Father taught me, I speak these things.

29 And he that sent me is with me; he has not left me alone; for I do always the things that are pleasing to him.

30 As he spake these things, many believed on him.

31 Jesus therefore said to those Jews which had believed him, If you abide in my word, then are you truly my disciples;

32 and you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.

33 They answered unto him, We be Abraham's seed, and have never yet been in bondage to any man: how say you, You shall be made free?

34 Jesus answered them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Every one that commits sin is the bondservant of sin.

35 And the bondservant abides not in the house for ever: the son abides for ever.

36 If therefore the Son shall make you free, you shall be free indeed.

37 I know that you are Abraham's seed; yet you seek to kill me, because my word has not free course in you.

38 I speak the things which I have seen with my Father: and you also do the things which you heard from your father.

39 They answered and said unto him, Our father is Abraham. Jesus says unto them, If you were Abraham's children, you would do the works of Abraham.

40 But now you seek to kill me, a man that has told you the truth, which I heard from God: this did not Abraham.

41 You do the works of your father. They said unto him, We were not born of fornication; we have one Father, even God.

42 Jesus said unto them, If God were your Father, you would love me: for I came forth and am come from God; for neither have I come of myself, but he sent me.

43 Why do you not understand my speech? Even because you cannot hear my word.

44 You are of your father the devil, and the lusts of your father it is your will to do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and stood not in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaks a lie, he speaks of his own: for he is a liar, and the father thereof.

45 But because I say the truth, you believe me not.

46 Which of you convicts me of sin? If I say truth, why do you not believe me?

47 He that is of God hears the words of God: for this cause you hear them not, because you are not of God.

48 The Jews answered and said unto him, Say we not well that you are a Samaritan, and have a devil?

49 Jesus answered, I have not a devil; but I honour my Father, and you dishonour me.

50 But I seek not mine own glory: there is one that seeks and judges.

51 Verily, verily, I say unto you, If a man keep my word, he shall never see death.

52 The Jews said unto him, Now we know that you have a devil. Abraham is dead, and the prophets; and you say, If a man keep my word, he shall never taste of death.

53 Are you greater than our father Abraham, which is dead? and the prophets are dead: whom make you yourself?

54 Jesus answered, If I glorify myself, my glory is nothing: it is my Father that glorifies me; of whom you say, that he is your God;

55 and you have not known him: but I know him; and if I should say, I know him not, I shall be like unto you, a liar: but I know him, and keep his word.

56 Your father Abraham rejoiced to see my day; and he saw it, and was glad.

57 The Jews therefore said unto him, You are not yet fifty years old, and have you seen Abraham?

58 Jesus said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Before Abraham was, I am.

59 They took up stones therefore to cast at him: but Jesus hid himself, and went out of the temple.

Chapter 9

1 And as he passed by, he saw a man blind from his birth.

2 And his disciples asked him, saying, Rabbi, who did sin, this man, or his parents, that he should be born blind?

3 Jesus answered, Neither did this man sin, nor his parents: but that the works of God should be made manifest in him.

4 We must work the works of him that sent me, while it is day: the night comes, when no man can work.

5 When I am in the world, I am the light of the world.

6 When he had thus spoken, he spat on the ground, and made clay of the spittle, and anointed his eyes with the clay,

7 and said unto him, Go, wash in the pool of Siloam (which is by interpretation, Sent). He went away therefore, and washed, and came seeing.

8 The neighbours therefore, and they which saw him aforetime, that he was a beggar, said, Is not this he that sat and begged?

9 Others said, It is he: others said, No, but he is like him. He said, I am he.

10 They said therefore unto him, How then were your eyes opened?

11 He answered, The man that is called Jesus made clay, and anointed mine eyes, and said unto me, Go to Siloam, and wash: so I went away and washed, and I received sight.

12 And they said unto him, Where is he? He says, I know not.

13 They bring to the Pharisees him that aforetime was blind.

14 Now it was the sabbath on the day when Jesus made the clay, and opened his eyes.

15 Again therefore the Pharisees also asked him how he received his sight. And he said unto them, He put clay upon mine eyes, and I washed, and do see.

16 Some therefore of the Pharisees said, This man is not from God, because he keeps not the sabbath. But others said, How can a man that is a sinner do such signs? And there was a division among them.

17 They say therefore unto the blind man again, What say you of him, in that he opened your eyes? And he said, He is a prophet.

18 The Jews therefore did not believe concerning him, that he had been blind, and had received his sight, until they called the parents of him that had received his sight,

19 and asked them, saying, Is this your son, who you say was born blind? how then does he now see?

20 His parents answered and said, We know that this is our son, and that he was born blind:

21 but how he now sees, we know not; or who opened his eyes, we know not: ask him; he is of age; he shall speak for himself.

22 These things said his parents, because they feared the Jews: for the Jews had agreed already, that if any man should confess him to be Christ, he should be put out of the synagogue.

23 Therefore said his parents, He is of age; ask him.

24 So they called a second time the man that was blind, and said unto him, Give glory to God: we know that this man is a sinner.

25 He therefore answered, Whether he be a sinner, I know not: one thing I know, that, whereas I was blind, now I see.

26 They said therefore unto him, What did he to you? how opened he your eyes?

27 He answered them, I told you even now, and you did not hear: wherefore would you hear it again? would you also become his disciples?

28 And they reviled him, and said, You are his disciple; but we are disciples of Moses.

29 We know that God has spoken unto Moses: but as for this man, we know not whence he is.

30 The man answered and said unto them, Why, herein is the marvel, that you know not whence he is, and yet he opened mine eyes.

31 We know that God hears not sinners: but if any man be a worshipper of God, and do his will, him he hears.

32 Since the world began it was never heard that any one opened the eyes of a man born blind.

33 If this man were not from God, he could do nothing.

34 They answered and said unto him, You were altogether born in sins, and do you teach us? And they cast him out.

35 Jesus heard that they had cast him out; and finding him, he said, Do you believe on the Son of God?

36 He answered and said, And who is he, Lord, that I may believe on him?

37 Jesus said unto him, You have both seen him, and he it is that speaks with you.

38 And he said, Lord, I believe. And he worshipped him.

39 And Jesus said, For judgment came I into this world, that they which see not may see; and that they which see may become blind.

40 Those of the Pharisees which were with him heard these things, and said unto him, Are we also blind?

41 Jesus said unto them, If you were blind, you would have no sin: but now you say, We see: your sin remains.

Chapter 10

1 Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that enters not by the door into the fold of the sheep, but climbs up some other way, the same is a thief and a robber.

2 But he that enters in by the door is the shepherd of the sheep.

3 To him the porter opens; and the sheep hear his voice: and he calls his own sheep by name, and leads them out.

4 When he has put forth all his own, he goes before them, and the sheep follow him: for they know his voice.

5 And a stranger will they not follow, but will flee from him: for they know not the voice of strangers.

6 This parable spake Jesus unto them: but they understood not what things they were which he spake unto them.

7 Jesus therefore said unto them again, Verily, verily, I say unto you, I am the door of the sheep.

8 All that came before me are thieves and robbers: but the sheep did not hear them.

9 I am the door: by me if any man enter in, he shall be saved, and shall go in and go out, and shall find pasture.

10 The thief comes not, but that he may steal, and kill, and destroy: I came that they may have life, and may have it abundantly.

11 I am the good shepherd: the good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.

12 He that is a hireling, and not a shepherd, whose own the sheep are not, beholds the wolf coming, and leaves the sheep, and flees, and the wolf snatches them, and scatters them:

13 he flees because he is a hireling, and careth not for the sheep.

14 I am the good shepherd; and I know mine own, and mine own know me,

15 even as the Father knows me, and I know the Father; and I lay down my life for the sheep.

16 And other sheep I have, which are not of this fold: them also I must bring, and they shall hear my voice; and they shall become one flock, one shepherd.

17 Therefore does the Father love me, because I lay down my life, that I may take it again.

18 No one takes it away from me, but I lay it down of myself. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it again. This commandment received I from my Father.

19 There arose a division again among the Jews because of these words.

20 And many of them said, He has a devil, and is mad; why hear you him?

21 Others said, These are not the sayings of one possessed with a devil. Can a devil open the eyes of the blind?

22 And it was the feast of the dedication at Jerusalem: it was winter;

23 and Jesus was walking in the temple in Solomon's porch.

24 The Jews therefore came round about him, and said unto him, How long do you hold us in suspense? If you are the Christ, tell us plainly.

25 Jesus answered them, I told you, and you believe not: the works that I do in my Father's name, these bear witness of me.

26 But you believe not, because you are not of my sheep.

27 My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me:

28 and I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, and no one shall snatch them out of my hand.

29 My Father, which has given them unto me, is greater than all; and no one is able to snatch them out of the Father's hand.

30 I and the Father are one.

31 The Jews took up stones again to stone him.

32 Jesus answered them, Many good works have I shewed you from the Father; for which of those works do you stone me?

33 The Jews answered him, For a good work we stone you not, but for blasphemy; and because that you, being a man, make yourself God.

34 Jesus answered them, Is it not written in your law, I said, You are gods?

35 If he called them gods, unto whom the word of God came (and the scripture cannot be broken),

36 say you of him, whom the Father sanctified and sent into the world, You blasphemest; because I said, I am the Son of God?

37 If I do not the works of my Father, believe me not.

38 But if I do them, though you believe not me, believe the works: that you may know and understand that the Father is in me, and I in the Father.

39 They sought again to take him: and he went forth out of their hand.

40 And he went away again beyond Jordan into the place where John was at the first baptizing; and there he abode.

41 And many came unto him; and they said, John indeed did no sign: but all things whatsoever John spake of this man were true.

42 And many believed on him there.

Chapter 11

1 Now a certain man was sick, Lazarus of Bethany, of the village of Mary and her sister Martha.

2 And it was that Mary which anointed the Lord with ointment, and wiped his feet with her hair, whose brother Lazarus was sick.

3 The sisters therefore sent unto him, saying, Lord, behold, he whom you love is sick.

4 But when Jesus heard it, he said, This sickness is not unto death, but for the glory of God, that the Son of God may be glorified thereby.

5 Now Jesus loved Martha, and her sister, and Lazarus.

6 When therefore he heard that he was sick, he abode at that time two days in the place where he was.

7 Then after this he says to the disciples, Let us go into Judea again.

8 The disciples say unto him, Rabbi, the Jews were but now seeking to stone you; and go you thither again?

9 Jesus answered, Are there not twelve hours in the day? If a man walk in the day, he stumbles not, because he sees the light of this world.

10 But if a man walk in the night, he stumbles, because the light is not in him.

11 These things spake he: and after this he says unto them, Our friend Lazarus is fallen asleep; but I go, that I may awake him out of sleep.

12 The disciples therefore said unto him, Lord, if he is fallen asleep, he will recover.

13 Now Jesus had spoken of his death: but they thought that he spake of taking rest in sleep.

14 Then Jesus therefore said unto them plainly, Lazarus is dead.

15 And I am glad for your sakes that I was not there, to the intent you may believe; nevertheless let us go unto him.

16 Thomas therefore, who is called Didymus, said unto his fellow-disciples, Let us also go, that we may die with him.

17 So when Jesus came, he found that he had been in the tomb four days already.

18 Now Bethany was nigh unto Jerusalem, about fifteen furlongs off;

19 and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary, to console them concerning their brother.

20 Martha therefore, when she heard that Jesus was coming, went and met him: but Mary still sat in the house.

21 Martha therefore said unto Jesus, Lord, if you had been here, my brother had not died.

22 And even now I know that, whatsoever you shall ask of God, God will give you.

23 Jesus says unto her, Your brother shall rise again.

24 Martha says unto him, I know that he shall rise again in the resurrection at the last day.

25 Jesus said unto her, I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believes on me, though he die, yet shall he live:

26 and whosoever lives and believes on me shall never die. Believe you this?

27 She says unto him, Yea, Lord: I have believed that you are the Christ, the Son of God, even he that comes into the world.

28 And when she had said this, she went away, and called Mary her sister secretly, saying, The Master is here, and calls you.

29 And she, when she heard it, arose quickly, and went unto him.

30 (Now Jesus was not yet come into the village, but was still in the place where Martha met him.)

31 The Jews then which were with her in the house, and were comforting her, when they saw Mary, that she rose up quickly and went out, followed her, supposing that she was going unto the tomb to weep there.

32 Mary therefore, when she came where Jesus was, and saw him, fell down at his feet, saying unto him, Lord, if you had been here, my brother had not died.

33 When Jesus therefore saw her weeping, and the Jews also weeping which came with her, he groaned in the spirit, and was troubled,

34 and said, Where have you laid him? They say unto him, Lord, come and see.

35 Jesus wept.

36 The Jews therefore said, Behold how he loved him!

37 But some of them said, Could not this man, which opened the eyes of him that was blind, have caused that this man also should not die?

38 Jesus therefore again groaning in himself comes to the tomb. Now it was a cave, and a stone lay against it.

39 Jesus says, Take you away the stone. Martha, the sister of him that was dead, says unto him, Lord, by this time he stinks: for he has been dead four days.

40 Jesus says unto her, Said I not unto you, that, if you believedst, you should see the glory of God?

41 So they took away the stone. And Jesus lifted up his eyes, and said, Father, I thank you that you heard me.

42 And I knew that you hear me always: but because of the multitude which stands around I said it, that they may believe that you did send me.

43 And when he had thus spoken, he cried with a loud voice, Lazarus, come forth.

44 He that was dead came forth, bound hand and foot with grave-clothes; and his face was bound about with a napkin. Jesus says unto them, Loose him, and let him go.

45 Many therefore of the Jews, which came to Mary and beheld that which he did, believed on him.

46 But some of them went away to the Pharisees, and told them the things which Jesus had done.

47 The chief priests therefore and the Pharisees gathered a council, and said, What do we? for this man does many signs.

48 If we let him thus alone, all men will believe on him: and the Romans will come and take away both our place and our nation.

49 But a certain one of them, Caiaphas, being high priest that year, said unto them, You know nothing at all,

50 nor do you take account that it is expedient for you that one man should die for the people, and that the whole nation perish not.

51 Now this he said not of himself: but being high priest that year, he prophesied that Jesus should die for the nation;

52 and not for the nation only, but that he might also gather together into one the children of God that are scattered abroad.

53 So from that day forth they took counsel that they might put him to death.

54 Jesus therefore walked no more openly among the Jews, but departed thence into the country near to the wilderness, into a city called Ephraim; and there he tarried with the disciples.

55 Now the passover of the Jews was at hand: and many went up to Jerusalem out of the country before the passover, to purify themselves.

56 They sought therefore for Jesus, and spake one with another, as they stood in the temple, What think you? That he will not come to the feast?

57 Now the chief priests and the Pharisees had given commandment, that, if any man knew where he was, he should shew it, that they might take him.

Chapter 12

1 Jesus therefore six days before the passover came to Bethany, where Lazarus was, whom Jesus raised from the dead.

2 So they made him a supper there: and Martha served; but Lazarus was one of them that sat at meat with him.

3 Mary therefore took a pound of ointment of spikenard, very precious, and anointed the feet of Jesus, and wiped his feet with her hair: and the house was filled with the odour of the ointment.

4 But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples, which should betray him, says,

5 Why was not this ointment sold for three hundred pence, and given to the poor?

6 Now this he said, not because he cared for the poor; but because he was a thief, and having the bag took away what was put therein.

7 Jesus therefore said, Suffer her to keep it against the day of my burying.

8 For the poor you have always with you; but me you have not always.

9 The common people therefore of the Jews learned that he was there: and they came, not for Jesus' sake only, but that they might see Lazarus also, whom he had raised from the dead.

10 But the chief priests took counsel that they might put Lazarus also to death;

11 because that by reason of him many of the Jews went away, and believed on Jesus.

12 On the morrow a great multitude that had come to the feast, when they heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem,

13 took the branches of the palm trees, and went forth to meet him, and cried out, Hosanna: Blessed is he that comes in the name of the Lord, even the King of Israel.

14 And Jesus, having found a young ass, sat thereon; as it is written,

15 Fear not, daughter of Zion: behold, your King comes, sitting on an ass's colt.

16 These things understood not his disciples at the first: but when Jesus was glorified, then remembered they that these things were written of him, and that they had done these things unto him.

17 The multitude therefore that was with him when he called Lazarus out of the tomb, and raised him from the dead, bare witness.

18 For this cause also the multitude went and met him, for that they heard that he had done this sign.

19 The Pharisees therefore said among themselves, Behold how you prevail nothing: lo, the world is gone after him.

20 Now there were certain Greeks among those that went up to worship at the feast:

21 these therefore came to Philip, which was of Bethsaida of Galilee, and asked him, saying, Sir, we would see Jesus.

22 Philip comes and tells Andrew: Andrew comes, and Philip, and they tell Jesus.

23 And Jesus answers them, saying, The hour is come, that the Son of man should be glorified.

24 Verily, verily, I say unto you, Except a grain of wheat fall into the earth and die, it abides by itself alone; but if it die, it bears much fruit.

25 He that loves his life loses it; and he that hates his life in this world shall keep it unto life eternal.

26 If any man serve me, let him follow me; and where I am, there shall also my servant be: if any man serve me, him will the Father honour.

27 Now is my soul troubled; and what shall I say? Father, save me from this hour. But for this cause came I unto this hour.

28 Father, glorify your name. There came therefore a voice out of heaven, saying, I have both glorified it, and will glorify it again.

29 The multitude therefore, that stood by, and heard it, said that it had thundered: others said, An angel has spoken to him.

30 Jesus answered and said, This voice has not come for my sake, but for your sakes.

31 Now is the judgment of this world: now shall the prince of this world be cast out.

32 And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto myself.

33 But this he said, signifying by what manner of death he should die.

34 The multitude therefore answered him, We have heard out of the law that the Christ abides for ever: and how say you, The Son of man must be lifted up? who is this Son of man?

35 Jesus therefore said unto them, Yet a little while is the light among you. Walk while you have the light, that darkness overtake you not: and he that walks in the darkness knows not whither he goes.

36 While you have the light, believe on the light, that you may become sons of light. These things spake Jesus, and he departed and hid himself from them.

37 But though he had done so many signs before them, yet they believed not on him:

38 that the word of Isaiah the prophet might be fulfilled, which he spake, Lord, who has believed our report? And to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed?

39 For this cause they could not believe, for that Isaiah said again,

40 He has blinded their eyes, and he hardened their heart; Lest they should see with their eyes, and perceive with their heart, And should turn, And I should heal them.

41 These things said Isaiah, because he saw his glory; and he spake of him.

42 Nevertheless even of the rulers many believed on him; but because of the Pharisees they did not confess it, lest they should be put out of the synagogue:

43 for they loved the glory of men more than the glory of God.

44 And Jesus cried and said, He that believes on me, believes not on me, but on him that sent me.

45 And he that beholds me beholds him that sent me.

46 I am come a light into the world, that whosoever believes on me may not abide in the darkness.

47 And if any man hear my sayings, and keep them not, I judge him not: for I came not to judge the world, but to save the world.

48 He that rejects me, and receives not my sayings, has one that judges him: the word that I spake, the same shall judge him in the last day.

49 For I spake not from myself; but the Father which sent me, he has given me a commandment, what I should say, and what I should speak.

50 And I know that his commandment is life eternal: the things therefore which I speak, even as the Father has said unto me, so I speak.

Chapter 13

1 Now before the feast of the passover, Jesus knowing that his hour was come that he should depart out of this world unto the Father, having loved his own which were in the world, he loved them unto the end.

2 And during supper, the devil having already put into the heart of Judas Iscariot, Simon's son, to betray him,

3 Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he came forth from God, and goes unto God,

4 rises from supper, and lays aside his garments; and he took a towel, and girded himself.

5 Then he pours water into the bason, and began to wash the disciples' feet, and to wipe them with the towel wherewith he was girded.

6 So he comes to Simon Peter. He says unto him, Lord, do you wash my feet?

7 Jesus answered and said unto him, What I do you know not now; but you shall understand hereafter.

8 Peter says unto him, You shall never wash my feet. Jesus answered him, If I wash you not, you have no part with me.

9 Simon Peter says unto him, Lord, not my feet only, but also my hands and my head.

10 Jesus says to him, He that is bathed needs not save to wash his feet, but is clean every whit: and you are clean, but not all.

11 For he knew him that should betray him; therefore said he, You are not all clean.

12 So when he had washed their feet, and taken his garments, and sat down again, he said unto them, Know you what I have done to you?

13 You call me, Master, and, Lord: and you say well; for so I am.

14 If I then, the Lord and the Master, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet.

15 For I have given you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you.

16 Verily, verily, I say unto you, A servant is not greater than his lord; neither one that is sent greater than he that sent him.

17 If you know these things, blessed are you if you do them.

18 I speak not of you all: I know whom I have chosen: but that the scripture may be fulfilled, He that eats my bread lifted up his heel against me.

19 From henceforth I tell you before it come to pass, that, when it is come to pass, you may believe that I am he.

20 Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that receives whomsoever I send receives me; and he that receives me receives him that sent me.

21 When Jesus had thus said, he was troubled in the spirit, and testified, and said, Verily, verily, I say unto you, that one of you shall betray me.

22 The disciples looked one on another, doubting of whom he spake.

23 There was at the table reclining in Jesus' bosom one of his disciples, whom Jesus loved.

24 Simon Peter therefore beckons to him, and says unto him, Tell us who it is of whom he speaks.

25 He leaning back, as he was, on Jesus' breast says unto him, Lord, who is it?

26 Jesus therefore answers, He it is, for whom I shall dip the sop, and give it him. So when he had dipped the sop, he takes and gives it to Judas, the son of Simon Iscariot.

27 And after the sop, then entered Satan into him. Jesus therefore says unto him, That you do, do quickly.

28 Now no man at the table knew for what intent he spake this unto him.

29 For some thought, because Judas had the bag, that Jesus said unto him, Buy what things we have need of for the feast; or, that he should give something to the poor.

30 He then having received the sop went out straightway: and it was night.

31 When therefore he was gone out, Jesus says, Now is the Son of man glorified, and God is glorified in him;

32 and God shall glorify him in himself, and straightway shall he glorify him.

33 Little children, yet a little while I am with you. You shall seek me: and as I said unto the Jews, Whither I go, you cannot come; so now I say unto you.

34 A new commandment I give unto you, that you love one another; even as I have loved you, that you also love one another.

35 By this shall all men know that you are my disciples, if you have love one to another.

36 Simon Peter says unto him, Lord, whither go you? Jesus answered, Whither I go, you can not follow me now; but you shall follow afterwards.

37 Peter says unto him, Lord, why cannot I follow you even now? I will lay down my life for you.

38 Jesus answers, Will you lay down your life for me? Verily, verily, I say unto you, The cock shall not crow, till you have denied me thrice.

Chapter 14

1 Let not your heart be troubled: you believe in God, believe also in me.

2 In my Father's house are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you; for I go to prepare a place for you.

3 And if I go and prepare a place for you, I come again, and will receive you unto myself; that where I am, there you may be also.

4 And whither I go, you know the way.

5 Thomas says unto him, Lord, we know not whither you go; how know we the way?

6 Jesus says unto him, I am the way, and the truth, and the life: no one comes unto the Father, but by me.

7 If you had known me, you would have known my Father also: from henceforth you know him, and have seen him.

8 Philip says unto him, Lord, shew us the Father, and it suffices us.

9 Jesus says unto him, Have I been so long time with you, and do you not know me, Philip? he that has seen me has seen the Father; how say you, Shew us the Father?

10 Believe you not that I am in the Father, and the Father in me? the words that I say unto you I speak not from myself: but the Father abiding in me does his works.

11 Believe me that I am in the Father, and the Father in me: or else believe me for the very works' sake.

12 Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believes on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do; because I go unto the Father.

13 And whatsoever you shall ask in my name, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son.

14 If you shall ask me anything in my name, that will I do.

15 If you love me, you will keep my commandments.

16 And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may be with you for ever,

17 even the Spirit of truth: whom the world cannot receive; for it beholds him not, neither knows him: you know him; for he abides with you, and shall be in you.

18 I will not leave you desolate: I come unto you.

19 Yet a little while, and the world beholds me no more; but you behold me: because I live, you shall live also.

20 In that day you shall know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you.

21 He that has my commandments, and keeps them, he it is that loves me: and he that loves me shall be loved of my Father, and I will love him, and will manifest myself unto him.

22 Judas (not Iscariot) says unto him, Lord, what is come to pass that you will manifest yourself unto us, and not unto the world?

23 Jesus answered and said unto him, If a man love me, he will keep my word: and my Father will love him, and we will come unto him, and make our abode with him.

24 He that loves me not keeps not my words: and the word which you hear is not mine, but the Father's who sent me.

25 These things have I spoken unto you, while yet abiding with you.

26 But the Comforter, even the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all that I said unto you.

27 Peace I leave with you; my peace I give unto you: not as the world gives, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be fearful.

28 You heard how I said to you, I go away, and I come unto you. If you loved me, you would have rejoiced, because I go unto the Father: for the Father is greater than I.

29 And now I have told you before it come to pass, that, when it is come to pass, you may believe.

30 I will no more speak much with you, for the prince of the world comes: and he has nothing in me;

31 but that the world may know that I love the Father, and as the Father gave me commandment, even so I do. Arise, let us go hence.

Chapter 15

1 I am the true vine, and my Father is the husbandman.

2 Every branch in me that bears not fruit, he takes it away: and every branch that bears fruit, he cleanses it, that it may bear more fruit.

3 Already you are clean because of the word which I have spoken unto you.

4 Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except it abide in the vine; so neither can you, except you abide in me.

5 I am the vine, you are the branches: He that abides in me, and I in him, the same bears much fruit: for apart from me you can do nothing.

6 If a man abide not in me, he is cast forth as a branch, and is withered; and they gather them, and cast them into the fire, and they are burned.

7 If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask whatsoever you will, and it shall be done unto you.

8 Herein is my Father glorified, that you bear much fruit; and so shall you be my disciples.

9 Even as the Father has loved me, I also have loved you: abide you in my love.

10 If you keep my commandments, you shall abide in my love; even as I have kept my Father's commandments, and abide in his love.

11 These things have I spoken unto you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be fulfilled.

12 This is my commandment, that you love one another, even as I have loved you.

13 Greater love has no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends.

14 You are my friends, if you do the things which I command you.

15 No longer do I call you servants; for the servant knows not what his lord does: but I have called you friends; for all things that I heard from my Father I have made known unto you.

16 You did not choose me, but I chose you, and appointed you, that you should go and bear fruit, and that your fruit should abide: that whatsoever you shall ask of the Father in my name, he may give it you.

17 These things I command you, that you may love one another.

18 If the world hates you, you know that it has hated me before it hated you.

19 If you were of the world, the world would love its own: but because you are not of the world, but I chose you out of the world, therefore the world hates you.

20 Remember the word that I said unto you, A servant is not greater than his lord. If they persecuted me, they will also persecute you; if they kept my word, they will keep yours also.

21 But all these things will they do unto you for my name's sake, because they know not him that sent me.

22 If I had not come and spoken unto them, they had not had sin: but now they have no excuse for their sin.

23 He that hates me hates my Father also.

24 If I had not done among them the works which none other did, they had not had sin: but now have they both seen and hated both me and my Father.

25 But this comes to pass, that the word may be fulfilled that is written in their law, They hated me without a cause.

26 But when the Comforter is come, whom I will send unto you from the Father, even the Spirit of truth, which proceeds from the Father, he shall bear witness of me:

27 and you also bear witness, because you have been with me from the beginning.

Chapter 16

1 These things have I spoken unto you, that you should not be made to stumble.

2 They shall put you out of the synagogues: yea, the hour comes, that whosoever kills you shall think that he offers service unto God.

3 And these things will they do, because they have not known the Father, nor me.

4 But these things have I spoken unto you, that when their hour is come, you may remember them, how that I told you. And these things I said not unto you from the beginning, because I was with you.

5 But now I go unto him that sent me; and none of you asks me, Whither go you?

6 But because I have spoken these things unto you, sorrow has filled your heart.

7 Nevertheless I tell you the truth; It is expedient for you that I go away: for if I go not away, the Comforter will not come unto you; but if I go, I will send him unto you.

8 And he, when he is come, will convict the world in respect of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment:

9 of sin, because they believe not on me;

10 of righteousness, because I go to the Father, and you behold me no more;

11 of judgment, because the prince of this world has been judged.

12 I have yet many things to say unto you, but you cannot bear them now.

13 Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he shall guide you into all the truth: for he shall not speak from himself; but what things soever he shall hear, these shall he speak: and he shall declare unto you the things that are to come.

14 He shall glorify me: for he shall take of mine, and shall declare it unto you.

15 All things whatsoever the Father has are mine: therefore said I, that he takes of mine, and shall declare it unto you.

16 A little while, and you behold me no more; and again a little while, and you shall see me.

17 Some of his disciples therefore said one to another, What is this that he says unto us, A little while, and you behold me not; and again a little while, and you shall see me: and, Because I go to the Father?

18 They said therefore, What is this that he says, A little while? We know not what he says.

19 Jesus perceived that they were desirous to ask him, and he said unto them, Do you inquire among yourselves concerning this, that I said, A little while, and you behold me not, and again a little while, and you shall see me?

20 Verily, verily, I say unto you, that you shall weep and lament, but the world shall rejoice: you shall be sorrowful, but your sorrow shall be turned into joy.

21 A woman when she is in travail has sorrow, because her hour is come: but when she is delivered of the child, she remembers no more the anguish, for the joy that a man is born into the world.

22 And you therefore now have sorrow: but I will see you again, and your heart shall rejoice, and your joy no one takes away from you.

23 And in that day you shall ask me nothing. Verily, verily, I say unto you, If you shall ask anything of the Father, he will give it you in my name.

24 Hitherto have you asked nothing in my name: ask, and you shall receive, that your joy may be fulfilled.

25 These things have I spoken unto you in proverbs: the hour comes, when I shall no more speak unto you in proverbs, but shall tell you plainly of the Father.

26 In that day you shall ask in my name: and I say not unto you, that I will pray the Father for you;

27 for the Father himself loves you, because you have loved me, and have believed that I came forth from the Father.

28 I came out from the Father, and am come into the world: again, I leave the world, and go unto the Father.

29 His disciples say, Lo, now speak you plainly, and speak no proverb.

30 Now know we that you know all things, and need not that any man should ask you: by this we believe that you came forth from God.

31 Jesus answered them, Do you now believe?

32 Behold, the hour comes, yea, is come, that you shall be scattered, every man to his own, and shall leave me alone: and yet I am not alone, because the Father is with me.

33 These things have I spoken unto you, that in me you may have peace. In the world you have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world.

Chapter 17

1 These things spake Jesus; and lifting up his eyes to heaven, he said, Father, the hour is come; glorify your Son, that the Son may glorify you:

2 even as you gave him authority over all flesh, that whatsoever you have given him, to them he should give eternal life.

3 And this is life eternal, that they should know you the only true God, and him whom you did send, even Jesus Christ.

4 I glorified you on the earth, having accomplished the work which you have given me to do.

5 And now, O Father, glorify you me with your own self with the glory which I had with you before the world was.

6 I manifested your name unto the men whom you gave me out of the world: yours they were, and you gave them to me; and they have kept your word.

7 Now they know that all things whatsoever you have given me are from you:

8 for the words which you gave me I have given unto them; and they received them, and knew of a truth that I came forth from you, and they believed that you did send me.

9 I pray for them: I pray not for the world, but for those whom you have given me; for they are yours:

10 and all things that are mine are yours, and your are mine: and I am glorified in them.

11 And I am no more in the world, and these are in the world, and I come to you. Holy Father, keep them in your name which you have given me, that they may be one, even as we are.

12 While I was with them, I kept them in your name which you have given me: and I guarded them, and not one of them perished, but the son of perdition; that the scripture might be fulfilled.

13 But now I come to you; and these things I speak in the world, that they may have my joy fulfilled in themselves.

14 I have given them your word; and the world hated them, because they are not of the world, even as I am not of the world.

15 I pray not that you should take them from the world, but that you should keep them from the evil one.

16 They are not of the world, even as I am not of the world.

17 Sanctify them in the truth: your word is truth.

18 As you did send me into the world, even so sent I them into the world.

19 And for their sakes I sanctify myself, that they themselves also may be sanctified in truth.

20 Neither for these only do I pray, but for them also that believe on me through their word;

21 that they may all be one; even as you, Father, art in me, and I in you, that they also may be in us: that the world may believe that you did send me.

22 And the glory which you have given me I have given unto them; that they may be one, even as we are one;

23 I in them, and you in me, that they may be perfected into one; that the world may know that you did send me, and lovedst them, even as you lovedst me.

24 Father, that which you have given me, I will that, where I am, they also may be with me; that they may behold my glory, which you have given me: for you lovedst me before the foundation of the world.

25 O righteous Father, the world knew you not, but I knew you; and these knew that you did send me;

26 and I made known unto them your name, and will make it known; that the love wherewith you lovedst me may be in them, and I in them.

Chapter 18

1 When Jesus had spoken these words, he went forth with his disciples over the brook Kidron, where was a garden, into the which he entered, himself and his disciples.

2 Now Judas also, which betrayed him, knew the place: for Jesus oft-times resorted thither with his disciples.

3 Judas then, having received the band of soldiers, and officers from the chief priests and the Pharisees, comes thither with lanterns and torches and weapons.

4 Jesus therefore, knowing all the things that were coming upon him, went forth, and says unto them, Whom seek you?

5 They answered him, Jesus of Nazareth. Jesus says unto them, I am he. And Judas also, which betrayed him, was standing with them.

6 When therefore he said unto them, I am he, they went backward, and fell to the ground.

7 Again therefore he asked them, Whom seek you? And they said, Jesus of Nazareth.

8 Jesus answered, I told you that I am he: if therefore you seek me, let these go their way:

9 that the word might be fulfilled which he spake, Of those whom you have given me I lost not one.

10 Simon Peter therefore having a sword drew it, and struck the high priest's servant, and cut off his right ear. Now the servant's name was Malchus.

11 Jesus therefore said unto Peter, Put up the sword into the sheath: the cup which the Father has given me, shall I not drink it?

12 So the band and the chief captain, and the officers of the Jews, seized Jesus and bound him,

13 and led him to Annas first; for he was father in law to Caiaphas, which was high priest that year.

14 Now Caiaphas was he which gave counsel to the Jews, that it was expedient that one man should die for the people.

15 And Simon Peter followed Jesus, and so did another disciple. Now that disciple was known unto the high priest, and entered in with Jesus into the court of the high priest;

16 but Peter was standing at the door without. So the other disciple, which was known unto the high priest, went out and spake unto her that kept the door, and brought in Peter.

17 The maid therefore that kept the door says unto Peter, Are you also one of this man's disciples? He says, I am not.

18 Now the servants and the officers were standing there, having made a fire of coals; for it was cold; and they were warming themselves: and Peter also was with them, standing and warming himself.

19 The high priest therefore asked Jesus of his disciples, and of his teaching.

20 Jesus answered him, I have spoken openly to the world; I ever taught in synagogues, and in the temple, where all the Jews come together; and in secret spake I nothing.

21 Why ask you me? ask them that have heard me, what I spake unto them: behold, these know the things which I said.

22 And when he had said this, one of the officers standing by struck Jesus with his hand, saying, Answer you the high priest so?

23 Jesus answered him, If I have spoken evil, bear witness of the evil: but if well, why smite you me?

24 Annas therefore sent him bound unto Caiaphas the high priest.

25 Now Simon Peter was standing and warming himself. They said therefore unto him, Are you also one of his disciples? He denied, and said, I am not.

26 One of the servants of the high priest, being a kinsman of him whose ear Peter cut off, says, Did not I see you in the garden with him?

27 Peter therefore denied again: and straightway the cock crew.

28 They lead Jesus therefore from Caiaphas into the palace: and it was early; and they themselves entered not into the palace, that they might not be defiled, but might eat the passover.

29 Pilate therefore went out unto them, and says, What accusation bring you against this man?

30 They answered and said unto him, If this man were not an evil-doer, we should not have delivered him up unto you.

31 Pilate therefore said unto them, Take him yourselves, and judge him according to your law. The Jews said unto him, It is not lawful for us to put any man to death:

32 that the word of Jesus might be fulfilled, which he spake, signifying by what manner of death he should die.

33 Pilate therefore entered again into the palace, and called Jesus, and said unto him, Are you the King of the Jews?

34 Jesus answered, Say you this of yourself, or did others tell it you concerning me?

35 Pilate answered, Am I a Jew? Your own nation and the chief priests delivered you unto me: what have you done?

36 Jesus answered, My kingdom is not of this world: if my kingdom were of this world, then would my servants fight, that I should not be delivered to the Jews: but now is my kingdom not from hence.

37 Pilate therefore said unto him, Are you a king then? Jesus answered, You say that I am a king. To this end have I been born, and to this end am I come into the world, that I should bear witness unto the truth. Every one that is of the truth hears my voice.

38 Pilate says unto him, What is truth? And when he had said this, he went out again unto the Jews, and says unto them, I find no crime in him.

39 But you have a custom, that I should release unto you one at the passover: will you therefore that I release unto you the King of the Jews?

40 They cried out therefore again, saying, Not this man, but Barabbas. Now Barabbas was a robber.

Chapter 19

1 Then Pilate therefore took Jesus, and scourged him.

2 And the soldiers plaited a crown of thorns, and put it on his head, and arrayed him in a purple garment;

3 and they came unto him, and said, Hail, King of the Jews! and they struck him with their hands.

4 And Pilate went out again, and says unto them, Behold, I bring him out to you, that you may know that I find no crime in him.

5 Jesus therefore came out, wearing the crown of thorns and the purple garment. And Pilate says unto them, Behold, the man!

6 When therefore the chief priests and the officers saw him, they cried out, saying, Crucify him, crucify him. Pilate says unto them, Take him yourselves, and crucify him: for I find no crime in him.

7 The Jews answered him, We have a law, and by that law he ought to die, because he made himself the Son of God.

8 When Pilate therefore heard this saying, he was the more afraid;

9 and he entered into the palace again, and says unto Jesus, Whence are you? But Jesus gave him no answer.

10 Pilate therefore says unto him, Speak you not unto me? know you not that I have power to release you, and have power to crucify you?

11 Jesus answered him, You would have no power against me, except it were given you from above: therefore he that delivered me unto you has greater sin.

12 Upon this Pilate sought to release him: but the Jews cried out, saying, If you release this man, you are not Caesar's friend: every one that makes himself a king speaks against Caesar.

13 When Pilate therefore heard these words, he brought Jesus out, and sat down on the judgment-seat at a place called The Pavement, but in Hebrew, Gabbatha.

14 Now it was the Preparation of the passover: it was about the sixth hour. And he says unto the Jews, Behold, your King!

15 They therefore cried out, Away with him, away with him, crucify him. Pilate says unto them, Shall I crucify your King? The chief priests answered, We have no king but Caesar.

16 Then therefore he delivered him unto them to be crucified.

17 They took Jesus therefore: and he went out, bearing the cross for himself, unto the place called The place of a skull, which is called in Hebrew Golgotha:

18 where they crucified him, and with him two others, on either side one, and Jesus in the midst.

19 And Pilate wrote a title also, and put it on the cross. And there was written, JESUS OF NAZARETH, THE KING OF THE JEWS.

20 This title therefore read many of the Jews: for the place where Jesus was crucified was nigh to the city: and it was written in Hebrew, and in Latin, and in Greek.

21 The chief priests of the Jews therefore said to Pilate, Write not, The King of the Jews; but, that he said, I am King of the Jews.

22 Pilate answered, What I have written I have written.

23 The soldiers therefore, when they had crucified Jesus, took his garments, and made four parts, to every soldier a part; and also the coat: now the coat was without seam, woven from the top throughout.

24 They said therefore one to another, Let us not rend it, but cast lots for it, whose it shall be: that the scripture might be fulfilled, which says, They parted my garments among them, And upon my vesture did they cast lots. These things therefore the soldiers did.

25 But there were standing by the cross of Jesus his mother, and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene.

26 When Jesus therefore saw his mother, and the disciple standing by, whom he loved, he says unto his mother, Woman, behold, your son!

27 Then says he to the disciple, Behold, your mother! And from that hour the disciple took her unto his own home.

28 After this Jesus, knowing that all things are now finished, that the scripture might be accomplished, says, I thirst.

29 There was set there a vessel full of vinegar: so they put a sponge full of the vinegar upon hyssop, and brought it to his mouth.

30 When Jesus therefore had received the vinegar, he said, It is finished: and he bowed his head, and gave up his spirit.

31 The Jews therefore, because it was the Preparation, that the bodies should not remain on the cross upon the sabbath (for the day of that sabbath was a high day), asked of Pilate that their legs might be broken, and that they might be taken away.

32 The soldiers therefore came, and brake the legs of the first, and of the other which was crucified with him:

33 but when they came to Jesus, and saw that he was dead already, they brake not his legs:

34 howbeit one of the soldiers with a spear pierced his side, and straightway there came out blood and water.

35 And he that has seen has borne witness, and his witness is true: and he knows that he says true, that you also may believe.

36 For these things came to pass, that the scripture might be fulfilled, A bone of him shall not be broken.

37 And again another scripture says, They shall look on him whom they pierced.

38 And after these things Joseph of Arimathea, being a disciple of Jesus, but secretly for fear of the Jews, asked of Pilate that he might take away the body of Jesus: and Pilate gave him leave. He came therefore, and took away his body.

39 And there came also Nicodemus, he who at the first came to him by night, bringing a mixture of myrrh and aloes, about a hundred pounds weight.

40 So they took the body of Jesus, and bound it in linen cloths with the spices, as the custom of the Jews is to bury.

41 Now in the place where he was crucified there was a garden; and in the garden a new tomb wherein was never man yet laid.

42 There then because of the Jews' Preparation (for the tomb was nigh at hand) they laid Jesus.

Chapter 20

1 Now on the first day of the week comes Mary Magdalene early, while it was yet dark, unto the tomb, and sees the stone taken away from the tomb.

2 She runs therefore, and comes to Simon Peter, and to the other disciple, whom Jesus loved, and says unto them, They have taken away the Lord out of the tomb, and we know not where they have laid him.

3 Peter therefore went forth, and the other disciple, and they went toward the tomb.

4 And they ran both together: and the other disciple outran Peter, and came first to the tomb;

5 and stooping and looking in, he sees the linen cloths lying; yet entered he not in.

6 Simon Peter therefore also comes, following him, and entered into the tomb; and he beholds the linen cloths lying,

7 and the napkin, that was upon his head, not lying with the linen cloths, but rolled up in a place by itself.

8 Then entered in therefore the other disciple also, which came first to the tomb, and he saw, and believed.

9 For as yet they knew not the scripture, that he must rise again from the dead.

10 So the disciples went away again unto their own home.

11 But Mary was standing without at the tomb weeping: so, as she wept, she stooped and looked into the tomb;

12 and she beholds two angels in white sitting, one at the head, and one at the feet, where the body of Jesus had lain.

13 And they say unto her, Woman, why weep you? She says unto them, Because they have taken away my Lord, and I know not where they have laid him.

14 When she had thus said, she turned herself back, and beholds Jesus standing, and knew not that it was Jesus.

15 Jesus says unto her, Woman, why weep you? whom seek you? She, supposing him to be the gardener, says unto him, Sir, if you have borne him hence, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away.

16 Jesus says unto her, Mary. She turns herself, and says unto him in Hebrew, Rabboni; which is to say, Master.

17 Jesus says to her, Touch me not; for I am not yet ascended unto the Father: but go unto my brethren, and say to them, I ascend unto my Father and your Father, and my God and your God.

18 Mary Magdalene comes and tells the disciples, I have seen the Lord; and how that he had said these things unto her.

19 When therefore it was evening, on that day, the first day of the week, and when the doors were shut where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in the midst, and says unto them, Peace be unto you.

20 And when he had said this, he shewed unto them his hands and his side. The disciples therefore were glad, when they saw the Lord.

21 Jesus therefore said to them again, Peace be unto you: as the Father has sent me, even so send I you.

22 And when he had said this, he breathed on them, and says unto them, Receive you the Holy Ghost:

23 whose soever sins you forgive, they are forgiven unto them; whose soever sins you retain, they are retained.

24 But Thomas, one of the twelve, called Didymus, was not with them when Jesus came.

25 The other disciples therefore said unto him, We have seen the Lord. But he said unto them, Except I shall see in his hands the print of the nails, and put my finger into the print of the nails, and put my hand into his side, I will not believe.

26 And after eight days again his disciples were within, and Thomas with them. Jesus comes, the doors being shut, and stood in the midst, and said, Peace be unto you.

27 Then says he to Thomas, Reach hither your finger, and see my hands; and reach hither your hand, and put it into my side: and be not faithless, but believing.

28 Thomas answered and said unto him, My Lord and my God.

29 Jesus says unto him, Because you have seen me, you have believed: blessed are they that have not seen, and yet have believed.

30 Many other signs therefore did Jesus in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book:

31 but these are written, that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing you may have life in his name.

Chapter 21

1 After these things Jesus manifested himself again to the disciples at the sea of Tiberias; and he manifested himself on this wise.

2 There were together Simon Peter, and Thomas called Didymus, and Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, and the sons of Zebedee, and two other of his disciples.

3 Simon Peter says unto them, I go a fishing. They say unto him, We also come with you. They went forth, and entered into the boat; and that night they took nothing.

4 But when day was now breaking, Jesus stood on the beach: howbeit the disciples knew not that it was Jesus.

5 Jesus therefore says unto them, Children, have you aught to eat? They answered him, No.

6 And he said unto them, Cast the net on the right side of the boat, and you shall find. They cast therefore, and now they were not able to draw it for the multitude of fishes.

7 That disciple therefore whom Jesus loved says unto Peter, It is the Lord. So when Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he girt his coat about him (for he was naked), and cast himself into the sea.

8 But the other disciples came in the little boat (for they were not far from the land, but about two hundred cubits off), dragging the net full of fishes.

9 So when they got out upon the land, they see a fire of coals there, and fish laid thereon, and bread.

10 Jesus says unto them, Bring of the fish which you have now taken.

11 Simon Peter therefore went up, and drew the net to land, full of great fishes, a hundred and fifty and three: and for all there were so many, the net was not rent.

12 Jesus says unto them, Come and break your fast. And none of the disciples durst inquire of him, Who are you? knowing that it was the Lord.

13 Jesus comes, and takes the bread, and gives them, and the fish likewise.

14 This is now the third time that Jesus was manifested to the disciples, after that he was risen from the dead.

15 So when they had broken their fast, Jesus says to Simon Peter, Simon, son of John, love you me more than these? He says unto him, Yea, Lord; you know that I love you. He says unto him, Feed my lambs.

16 He says to him again a second time, Simon, son of John, love you me? He says unto him, Yea, Lord; you know that I love you. He says unto him, Tend my sheep.

17 He says unto him the third time, Simon, son of John, love you me? Peter was grieved because he said unto him the third time, Love you me? And he said unto him, Lord, you know all things; you know that I love you. Jesus says unto him, Feed my sheep.

18 Verily, verily, I say unto you, When you were young, you girdedst yourself, and walkedst whither you would: but when you shall be old, you shall stretch forth your hands, and another shall gird you, and carry you whither you would not.

19 Now this he spake, signifying by what manner of death he should glorify God. And when he had spoken this, he says unto him, Follow me.

20 Peter, turning about, sees the disciple whom Jesus loved following; which also leaned back on his breast at the supper, and said, Lord, who is he that betrays you?

21 Peter therefore seeing him says to Jesus, Lord, and what shall this man do?

22 Jesus says unto him, If I will that he tarry till I come, what is that to you? follow you me.

23 This saying therefore went forth among the brethren, that that disciple should not die: yet Jesus said not unto him, that he should not die; but, If I will that he tarry till I come, what is that to you?

24 This is the disciple which bears witness of these things, and wrote these things: and we know that his witness is true.

25 And there are also many other things which Jesus did, the which if they should be written every one, I suppose that even the world itself would not contain the books that should be written.

Acts

Chapter 1

1 The former treatise I made, O Theophilus, concerning all that Jesus began both to do and to teach,

2 until the day in which he was received up, after that he had given commandment through the Holy Ghost unto the apostles whom he had chosen:

3 To whom he also shewed himself alive after his passion by many proofs, appearing unto them by the space of forty days, and speaking the things concerning the kingdom of God:

4 and, being assembled together with them, he charged them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the promise of the Father, which, said he, you heard from me:

5 For John indeed baptized with water; but you shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost not many days hence.

6 They therefore, when they were come together, asked him, saying, Lord, do you at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?

7 And he said unto them, It is not for you to know times or seasons, which the Father has set within his own authority.

8 But you shall receive power, when the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and you shall be my witnesses both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.

9 And when he had said these things, as they were looking, he was taken up; and a cloud received him out of their sight.

10 And while they were looking stedfastly into heaven as he went, behold, two men stood by them in white apparel;

11 which also said, You men of Galilee, why stand you looking into heaven? this Jesus, which was received up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as you beheld him going into heaven.

12 Then returned they unto Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is nigh unto Jerusalem, a sabbath day's journey off.

13 And when they were come in, they went up into the upper chamber, where they were abiding; both Peter and John and James and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James the son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas the son of James.

14 These all with one accord continued stedfastly in prayer, with the women, and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with his brethren.

15 And in these days Peter stood up in the midst of the brethren, and said (and there was a multitude of persons gathered together, about a hundred and twenty),

16 Brethren, it was needful that the scripture should be fulfilled, which the Holy Ghost spake before by the mouth of David concerning Judas, who was guide to them that took Jesus.

17 For he was numbered among us, and received his portion in this ministry.

18 (Now this man obtained a field with the reward of his iniquity; and falling headlong, he burst asunder in the midst, and all his bowels gushed out.

19 And it became known to all the dwellers at Jerusalem; insomuch that in their language that field was called Akeldama, that is, The field of blood.)

20 For it is written in the book of Psalms, Let his habitation be made desolate, And let no man dwell therein: and, His office let another take.

21 Of the men therefore which have companied with us all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and went out among us,

22 beginning from the baptism of John, unto the day that he was received up from us, of these must one become a witness with us of his resurrection.

23 And they put forward two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was surnamed Justus, and Matthias.

24 And they prayed, and said, You, Lord, which know the hearts of all men, shew of these two the one whom you have chosen,

25 to take the place in this ministry and apostleship, from which Judas fell away, that he might go to his own place.

26 And they gave lots for them; and the lot fell upon Matthias; and he was numbered with the eleven apostles.

Chapter 2

1 And when the day of Pentecost was now come, they were all together in one place.

2 And suddenly there came from heaven a sound as of the rushing of a mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting.

3 And there appeared unto them tongues parting asunder, like as of fire; and it sat upon each one of them.

4 And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.

5 Now there were dwelling at Jerusalem Jews, devout men, from every nation under heaven.

6 And when this sound was heard, the multitude came together, and were confounded, because that every man heard them speaking in his own language.

7 And they were all amazed and marveled, saying, Behold, are not all these which speak Galilaeans?

8 And how hear we, every man in our own language, wherein we were born?

9 Parthians and Medes and Elamites, and the dwellers in Mesopotamia, in Judea and Cappadocia, in Pontus and Asia,

10 in Phrygia and Pamphylia, in Egypt and the parts of Libya about Cyrene, and sojourners from Rome, both Jews and proselytes,

11 Cretans and Arabians, we do hear them speaking in our tongues the mighty works of God.

12 And they were all amazed, and were perplexed, saying one to another, What means this?

13 But others mocking said, They are filled with new wine.

14 But Peter, standing up with the eleven, lifted up his voice, and spake forth unto them, saying, You men of Judea, and all you that dwell at Jerusalem, be this known unto you, and give ear unto my words.

15 For these are not drunken, as you suppose; seeing it is but the third hour of the day;

16 but this is that which has been spoken by the prophet Joel;

17 And it shall be in the last days, says God, I will pour forth of my Spirit upon all flesh: And your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, And your young men shall see visions, And your old men shall dream dreams:

18 Yea and on my servants and on my handmaidens in those days Will I pour forth of my Spirit; and they shall prophesy.

19 And I will shew wonders in the heaven above, And signs on the earth beneath; Blood, and fire, and vapour of smoke:

20 The sun shall be turned into darkness, And the moon into blood, Before the day of the Lord come, That great and notable day:

21 And it shall be, that whosoever shall call on the name of the Lord shall be saved.

22 You men of Israel, hear these words: Jesus of Nazareth, a man approved of God unto you by mighty works and wonders and signs, which God did by him in the midst of you, even as you yourselves know;

23 him, being delivered up by the determinate counsel and foreknowledge of God, you by the hand of lawless men did crucify and slay:

24 whom God raised up, having loosed the pangs of death: because it was not possible that he should be holden of it.

25 For David says concerning him, I beheld the Lord always before my face; For he is on my right hand, that I should not be moved:

26 Therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced; Moreover my flesh also shall dwell in hope:

27 Because you will not leave my soul in Hades, Neither will you give your Holy One to see corruption.

28 You made known unto me the ways of life; You shall make me full of gladness with your countenance.

29 Brethren, I may say unto you freely of the patriarch David, that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us unto this day.

30 Being therefore a prophet, and knowing that God had sworn with an oath to him, that of the fruit of his loins he would set one upon his throne;

31 he foreseeing this spake of the resurrection of the Christ, that neither was he left in Hades, nor did his flesh see corruption.

32 This Jesus did God raise up, whereof we all are witnesses.

33 Being therefore by the right hand of God exalted, and having received of the Father the promise of the Holy Ghost, he has poured forth this, which you see and hear.

34 For David ascended not into the heavens: but he says himself, The Lord said unto my Lord, Sit you on my right hand,

35 Till I make your enemies the footstool of your feet.

36 Let all the house of Israel therefore know assuredly, that God has made him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified.

37 Now when they heard this, they were pricked in their heart, and said unto Peter and the rest of the apostles, Brethren, what shall we do?

38 And Peter said unto them, Repent you, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ unto the remission of your sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.

39 For to you is the promise, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call unto him.

40 And with many other words he testified, and exhorted them, saying, Save yourselves from this crooked generation.

41 They then that received his word were baptized: and there were added unto them in that day about three thousand souls.

42 And they continued stedfastly in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread and the prayers.

43 And fear came upon every soul: and many wonders and signs were done by the apostles.

44 And all that believed were together, and had all things common;

45 and they sold their possessions and goods, and parted them to all, according as any man had need.

46 And day by day, continuing stedfastly with one accord in the temple, and breaking bread at home, they did take their food with gladness and singleness of heart,

47 praising God, and having favour with all the people. And the Lord added to them day by day those that were being saved.

Chapter 3

1 Now Peter and John were going up into the temple at the hour of prayer, being the ninth hour.

2 And a certain man that was lame from his mother's womb was carried, whom they laid daily at the door of the temple which is called Beautiful, to ask alms of them that entered into the temple;

3 who seeing Peter and John about to go into the temple, asked to receive an alms.

4 And Peter, fastening his eyes upon him, with John, said, Look on us.

5 And he gave heed unto them, expecting to receive something from them.

6 But Peter said, Silver and gold have I none; but what I have, that give I you. In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, walk.

7 And he took him by the right hand, and raised him up: and immediately his feet and his ankle-bones received strength.

8 And leaping up, he stood, and began to walk; and he entered with them into the temple, walking, and leaping, and praising God.

9 And all the people saw him walking and praising God:

10 and they took knowledge of him, that it was he which sat for alms at the Beautiful Gate of the temple: and they were filled with wonder and amazement at that which had happened unto him.

11 And as he held Peter and John, all the people ran together unto them in the porch that is called Solomon's, greatly wondering.

12 And when Peter saw it, he answered unto the people, You men of Israel, why marvel you at this man? or why fasten you your eyes on us, as though by our own power or godliness we had made him to walk?

13 The God of Abraham, and of Isaac, and of Jacob, the God of our fathers, has glorified his Servant Jesus; whom you delivered up, and denied before the face of Pilate, when he had determined to release him.

14 But you denied the Holy and Righteous One, and asked for a murderer to be granted unto you,

15 and killed the Prince of life; whom God raised from the dead; whereof we are witnesses.

16 And by faith in his name has his name made this man strong, whom you behold and know: yea, the faith which is through him has given him this perfect soundness in the presence of you all.

17 And now, brethren, I wot that in ignorance you did it, as did also your rulers.

18 But the things which God foreshewed by the mouth of all the prophets, that his Christ should suffer, he thus fulfilled.

19 Repent you therefore, and turn again, that your sins may be blotted out, that so there may come seasons of refreshing from the presence of the Lord;

20 and that he may send the Christ who has been appointed for you, even Jesus:

21 whom the heaven must receive until the times of restoration of all things, whereof God spake by the mouth of his holy prophets which have been since the world began.

22 Moses indeed said, A prophet shall the Lord God raise up unto you from among your brethren, like unto me; to him shall you hearken in all things whatsoever he shall speak unto you.

23 And it shall be, that every soul, which shall not hearken to that prophet, shall be utterly destroyed from among the people.

24 Yea and all the prophets from Samuel and them that followed after, as many as have spoken, they also told of these days.

25 You are the sons of the prophets, and of the covenant which God made with your fathers, saying unto Abraham, And in your seed shall all the families of the earth be blessed.

26 Unto you first God, having raised up his Servant, sent him to bless you, in turning away every one of you from your iniquities.

Chapter 4

1 And as they spake unto the people, the priests and the captain of the temple and the Sadducees came upon them,

2 being sore troubled because they taught the people, and proclaimed in Jesus the resurrection from the dead.

3 And they laid hands on them, and put them in ward unto the morrow: for it was now eventide.

4 But many of them that heard the word believed; and the number of the men came to be about five thousand.

5 And it came to pass on the morrow, that their rulers and elders and scribes were gathered together in Jerusalem;

6 and Annas the high priest was there, and Caiaphas, and John, and Alexander, and as many as were of the kindred of the high priest.

7 And when they had set them in the midst, they inquired, By what power, or in what name, have you done this?

8 Then Peter, filled with the Holy Ghost, said unto them, You rulers of the people, and elders,

9 if we this day are examined concerning a good deed done to an impotent man, by what means this man is made whole;

10 be it known unto you all, and to all the people of Israel, that in the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead, even in him does this man stand here before you whole.

11 He is the stone which was set at nought of you the builders, which was made the head of the corner.

12 And in none other is there salvation: for neither is there any other name under heaven, that is given among men, wherein we must be saved.

13 Now when they beheld the boldness of Peter and John, and had perceived that they were unlearned and ignorant men, they marveled; and they took knowledge of them, that they had been with Jesus.

14 And seeing the man which was healed standing with them, they could say nothing against it.

15 But when they had commanded them to go aside out of the council, they conferred among themselves,

16 saying, What shall we do to these men? for that indeed a notable miracle has been wrought through them, is manifest to all that dwell in Jerusalem; and we cannot deny it.

17 But that it spread no further among the people, let us threaten them, that they speak henceforth to no man in this name.

18 And they called them, and charged them not to speak at all nor teach in the name of Jesus.

19 But Peter and John answered and said unto them, Whether it be right in the sight of God to hearken unto you rather than unto God, judge you:

20 for we cannot but speak the things which we saw and heard.

21 And they, when they had further threatened them, let them go, finding nothing how they might punish them, because of the people; for all men glorified God for that which was done.

22 For the man was more than forty years old, on whom this miracle of healing was wrought.

23 And being let go, they came to their own company, and reported all that the chief priests and the elders had said unto them.

24 And they, when they heard it, lifted up their voice to God with one accord, and said, O Lord, you that did make the heaven and the earth and the sea, and all that in them is:

25 who by the Holy Ghost, by the mouth of our father David your servant, did say, Why did the Gentiles rage, And the peoples imagine vain things?

26 The kings of the earth set themselves in array, And the rulers were gathered together, Against the Lord, and against his Anointed:

27 for of a truth in this city against your holy Servant Jesus, whom you did anoint, both Herod and Pontius Pilate, with the Gentiles and the peoples of Israel, were gathered together,

28 to do whatsoever your hand and your counsel foreordained to come to pass.

29 And now, Lord, look upon their threatenings: and grant unto your servants to speak your word with all boldness,

30 while you stretch forth your hand to heal; and that signs and wonders may be done through the name of your holy Servant Jesus.

31 And when they had prayed, the place was shaken wherein they were gathered together; and they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and they spake the word of God with boldness.

32 And the multitude of them that believed were of one heart and soul: and not one of them said that aught of the things which he possessed was his own; but they had all things common.

33 And with great power gave the apostles their witness of the resurrection of the Lord Jesus: and great grace was upon them all.

34 For neither was there among them any that lacked: for as many as were possessors of lands or houses sold them, and brought the prices of the things that were sold,

35 and laid them at the apostles' feet: and distribution was made unto each, according as any one had need.

36 And Joseph, who by the apostles was surnamed Barnabas (which is, being interpreted, Son of exhortation), a Levite, a man of Cyprus by race,

37 having a field, sold it, and brought the money, and laid it at the apostles' feet.

Chapter 5

1 But a certain man named Ananias, with Sapphira his wife, sold a possession,

2 and kept back part of the price, his wife also being privy to it, and brought a certain part, and laid it at the apostles' feet.

3 But Peter said, Ananias, why has Satan filled your heart to lie to the Holy Ghost, and to keep back part of the price of the land?

4 Whiles it remained, did it not remain your own? and after it was sold, was it not in your power? How is it that you have conceived this thing in your heart? you have not lied unto men, but unto God.

5 And Ananias hearing these words fell down and gave up the ghost: and great fear came upon all that heard it.

6 And the young men arose and wrapped him round, and they carried him out and buried him.

7 And it was about the space of three hours after, when his wife, not knowing what was done, came in.

8 And Peter answered unto her, Tell me whether you sold the land for so much. And she said, Yea, for so much.

9 But Peter said unto her, How is it that you have agreed together to tempt the Spirit of the Lord? behold, the feet of them which have buried your husband are at the door, and they shall carry you out.

10 And she fell down immediately at his feet, and gave up the ghost: and the young men came in and found her dead, and they carried her out and buried her by her husband.

11 And great fear came upon the whole church, and upon all that heard these things.

12 And by the hands of the apostles were many signs and wonders wrought among the people; and they were all with one accord in Solomon's porch.

13 But of the rest durst no man join himself to them: howbeit the people magnified them;

14 and believers were the more added to the Lord, multitudes both of men and women;

15 insomuch that they even carried out the sick into the streets, and laid them on beds and couches, that, as Peter came by, at the least his shadow might overshadow some one of them.

16 And there also came together the multitude from the cities round about Jerusalem, bringing sick folk, and them that were vexed with unclean spirits: and they were healed every one.

17 But the high priest rose up, and all they that were with him (which is the sect of the Sadducees), and they were filled with jealousy,

18 and laid hands on the apostles, and put them in public ward.

19 But an angel of the Lord by night opened the prison doors, and brought them out, and said,

20 Go you, and stand and speak in the temple to the people all the words of this Life.

21 And when they heard this, they entered into the temple about daybreak, and taught. But the high priest came, and they that were with him, and called the council together, and all the senate of the children of Israel, and sent to the prison-house to have them brought.

22 But the officers that came found them not in the prison; and they returned, and told,

23 saying, The prison-house we found shut in all safety, and the keepers standing at the doors: but when we had opened, we found no man within.

24 Now when the captain of the temple and the chief priests heard these words, they were much perplexed concerning them whereunto this would grow.

25 And there came one and told them, Behold, the men whom you put in the prison are in the temple standing and teaching the people.

26 Then went the captain with the officers, and brought them, but without violence; for they feared the people, lest they should be stoned.

27 And when they had brought them, they set them before the council. And the high priest asked them,

28 saying, We straitly charged you not to teach in this name: and behold, you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching, and intend to bring this man's blood upon us.

29 But Peter and the apostles answered and said, We must obey God rather than men.

30 The God of our fathers raised up Jesus, whom you slew, hanging him on a tree.

31 Him did God exalt with his right hand to be a Prince and a Saviour, for to give repentance to Israel, and remission of sins.

32 And we are witnesses of these things; and so is the Holy Ghost, whom God has given to them that obey him.

33 But they, when they heard this, were cut to the heart, and were minded to slay them.

34 But there stood up one in the council, a Pharisee, named Gamaliel, a doctor of the law, had in honour of all the people, and commanded to put the men forth a little while.

35 And he said unto them, You men of Israel, take heed to yourselves as touching these men, what you are about to do.

36 For before these days rose up Theudas, giving himself out to be somebody; to whom a number of men, about four hundred, joined themselves: who was slain; and all, as many as obeyed him, were dispersed, and came to nought.

37 After this man rose up Judas of Galilee in the days of the enrollment, and drew away some of the people after him: he also perished; and all, as many as obeyed him, were scattered abroad.

38 And now I say unto you, Refrain from these men, and let them alone: for if this counsel or this work be of men, it will be overthrown:

39 but if it is of God, you will not be able to overthrow them; lest haply you be found even to be fighting against God.

40 And to him they agreed: and when they had called the apostles unto them, they beat them and charged them not to speak in the name of Jesus, and let them go.

41 They therefore departed from the presence of the council, rejoicing that they were counted worthy to suffer dishonour for the Name.

42 And every day, in the temple and at home, they ceased not to teach and to preach Jesus as the Christ.

Chapter 6

1 Now in these days, when the number of the disciples was multiplying, there arose a murmuring of the Grecian Jews against the Hebrews, because their widows were neglected in the daily ministration.

2 And the twelve called the multitude of the disciples unto them, and said, It is not fit that we should forsake the word of God, and serve tables.

3 Look you out therefore, brethren, from among you seven men of good report, full of the Spirit and of wisdom, whom we may appoint over this business.

4 But we will continue stedfastly in prayer, and in the ministry of the word.

5 And the saying pleased the whole multitude: and they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit, and Philip, and Prochorus, and Nicanor, and Timon, and Parmenas, and Nicolas a proselyte of Antioch:

6 whom they set before the apostles: and when they had prayed, they laid their hands on them.

7 And the word of God increased; and the number of the disciples multiplied in Jerusalem exceedingly; and a great company of the priests were obedient to the faith.

8 And Stephen, full of grace and power, wrought great wonders and signs among the people.

9 But there arose certain of them that were of the synagogue called the synagogue of the Libertines, and of the Cyrenians, and of the Alexandrians, and of them of Cilicia and Asia, disputing with Stephen.

10 And they were not able to withstand the wisdom and the Spirit by which he spake.

11 Then they suborned men, which said, We have heard him speak blasphemous words against Moses, and against God.

12 And they stirred up the people, and the elders, and the scribes, and came upon him, and seized him, and brought him into the council,

13 and set up false witnesses, which said, This man ceases not to speak words against this holy place, and the law:

14 for we have heard him say, that this Jesus of Nazareth shall destroy this place, and shall change the customs which Moses delivered unto us.

15 And all that sat in the council, fastening their eyes on him, saw his face as it had been the face of an angel.

Chapter 7

1 And the high priest said, Are these things so?

2 And he said, Brethren and fathers, hearken. The God of glory appeared unto our father Abraham, when he was in Mesopotamia, before he dwelt in Haran,

3 and said unto him, Get you out of your land, and from your kindred, and come into the land which I shall shew you.

4 Then came he out of the land of the Chaldaeans, and dwelt in Haran: and from thence, when his father was dead, God removed him into this land, wherein you now dwell:

5 and he gave him none inheritance in it, no, not so much as to set his foot on: and he promised that he would give it to him in possession, and to his seed after him, when as yet he had no child.

6 And God spake on this wise, that his seed should sojourn in a strange land, and that they should bring them into bondage, and entreat them evil, four hundred years.

7 And the nation to which they shall be in bondage will I judge, said God: and after that shall they come forth, and serve me in this place.

8 And he gave him the covenant of circumcision: and so Abraham begat Isaac, and circumcised him the eighth day; and Isaac begat Jacob, and Jacob the twelve patriarchs.

9 And the patriarchs, moved with jealousy against Joseph, sold him into Egypt: and God was with him,

10 and delivered him out of all his afflictions, and gave him favour and wisdom before Pharaoh king of Egypt; and he made him governor over Egypt and all his house.

11 Now there came a famine over all Egypt and Canaan, and great affliction: and our fathers found no sustenance.

12 But when Jacob heard that there was corn in Egypt, he sent forth our fathers the first time.

13 And at the second time Joseph was made known to his brethren; and Joseph's race became manifest unto Pharaoh.

14 And Joseph sent, and called to him Jacob his father, and all his kindred, threescore and fifteen souls.

15 And Jacob went down into Egypt; and he died, himself, and our fathers;

16 and they were carried over unto Shechem, and laid in the tomb that Abraham bought for a price in silver of the sons of Hamor in Shechem.

17 But as the time of the promise drew nigh, which God vouchsafed unto Abraham, the people grew and multiplied in Egypt,

18 till there arose another king over Egypt, which knew not Joseph.

19 The same dealt subtilly with our race, and evil entreated our fathers, that they should cast out their babes to the end they might not live.

20 At which season Moses was born, and was exceeding fair; and he was nourished three months in his father's house:

21 and when he was cast out, Pharaoh's daughter took him up, and nourished him for her own son.

22 And Moses was instructed in all the wisdom of the Egyptians; and he was mighty in his words and works.

23 But when he was well-nigh forty years old, it came into his heart to visit his brethren the children of Israel.

24 And seeing one of them suffer wrong, he defended him, and avenged him that was oppressed, smiting the Egyptian:

25 and he supposed that his brethren understood how that God by his hand was giving them deliverance; but they understood not.

26 And the day following he appeared unto them as they strove, and would have set them at one again, saying, Sirs, you are brethren; why do you wrong one to another?

27 But he that did his neighbour wrong thrust him away, saying, Who made you a ruler and a judge over us?

28 Would you kill me, as you killedst the Egyptian yesterday?

29 And Moses fled at this saying, and became a sojourner in the land of Midian, where he begat two sons.

30 And when forty years were fulfilled, an angel appeared to him in the wilderness of mount Sinai, in a flame of fire in a bush.

31 And when Moses saw it, he wondered at the sight: and as he drew near to behold, there came a voice of the Lord,

32 I am the God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, and of Isaac, and of Jacob. And Moses trembled, and durst not behold.

33 And the Lord said unto him, Loose the shoes from your feet: for the place whereon you stand is holy ground.

34 I have surely seen the affliction of my people which is in Egypt, and have heard their groaning, and I am come down to deliver them: and now come, I will send you into Egypt.

35 This Moses whom they refused, saying, Who made you a ruler and a judge? him has God sent to be both a ruler and a deliverer with the hand of the angel which appeared to him in the bush.

36 This man led them forth, having wrought wonders and signs in Egypt, and in the Red sea, and in the wilderness forty years.

37 This is that Moses, which said unto the children of Israel, A prophet shall God raise up unto you from among your brethren, like unto me.

38 This is he that was in the church in the wilderness with the angel which spake to him in the mount Sinai, and with our fathers: who received living oracles to give unto us:

39 to whom our fathers would not be obedient, but thrust him from them, and turned back in their hearts unto Egypt,

40 saying unto Aaron, Make us gods which shall go before us: for as for this Moses, which led us forth out of the land of Egypt, we wot not what is become of him.

41 And they made a calf in those days, and brought a sacrifice unto the idol, and rejoiced in the works of their hands.

42 But God turned, and gave them up to serve the host of heaven; as it is written in the book of the prophets, Did you offer unto me slain beasts and sacrifices Forty years in the wilderness, O house of Israel?

43 And you took up the tabernacle of Moloch, And the star of the god Rephan, The figures which you made to worship them: And I will carry you away beyond Babylon.

44 Our fathers had the tabernacle of the testimony in the wilderness, even as he appointed who spake unto Moses, that he should make it according to the figure that he had seen.

45 Which also our fathers, in their turn, brought in with Joshua when they entered on the possession of the nations, which God thrust out before the face of our fathers, unto the days of David;

46 who found favour in the sight of God, and asked to find a habitation for the God of Jacob.

47 But Solomon built him a house.

48 Howbeit the Most High dwells not in houses made with hands; as says the prophet,

49 The heaven is my throne, And the earth the footstool of my feet: What manner of house will you build me? says the Lord: Or what is the place of my rest?

50 Did not my hand make all these things?

51 You stiffnecked and uncircumcised in heart and ears, you do always resist the Holy Ghost: as your fathers did, so do you.

52 Which of the prophets did not your fathers persecute? and they killed them which shewed before of the coming of

the Righteous One; of whom you have now become betrayers and murderers;

53 you who received the law as it was ordained by angels, and kept it not.

54 Now when they heard these things, they were cut to the heart, and they gnashed on him with their teeth.

55 But he, being full of the Holy Ghost, looked up stedfastly into heaven, and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing on the right hand of God,

56 and said, Behold, I see the heavens opened, and the Son of man standing on the right hand of God.

57 But they cried out with a loud voice, and stopped their ears, and rushed upon him with one accord;

58 and they cast him out of the city, and stoned him: and the witnesses laid down their garments at the feet of a young man named Saul.

59 And they stoned Stephen, calling upon the Lord, and saying, Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.

60 And he kneeled down, and cried with a loud voice, Lord, lay not this sin to their charge. And when he had said this, he fell asleep.

Chapter 8

1 And Saul was consenting unto his death. And there arose on that day a great persecution against the church which was in Jerusalem; and they were all scattered abroad throughout the regions of Judea and Samaria, except the apostles.

2 And devout men buried Stephen, and made great lamentation over him.

3 But Saul laid waste the church, entering into every house, and haling men and women committed them to prison.

4 They therefore that were scattered abroad went about preaching the word.

5 And Philip went down to the city of Samaria, and proclaimed unto them the Christ.

6 And the multitudes gave heed with one accord unto the things that were spoken by Philip, when they heard, and saw the signs which he did.

7 For from many of those which had unclean spirits, they came out, crying with a loud voice: and many that were palsied, and that were lame, were healed.

8 And there was much joy in that city.

9 But there was a certain man, Simon by name, which beforetime in the city used sorcery, and amazed the people of Samaria, giving out that himself was some great one:

10 to whom they all gave heed, from the least to the greatest, saying, This man is that power of God which is called Great.

11 And they gave heed to him, because that of long time he had amazed them with his sorceries.

12 But when they believed Philip preaching good tidings concerning the kingdom of God and the name of Jesus Christ, they were baptized, both men and women.

13 And Simon also himself believed: and being baptized, he continued with Philip; and beholding signs and great miracles wrought, he was amazed.

14 Now when the apostles which were at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had received the word of God, they sent unto them Peter and John:

15 who, when they were come down, prayed for them, that they might receive the Holy Ghost:

16 for as yet he was fallen upon none of them: only they had been baptized into the name of the Lord Jesus.

17 Then laid they their hands on them, and they received the Holy Ghost.

18 Now when Simon saw that through the laying on of the apostles' hands the Holy Ghost was given, he offered them money,

19 saying, Give me also this power, that on whomsoever I lay my hands, he may receive the Holy Ghost.

20 But Peter said unto him, Your silver perish with you, because you have thought to obtain the gift of God with money.

21 You have neither part nor lot in this matter: for your heart is not right before God.

22 Repent therefore of this your wickedness, and pray the Lord, if perhaps the thought of your heart shall be forgiven you.

23 For I see that you are in the gall of bitterness and in the bond of iniquity.

24 And Simon answered and said, Pray you for me to the Lord, that none of the things which you have spoken come upon me.

25 They therefore, when they had testified and spoken the word of the Lord, returned to Jerusalem, and preached the gospel to many villages of the Samaritans.

26 But an angel of the Lord spake unto Philip, saying, Arise, and go toward the south unto the way that goes down from Jerusalem unto Gaza: the same is desert.

27 And he arose and went: and behold, a man of Ethiopia, a eunuch of great authority under Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, who was over all her treasure, who had come to Jerusalem for to worship;

28 and he was returning and sitting in his chariot, and was reading the prophet Isaiah.

29 And the Spirit said unto Philip, Go near, and join yourself to this chariot.

30 And Philip ran to him, and heard him reading Isaiah the prophet, and said, Understand you what you read?

31 And he said, How can I, except some one shall guide me? And he besought Philip to come up and sit with him.

32 Now the place of the scripture which he was reading was this, He was led as a sheep to the slaughter; And as a lamb before his shearer is dumb, So he opens not his mouth:

33 In his humiliation his judgment was taken away: His generation who shall declare? For his life is taken from the earth.

34 And the eunuch answered Philip, and said, I pray you, of whom speaks the prophet this? of himself, or of some other?

35 And Philip opened his mouth, and beginning from this scripture, preached unto him Jesus.

36 And as they went on the way, they came unto a certain water; and the eunuch says, Behold, here is water; what does hinder me to be baptized?

38 And he commanded the chariot to stand still: and they both went down into the water, both Philip and the eunuch; and he baptized him.

39 And when they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord caught away Philip; and the eunuch saw him no more, for he went on his way rejoicing.

40 But Philip was found at Azotus: and passing through he preached the gospel to all the cities, till he came to Caesarea.

Chapter 9

1 But Saul, yet breathing threatening and slaughter against the disciples of the Lord, went unto the high priest,

2 and asked of him letters to Damascus unto the synagogues, that if he found any that were of the Way, whether men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem.

3 And as he journeyed, it came to pass that he drew nigh unto Damascus: and suddenly there shone round about him a light out of heaven:

4 and he fell upon the earth, and heard a voice saying unto him, Saul, Saul, why persecute you me?

5 And he said, Who are you, Lord? And he said, I am Jesus whom you persecute:

6 but rise, and enter into the city, and it shall be told you what you must do.

7 And the men that journeyed with him stood speechless, hearing the voice, but beholding no man.

8 And Saul arose from the earth; and when his eyes were opened, he saw nothing; and they led him by the hand, and brought him into Damascus.

9 And he was three days without sight, and did neither eat nor drink.

10 Now there was a certain disciple at Damascus, named Ananias; and the Lord said unto him in a vision, Ananias. And he said, Behold, I am here, Lord.

11 And the Lord said unto him, Arise, and go to the street which is called Straight, and inquire in the house of Judas for one named Saul, a man of Tarsus: for behold, he prays;

12 and he has seen a man named Ananias coming in, and laying his hands on him, that he might receive his sight.

13 But Ananias answered, Lord, I have heard from many of this man, how much evil he did to your saints at Jerusalem:

14 and here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all that call upon your name.

15 But the Lord said unto him, Go your way: for he is a chosen vessel unto me, to bear my name before the Gentiles and kings, and the children of Israel:

16 for I will shew him how many things he must suffer for my name's sake.

17 And Ananias departed, and entered into the house; and laying his hands on him said, Brother Saul, the Lord, even Jesus, who appeared unto you in the way which you came, has sent me, that you may receive your sight, and be filled with the Holy Ghost.

18 And straightway there fell from his eyes as it were scales, and he received his sight; and he arose and was baptized;

19 and he took food and was strengthened. And he was certain days with the disciples which were at Damascus.

20 And straightway in the synagogues he proclaimed Jesus, that he is the Son of God.

21 And all that heard him were amazed, and said, Is not this he that in Jerusalem made havock of them which called on this name? and he had come hither for this intent, that he might bring them bound before the chief priests.

22 But Saul increased the more in strength, and confounded the Jews which dwelt at Damascus, proving that this is the Christ.

23 And when many days were fulfilled, the Jews took counsel together to kill him:

24 but their plot became known to Saul. And they watched the gates also day and night that they might kill him:

25 but his disciples took him by night, and let him down through the wall, lowering him in a basket.

26 And when he was come to Jerusalem, he assayed to join himself to the disciples: and they were all afraid of him, not believing that he was a disciple.

27 But Barnabas took him, and brought him to the apostles, and declared unto them how he had seen the Lord in the way, and that he had spoken to him, and how at Damascus he had preached boldly in the name of Jesus.

28 And he was with them going in and going out at Jerusalem,

29 preaching boldly in the name of the Lord: and he spake and disputed against the Grecian Jews; but they went about to kill him.

30 And when the brethren knew it, they brought him down to Caesarea, and sent him forth to Tarsus.

31 So the church throughout all Judea and Galilee and Samaria had peace, being edified; and, walking in the fear of the Lord and in the comfort of the Holy Ghost, was multiplied.

32 And it came to pass, as Peter went throughout all parts, he came down also to the saints which dwelt at Lydda.

33 And there he found a certain man named AEneas, which had kept his bed eight years; for he was palsied.

34 And Peter said unto him, AEneas, Jesus Christ heals you: arise, and make your bed. And straightway he arose.

35 And all that dwelt at Lydda and in Sharon saw him, and they turned to the Lord.

36 Now there was at Joppa a certain disciple named Tabitha, which by interpretation is called Dorcas: this woman was full of good works and almsdeeds which she did.

37 And it came to pass in those days, that she fell sick, and died: and when they had washed her, they laid her in an upper chamber.

38 And as Lydda was nigh unto Joppa, the disciples, hearing that Peter was there, sent two men unto him, entreating him, Delay not to come on unto us.

39 And Peter arose and went with them. And when he was come, they brought him into the upper chamber: and all the widows stood by him weeping, and shewing the coats and garments which Dorcas made, while she was with them.

40 But Peter put them all forth, and kneeled down, and prayed; and turning to the body, he said, Tabitha, arise. And she opened her eyes; and when she saw Peter, she sat up.

41 And he gave her his hand, and raised her up; and calling the saints and widows, he presented her alive.

42 And it became known throughout all Joppa: and many believed on the Lord.

43 And it came to pass, that he abode many days in Joppa with one Simon a tanner.

Chapter 10

1 Now there was a certain man in Caesarea, Cornelius by name, a centurion of the band called the Italian band,

2 a devout man, and one that feared God with all his house, who gave much alms to the people, and prayed to God alway.

3 He saw in a vision openly, as it were about the ninth hour of the day, an angel of God coming in unto him, and saying to him, Cornelius.

4 And he, fastening his eyes upon him, and being affrighted, said, What is it, Lord? And he said unto him, Your prayers and your alms are gone up for a memorial before God.

5 And now send men to Joppa, and fetch one Simon, who is surnamed Peter:

6 he lodges with one Simon a tanner, whose house is by the sea side.

7 And when the angel that spake unto him was departed, he called two of his household-servants, and a devout soldier of them that waited on him continually;

8 and having rehearsed all things unto them, he sent them to Joppa.

9 Now on the morrow, as they were on their journey, and drew nigh unto the city, Peter went up upon the housetop to pray, about the sixth hour:

10 and he became hungry, and desired to eat: but while they made ready, he fell into a trance;

11 and he beholds the heaven opened, and a certain vessel descending, as it were a great sheet, let down by four corners upon the earth:

12 wherein were all manner of fourfooted beasts and creeping things of the earth and fowls of the heaven.

13 And there came a voice to him, Rise, Peter; kill and eat.

14 But Peter said, Not so, Lord; for I have never eaten anything that is common and unclean.

15 And a voice came unto him again the second time, What God has cleansed, make not you common.

16 And this was done thrice: and straightway the vessel was received up into heaven.

17 Now while Peter was much perplexed in himself what the vision which he had seen might mean, behold, the men that were sent by Cornelius, having made inquiry for Simon's house, stood before the gate,

18 and called and asked whether Simon, which was surnamed Peter, were lodging there.

19 And while Peter thought on the vision, the Spirit said unto him, Behold, three men seek you.

20 But arise, and get you down, and go with them, nothing doubting: for I have sent them.

21 And Peter went down to the men, and said, Behold, I am he whom you seek: what is the cause wherefore you are come?

22 And they said, Cornelius a centurion, a righteous man and one that fears God, and well reported of by all the nation of the Jews, was warned of God by a holy angel to send for you into his house, and to hear words from you.

23 So he called them in and lodged them. And on the morrow he arose and went forth with them, and certain of the brethren from Joppa accompanied him.

24 And on the morrow they entered into Caesarea. And Cornelius was waiting for them, having called together his kinsmen and his near friends.

25 And when it came to pass that Peter entered, Cornelius met him, and fell down at his feet, and worshipped him.

26 But Peter raised him up, saying, Stand up; I myself also am a man.

27 And as he talked with him, he went in, and finds many come together:

28 and he said unto them, You yourselves know how that it is an unlawful thing for a man that is a Jew to join himself or come unto one of another nation; and yet unto me has God shewed that I should not call any man common or unclean:

29 wherefore also I came without gainsaying, when I was sent for. I ask therefore with what intent you sent for me.

30 And Cornelius said, Four days ago, until this hour, I was keeping the ninth hour of prayer in my house; and behold, a man stood before me in bright apparel,

31 and says, Cornelius, your prayer is heard, and your alms are had in remembrance in the sight of God.

32 Send therefore to Joppa, and call unto you Simon, who is surnamed Peter; he lodges in the house of Simon a tanner, by the sea side.

33 Forthwith therefore I sent to you; and you have well done that you are come. Now therefore we are all here present in the sight of God, to hear all things that have been commanded you of the Lord.

34 And Peter opened his mouth, and said, Of a truth I perceive that God is no respecter of persons:

35 but in every nation he that fears him, and works righteousness, is acceptable to him.

36 The word which he sent unto the children of Israel, preaching good tidings of peace by Jesus Christ (he is Lord of all)—

37 that saying you yourselves know, which was published throughout all Judea, beginning from Galilee, after the baptism which John preached;

38 even Jesus of Nazareth, how that God anointed him with the Holy Ghost and with power: who went about doing good, and healing all that were oppressed of the devil; for God was with him.

39 And we are witnesses of all things which he did both in the country of the Jews, and in Jerusalem; whom also they slew, hanging him on a tree.

40 Him God raised up the third day, and gave him to be made manifest,

41 not to all the people, but unto witnesses that were chosen before of God, even to us, who did eat and drink with him after he rose from the dead.

42 And he charged us to preach unto the people, and to testify that this is he which is ordained of God to be the Judge of quick and dead.

43 To him bear all the prophets witness, that through his name every one that believes on him shall receive remission of sins.

44 While Peter yet spake these words, the Holy Ghost fell on all them which heard the word.

45 And they of the circumcision which believed were amazed, as many as came with Peter, because that on the Gentiles also was poured out the gift of the Holy Ghost.

46 For they heard them speak with tongues, and magnify God. Then answered Peter,

47 Can any man forbid the water, that these should not be baptized, which have received the Holy Ghost as well as we?

48 And he commanded them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then prayed they him to tarry certain days.

Chapter 11

1 Now the apostles and the brethren that were in Judea heard that the Gentiles also had received the word of God.

2 And when Peter was come up to Jerusalem, they that were of the circumcision contended with him,

3 saying, You went in to men uncircumcised, and did eat with them.

4 But Peter began, and expounded the matter unto them in order, saying,

5 I was in the city of Joppa praying: and in a trance I saw a vision, a certain vessel descending, as it were a great sheet let down from heaven by four corners; and it came even unto me:

6 upon the which when I had fastened mine eyes, I considered, and saw the fourfooted beasts of the earth and wild beasts and creeping things and fowls of the heaven.

7 And I heard also a voice saying unto me, Rise, Peter; kill and eat.

8 But I said, Not so, Lord: for nothing common or unclean has ever entered into my mouth.

9 But a voice answered the second time out of heaven, What God has cleansed, make not you common.

10 And this was done thrice: and all were drawn up again into heaven.

11 And behold, forthwith three men stood before the house in which we were, having been sent from Caesarea unto me.

12 And the Spirit bade me go with them, making no distinction. And these six brethren also accompanied me; and we entered into the man's house:

13 and he told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house, and saying, Send to Joppa, and fetch Simon, whose surname is Peter;

14 who shall speak unto you words, whereby you shall be saved, you and all your house.

15 And as I began to speak, the Holy Ghost fell on them, even as on us at the beginning.

16 And I remembered the word of the Lord, how that he said, John indeed baptized with water; but you shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost.

17 If then God gave unto them the like gift as he did also unto us, when we believed on the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I, that I could withstand God?

18 And when they heard these things, they held their peace, and glorified God, saying, Then to the Gentiles also has God granted repentance unto life.

19 They therefore that were scattered abroad upon the tribulation that arose about Stephen travelled as far as Phoenicia, and Cyprus, and Antioch, speaking the word to none save only to Jews.

20 But there were some of them, men of Cyprus and Cyrene, who, when they were come to Antioch, spake unto the Greeks also, preaching the Lord Jesus.

21 And the hand of the Lord was with them: and a great number that believed turned unto the Lord.

22 And the report concerning them came to the ears of the church which was in Jerusalem: and they sent forth Barnabas as far as Antioch:

23 who, when he was come, and had seen the grace of God, was glad; and he exhorted them all, that with purpose of heart they would cleave unto the Lord:

24 for he was a good man, and full of the Holy Ghost and of faith: and much people was added unto the Lord.

25 And he went forth to Tarsus to seek for Saul:

26 and when he had found him, he brought him unto Antioch. And it came to pass, that even for a whole year they were gathered together with the church, and taught much people; and that the disciples were called Christians first in Antioch.

27 Now in these days there came down prophets from Jerusalem unto Antioch.

28 And there stood up one of them named Agabus, and signified by the Spirit that there should be a great famine over all the world: which came to pass in the days of Claudius.

29 And the disciples, every man according to his ability, determined to send relief unto the brethren that dwelt in Judea:

30 which also they did, sending it to the elders by the hand of Barnabas and Saul.

Chapter 12

1 Now about that time Herod the king put forth his hands to afflict certain of the church.

2 And he killed James the brother of John with the sword.

3 And when he saw that it pleased the Jews, he proceeded to seize Peter also. And those were the days of unleavened bread.

4 And when he had taken him, he put him in prison, and delivered him to four quaternions of soldiers to guard him; intending after the Passover to bring him forth to the people.

5 Peter therefore was kept in the prison: but prayer was made earnestly of the church unto God for him.

6 And when Herod was about to bring him forth, the same night Peter was sleeping between two soldiers, bound with two chains: and guards before the door kept the prison.

7 And behold, an angel of the Lord stood by him, and a light shined in the cell: and he smote Peter on the side, and awoke him, saying, Rise up quickly. And his chains fell off from his hands.

8 And the angel said unto him, Gird yourself, and bind on your sandals. And he did so. And he says unto him, Cast your garment about you, and follow me.

9 And he went out, and followed; and he wist not that it was true which was done by the angel, but thought he saw a vision.

10 And when they were past the first and the second ward, they came unto the iron gate that leads into the city; which opened to them of its own accord: and they went out, and passed on through one street; and straightway the angel departed from him.

11 And when Peter was come to himself, he said, Now I know of a truth, that the Lord has sent forth his angel and delivered me out of the hand of Herod, and from all the expectation of the people of the Jews.

12 And when he had considered the thing, he came to the house of Mary the mother of John whose surname was Mark; where many were gathered together and were praying.

13 And when he knocked at the door of the gate, a maid
came to answer, named Rhoda.

14 And when she knew Peter's voice, she opened not the
gate for joy, but ran in, and told that Peter stood before the
gate.

15 And they said unto her, You are mad. But she
confidently affirmed that it was even so. And they said, It is
his angel.

16 But Peter continued knocking: and when they had
opened, they saw him, and were amazed.

17 But he, beckoning unto them with the hand to hold
their peace, declared unto them how the Lord had brought
him forth out of the prison. And he said, Tell these things
unto James, and to the brethren. And he departed, and
went to another place.

18 Now as soon as it was day, there was no small stir among
the soldiers, what was become of Peter.

19 And when Herod had sought for him, and found him
not, he examined the guards, and commanded that they
should be put to death. And he went down from Judea to
Caesarea, and tarried there.

20 Now he was highly displeased with them of Tyre and
Sidon: and they came with one accord to him, and, having
made Blastus the king's chamberlain their friend, they
asked for peace, because their country was fed from the
king's country.

21 And upon a set day Herod arrayed himself in royal
apparel, and sat on the throne, and made an oration unto
them.

22 And the people shouted, saying, The voice of a god, and
not of a man.

23 And immediately an angel of the Lord smote him,
because he gave not God the glory: and he was eaten of
worms, and gave up the ghost.

24 But the word of God grew and multiplied.

25 And Barnabas and Saul returned from Jerusalem, when
they had fulfilled their ministration, taking with them John
whose surname was Mark.

Chapter 13

1 Now there were at Antioch, in the church that was there,
prophets and teachers, Barnabas, and Simeon that was
called Niger, and Lucius of Cyrene, and Manaen the
foster-brother of Herod the tetrarch, and Saul.

2 And as they ministered to the Lord, and fasted, the Holy
Ghost said, Separate me Barnabas and Saul for the work
whereunto I have called them.

3 Then, when they had fasted and prayed and laid their
hands on them, they sent them away.

4 So they, being sent forth by the Holy Ghost, went down
to Seleucia; and from thence they sailed to Cyprus.

5 And when they were at Salamis, they proclaimed the
word of God in the synagogues of the Jews: and they had
also John as their attendant.

6 And when they had gone through the whole island unto
Paphos, they found a certain sorcerer, a false prophet, a
Jew, whose name was Bar-Jesus;

7 which was with the proconsul, Sergius Paulus, a man of
understanding. The same called unto him Barnabas and
Saul, and sought to hear the word of God.

8 But Elymas the sorcerer (for so is his name by
interpretation) withstood them, seeking to turn aside the
proconsul from the faith.

9 But Saul, who is also called Paul, filled with the Holy
Ghost, fastened his eyes on him,

10 and said, O full of all guile and all villany, you son of the
devil, you enemy of all righteousness, will you not cease to
pervert the right ways of the Lord?

11 And now, behold, the hand of the Lord is upon you, and
you shall be blind, not seeing the sun for a season. And
immediately there fell on him a mist and a darkness; and he
went about seeking some to lead him by the hand.

12 Then the proconsul, when he saw what was done,
believed, being astonished at the teaching of the Lord.

13 Now Paul and his company set sail from Paphos, and
came to Perga in Pamphylia: and John departed from them
and returned to Jerusalem.

14 But they, passing through from Perga, came to Antioch
of Pisidia; and they went into the synagogue on the sabbath
day, and sat down.

15 And after the reading of the law and the prophets the
rulers of the synagogue sent unto them, saying, Brethren, if
you have any word of exhortation for the people, say on.

16 And Paul stood up, and beckoning with the hand said,
Men of Israel, and you that fear God, hearken.

17 The God of this people Israel chose our fathers, and
exalted the people when they sojourned in the land of
Egypt, and with a high arm led he them forth out of it.

18 And for about the time of forty years suffered he their
manners in the wilderness.

19 And when he had destroyed seven nations in the land of
Canaan, he gave them their land for an inheritance, for
about four hundred and fifty years:

20 and after these things he gave them judges until Samuel
the prophet.

21 And afterward they asked for a king: and God gave unto
them Saul the son of Kish, a man of the tribe of Benjamin,
for the space of forty years.

22 And when he had removed him, he raised up David to be their king; to whom also he bare witness, and said, I have found David the son of Jesse, a man after my heart, who shall do all my will.

23 Of this man's seed has God according to promise brought unto Israel a Saviour, Jesus;

24 when John had first preached before his coming the baptism of repentance to all the people of Israel.

25 And as John was fulfilling his course, he said, What suppose you that I am? I am not he. But behold, there comes one after me, the shoes of whose feet I am not worthy to unloose.

26 Brethren, children of the stock of Abraham, and those among you that fear God, to us is the word of this salvation sent forth.

27 For they that dwell in Jerusalem, and their rulers, because they knew him not, nor the voices of the prophets which are read every sabbath, fulfilled them by condemning him.

28 And though they found no cause of death in him, yet asked they of Pilate that he should be slain.

29 And when they had fulfilled all things that were written of him, they took him down from the tree, and laid him in a tomb.

30 But God raised him from the dead:

31 and he was seen for many days of them that came up with him from Galilee to Jerusalem, who are now his witnesses unto the people.

32 And we bring you good tidings of the promise made unto the fathers,

33 how that God has fulfilled the same unto our children, in that he raised up Jesus; as also it is written in the second psalm, You are my Son, this day have I begotten you.

34 And as concerning that he raised him up from the dead, now no more to return to corruption, he has spoken on this wise, I will give you the holy and sure blessings of David.

35 Because he says also in another psalm, You will not give your Holy One to see corruption.

36 For David, after he had in his own generation served the counsel of God, fell on sleep, and was laid unto his fathers, and saw corruption:

37 but he whom God raised up saw no corruption.

38 Be it known unto you therefore, brethren, that through this man is proclaimed unto you remission of sins:

39 and by him every one that believes is justified from all things, from which you could not be justified by the law of Moses.

40 Beware therefore, lest that come upon you, which is spoken in the prophets;

41 Behold, you despisers, and wonder, and perish; For I work a work in your days, A work which you shall in no wise believe, if one declare it unto you.

42 And as they went out, they besought that these words might be spoken to them the next sabbath.

43 Now when the synagogue broke up, many of the Jews and of the devout proselytes followed Paul and Barnabas: who, speaking to them, urged them to continue in the grace of God.

44 And the next sabbath almost the whole city was gathered together to hear the word of God.

45 But when the Jews saw the multitudes, they were filled with jealousy, and contradicted the things which were spoken by Paul, and blasphemed.

46 And Paul and Barnabas spake out boldly, and said, It was necessary that the word of God should first be spoken to you. Seeing you thrust it from you, and judge yourselves unworthy of eternal life, lo, we turn to the Gentiles.

47 For so has the Lord commanded us, saying, I have set you for a light of the Gentiles, That you should be for salvation unto the uttermost part of the earth.

48 And as the Gentiles heard this, they were glad, and glorified the word of God: and as many as were ordained to eternal life believed.

49 And the word of the Lord was spread abroad throughout all the region.

50 But the Jews urged on the devout women of honourable estate, and the chief men of the city, and stirred up a persecution against Paul and Barnabas, and cast them out of their borders.

51 But they shook off the dust of their feet against them, and came unto Iconium.

52 And the disciples were filled with joy and with the Holy Ghost.

Chapter 14

1 And it came to pass in Iconium, that they entered together into the synagogue of the Jews, and so spake, that a great multitude both of Jews and of Greeks believed.

2 But the Jews that were disobedient stirred up the souls of the Gentiles, and made them evil affected against the brethren.

3 Long time therefore they tarried there speaking boldly in the Lord, which bare witness unto the word of his grace, granting signs and wonders to be done by their hands.

4 But the multitude of the city was divided; and part held with the Jews, and part with the apostles.

5 And when there was made an onset both of the Gentiles and of the Jews with their rulers, to entreat them shamefully, and to stone them,

6 they became aware of it, and fled unto the cities of Lycaonia, Lystra and Derbe, and the region round about:

7 and there they preached the gospel.

8 And at Lystra there sat a certain man, impotent in his feet, a cripple from his mother's womb, who never had walked.

9 The same heard Paul speaking: who, fastening his eyes upon him, and seeing that he had faith to be made whole,

10 said with a loud voice, Stand upright on your feet. And he leaped up and walked.

11 And when the multitudes saw what Paul had done, they lifted up their voice, saying in the speech of Lycaonia, The gods are come down to us in the likeness of men.

12 And they called Barnabas, Jupiter; and Paul, Mercury, because he was the chief speaker.

13 And the priest of Jupiter whose temple was before the city, brought oxen and garlands unto the gates, and would have done sacrifice with the multitudes.

14 But when the apostles, Barnabas and Paul, heard of it, they rent their garments, and sprang forth among the multitude, crying out

15 and saying, Sirs, why do you these things? We also are men of like passions with you, and bring you good tidings, that you should turn from these vain things unto the living God, who made the heaven and the earth and the sea, and all that in them is:

16 who in the generations gone by suffered all the nations to walk in their own ways.

17 And yet he left not himself without witness, in that he did good, and gave you from heaven rains and fruitful seasons, filling your hearts with food and gladness.

18 And with these sayings scarce restrained they the multitudes from doing sacrifice unto them.

19 But there came Jews thither from Antioch and Iconium: and having persuaded the multitudes, they stoned Paul, and dragged him out of the city, supposing that he was dead.

20 But as the disciples stood round about him, he rose up, and entered into the city: and on the morrow he went forth with Barnabas to Derbe.

21 And when they had preached the gospel to that city, and had made many disciples, they returned to Lystra, and to Iconium, and to Antioch,

22 confirming the souls of the disciples, exhorting them to continue in the faith, and that through many tribulations we must enter into the kingdom of God.

23 And when they had appointed for them elders in every church, and had prayed with fasting, they commended them to the Lord, on whom they had believed.

24 And they passed through Pisidia, and came to Pamphylia.

25 And when they had spoken the word in Perga, they went down to Attalia;

26 and thence they sailed to Antioch, from whence they had been committed to the grace of God for the work which they had fulfilled.

27 And when they were come, and had gathered the church together, they rehearsed all things that God had done with them, and how that he had opened a door of faith unto the Gentiles.

28 And they tarried no little time with the disciples.

Chapter 15

1 And certain men came down from Judea and taught the brethren, saying, Except you be circumcised after the custom of Moses, you cannot be saved.

2 And when Paul and Barnabas had no small dissension and questioning with them, the brethren appointed that Paul and Barnabas, and certain other of them, should go up to Jerusalem unto the apostles and elders about this question.

3 They therefore, being brought on their way by the church, passed through both Phoenicia and Samaria, declaring the conversion of the Gentiles: and they caused great joy unto all the brethren.

4 And when they were come to Jerusalem, they were received of the church and the apostles and the elders, and they rehearsed all things that God had done with them.

5 But there rose up certain of the sect of the Pharisees who believed, saying, It is needful to circumcise them, and to charge them to keep the law of Moses.

6 And the apostles and the elders were gathered together to consider of this matter.

7 And when there had been much questioning, Peter rose up, and said unto them, Brethren, you know how that a good while ago God made choice among you, that by my mouth the Gentiles should hear the word of the gospel, and believe.

8 And God, which knows the heart, bare them witness, giving them the Holy Ghost, even as he did unto us;

9 and he made no distinction between us and them, cleansing their hearts by faith.

10 Now therefore why tempt you God, that you should put a yoke upon the neck of the disciples, which neither our fathers nor we were able to bear?

11 But we believe that we shall be saved through the grace of the Lord Jesus, in like manner as they.

12 And all the multitude kept silence; and they hearkened unto Barnabas and Paul rehearsing what signs and wonders God had wrought among the Gentiles by them.

13 And after they had held their peace, James answered, saying, Brethren, hearken unto me:

14 Simeon has rehearsed how first God did visit the Gentiles, to take out of them a people for his name.

15 And to this agree the words of the prophets; as it is written,

16 After these things I will return, And I will build again the tabernacle of David, which is fallen; And I will build again the ruins thereof, And I will set it up:

17 That the residue of men may seek after the Lord, And all the Gentiles, upon whom my name is called,

18 Says the Lord, who makes these things known from the beginning of the world.

19 Wherefore my judgment is, that we trouble not them which from among the Gentiles turn to God;

20 but that we write unto them, that they abstain from the pollutions of idols, and from fornication, and from what is strangled, and from blood.

21 For Moses from generations of old has in every city them that preach him, being read in the synagogues every sabbath.

22 Then it seemed good to the apostles and the elders, with the whole church, to choose men out of their company, and send them to Antioch with Paul and Barnabas; namely, Judas called Barsabbas, and Silas, chief men among the brethren:

23 and they wrote thus by them, The apostles and the elder brethren unto the brethren which are of the Gentiles in Antioch and Syria and Cilicia, greeting:

24 Forasmuch as we have heard that certain which went out from us have troubled you with words, subverting your souls; to whom we gave no commandment;

25 it seemed good unto us, having come to one accord, to choose out men and send them unto you with our beloved Barnabas and Paul,

26 men that have hazarded their lives for the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

27 We have sent therefore Judas and Silas, who themselves also shall tell you the same things by word of mouth.

28 For it seemed good to the Holy Ghost, and to us, to lay upon you no greater burden than these necessary things;

29 that you abstain from things sacrificed to idols, and from blood, and from things strangled, and from fornication; from which if you keep yourselves, it shall be well with you. Fare you well.

30 So they, when they were dismissed, came down to Antioch; and having gathered the multitude together, they delivered the epistle.

31 And when they had read it, they rejoiced for the consolation.

32 And Judas and Silas, being themselves also prophets, exhorted the brethren with many words, and confirmed them.

33 And after they had spent some time there, they were dismissed in peace from the brethren unto those that had sent them forth.

35 But Paul and Barnabas tarried in Antioch, teaching and preaching the word of the Lord, with many others also.

36 And after some days Paul said unto Barnabas, Let us return now and visit the brethren in every city wherein we proclaimed the word of the Lord, and see how they fare.

37 And Barnabas was minded to take with them John also, who was called Mark.

38 But Paul thought not good to take with them him who withdrew from them from Pamphylia, and went not with them to the work.

39 And there arose a sharp contention, so that they parted asunder one from the other, and Barnabas took Mark with him, and sailed away unto Cyprus;

40 but Paul chose Silas, and went forth, being commended by the brethren to the grace of the Lord.

41 And he went through Syria and Cilicia, confirming the churches.

Chapter 16

1 And he came also to Derbe and to Lystra: and behold, a certain disciple was there, named Timothy, the son of a Jewess which believed; but his father was a Greek.

2 The same was well reported of by the brethren that were at Lystra and Iconium.

3 Him would Paul have to go forth with him; and he took and circumcised him because of the Jews that were in those parts: for they all knew that his father was a Greek.

4 And as they went on their way through the cities, they delivered them the decrees for to keep, which had been ordained of the apostles and elders that were at Jerusalem.

5 So the churches were strengthened in the faith, and increased in number daily.

6 And they went through the region of Phrygia and Galatia, having been forbidden of the Holy Ghost to speak the word in Asia;

7 and when they were come over against Mysia, they assayed to go into Bithynia; and the Spirit of Jesus suffered them not;

8 and passing by Mysia, they came down to Troas.

9 And a vision appeared to Paul in the night; There was a man of Macedonia standing, beseeching him, and saying, Come over into Macedonia, and help us.

10 And when he had seen the vision, straightway we sought to go forth into Macedonia, concluding that God had called us for to preach the gospel unto them.

11 Setting sail therefore from Troas, we made a straight course to Samothrace, and the day following to Neapolis;

12 and from thence to Philippi, which is a city of Macedonia, the first of the district, a Roman colony: and we were in this city tarrying certain days.

13 And on the sabbath day we went forth without the gate by a river side, where we supposed there was a place of prayer; and we sat down, and spake unto the women which were come together.

14 And a certain woman named Lydia, a seller of purple, of the city of Thyatira, one that worshipped God, heard us: whose heart the Lord opened, to give heed unto the things which were spoken by Paul.

15 And when she was baptized, and her household, she besought us, saying, If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come into my house, and abide there. And she constrained us.

16 And it came to pass, as we were going to the place of prayer, that a certain maid having a spirit of divination met us, which brought her masters much gain by soothsaying.

17 The same following after Paul and us cried out, saying, These men are servants of the Most High God, which proclaim unto you the way of salvation.

18 And this she did for many days. But Paul, being sore troubled, turned and said to the spirit, I charge you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her. And it came out that very hour.

19 But when her masters saw that the hope of their gain was gone, they laid hold on Paul and Silas, and dragged them into the marketplace before the rulers,

20 and when they had brought them unto the magistrates, they said, These men, being Jews, do exceedingly trouble our city,

21 and set forth customs which it is not lawful for us to receive, or to observe, being Romans.

22 And the multitude rose up together against them: and the magistrates rent their garments off them, and commanded to beat them with rods.

23 And when they had laid many stripes upon them, they cast them into prison, charging the jailor to keep them safely:

24 who, having received such a charge, cast them into the inner prison, and made their feet fast in the stocks.

25 But about midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns unto God, and the prisoners were listening to them;

26 and suddenly there was a great earthquake, so that the foundations of the prison-house were shaken: and immediately all the doors were opened; and every one's bands were loosed.

27 And the jailor being roused out of sleep, and seeing the prison doors open, drew his sword, and was about to kill himself, supposing that the prisoners had escaped.

28 But Paul cried with a loud voice, saying, Do yourself no harm: for we are all here.

29 And he called for lights, and sprang in, and, trembling for fear, fell down before Paul and Silas,

30 And brought them out, and said, Sirs, what must I do to be saved?

31 And they said, Believe on the Lord Jesus, and you shall be saved, you and your house.

32 And they spake the word of the Lord unto him, with all that were in his house.

33 And he took them the same hour of the night, and washed their stripes; and was baptized, he and all his, immediately.

34 And he brought them up into his house, and set meat before them, and rejoiced greatly, with all his house, having believed in God.

35 But when it was day, the magistrates sent the serjeants, saying, Let those men go.

36 And the jailor reported the words to Paul, saying, The magistrates have sent to let you go: now therefore come forth, and go in peace.

37 But Paul said unto them, They have beaten us publicly, uncondemned, men that are Romans, and have cast us into prison; and do they now cast us out privily? nay verily; but let them come themselves and bring us out.

38 And the serjeants reported these words unto the magistrates: and they feared, when they heard that they were Romans;

39 and they came and besought them; and when they had brought them out, they asked them to go away from the city.

40 And they went out of the prison, and entered into the house of Lydia: and when they had seen the brethren, they comforted them, and departed.

Chapter 17

1 Now when they had passed through Amphipolis and Apollonia, they came to Thessalonica, where was a synagogue of the Jews:

2 and Paul, as his custom was, went in unto them, and for three sabbath days reasoned with them from the scriptures,

3 opening and alleging, that it behoved the Christ to suffer, and to rise again from the dead; and that this Jesus, whom, said he, I proclaim unto you, is the Christ.

4 And some of them were persuaded, and consorted with Paul and Silas; and of the devout Greeks a great multitude, and of the chief women not a few.

5 But the Jews, being moved with jealousy, took unto them certain vile fellows of the rabble, and gathering a crowd, set the city on an uproar; and assaulting the house of Jason, they sought to bring them forth to the people.

6 And when they found them not, they dragged Jason and certain brethren before the rulers of the city, crying, These that have turned the world upside down are come hither also;

7 whom Jason has received: and these all act contrary to the decrees of Caesar, saying that there is another king, one Jesus.

8 And they troubled the multitude and the rulers of the city, when they heard these things.

9 And when they had taken security from Jason and the rest, they let them go.

10 And the brethren immediately sent away Paul and Silas by night unto Beroea: who when they were come thither went into the synagogue of the Jews.

11 Now these were more noble than those in Thessalonica, in that they received the word with all readiness of mind, examining the scriptures daily, whether these things were so.

12 Many of them therefore believed; also of the Greek women of honourable estate, and of men, not a few.

13 But when the Jews of Thessalonica had knowledge that the word of God was proclaimed of Paul at Beroea also, they came thither likewise, stirring up and troubling the multitudes.

14 And then immediately the brethren sent forth Paul to go as far as to the sea: and Silas and Timothy abode there still.

15 But they that conducted Paul brought him as far as Athens: and receiving a commandment unto Silas and Timothy that they should come to him with all speed, they departed.

16 Now while Paul waited for them at Athens, his spirit was provoked within him, as he beheld the city full of idols.

17 So he reasoned in the synagogue with the Jews and the devout persons, and in the marketplace every day with them that met with him.

18 And certain also of the Epicurean and Stoic philosophers encountered him. And some said, What would this babbler say? other some, He seems to be a setter forth of strange gods: because he preached Jesus and the resurrection.

19 And they took hold of him, and brought him unto the Areopagus, saying, May we know what this new teaching is, which is spoken by you?

20 For you bring certain strange things to our ears: we would know therefore what these things mean.

21 (Now all the Athenians and the strangers sojourning there spent their time in nothing else, but either to tell or to hear some new thing.)

22 And Paul stood in the midst of the Areopagus, and said, You men of Athens, in all things I perceive that you are somewhat superstitious.

23 For as I passed along, and observed the objects of your worship, I found also an altar with this inscription, TO AN UNKNOWN GOD. What therefore you worship in ignorance, this set I forth unto you.

24 The God that made the world and all things therein, he, being Lord of heaven and earth, dwells not in temples made with hands;

25 neither is he served by men's hands, as though he needed anything, seeing he himself gives to all life, and breath, and all things;

26 and he made of one every nation of men for to dwell on all the face of the earth, having determined their appointed seasons, and the bounds of their habitation;

27 that they should seek God, if haply they might feel after him, and find him, though he is not far from each one of us:

28 for in him we live, and move, and have our being; as certain even of your own poets have said, For we are also his offspring.

29 Being then the offspring of God, we ought not to think that the Godhead is like unto gold, or silver, or stone, graven by art and device of man.

30 The times of ignorance therefore God overlooked; but now he commands men that they should all everywhere repent:

31 inasmuch as he has appointed a day, in the which he will judge the world in righteousness by the man whom he has ordained; whereof he has given assurance unto all men, in that he has raised him from the dead.

32 Now when they heard of the resurrection of the dead, some mocked; but others said, We will hear you concerning this yet again.

33 Thus Paul went out from among them.

34 But certain men clave unto him, and believed: among whom also was Dionysius the Areopagite, and a woman named Damaris, and others with them.

Chapter 18

1 After these things he departed from Athens, and came to Corinth.

2 And he found a certain Jew named Aquila, a man of Pontus by race, lately come from Italy, with his wife Priscilla, because Claudius had commanded all the Jews to depart from Rome: and he came unto them;

3 and because he was of the same trade, he abode with them, and they wrought; for by their trade they were tentmakers.

4 And he reasoned in the synagogue every sabbath, and persuaded Jews and Greeks.

5 But when Silas and Timothy came down from Macedonia, Paul was constrained by the word, testifying to the Jews that Jesus was the Christ.

6 And when they opposed themselves, and blasphemed, he shook out his raiment, and said unto them, Your blood be upon your own heads; I am clean: from henceforth I will go unto the Gentiles.

7 And he departed thence, and went into the house of a certain man named Titus Justus, one that worshipped God, whose house joined hard to the synagogue.

8 And Crispus, the ruler of the synagogue, believed in the Lord with all his house; and many of the Corinthians hearing believed, and were baptized.

9 And the Lord said unto Paul in the night by a vision, Be not afraid, but speak, and hold not your peace:

10 for I am with you, and no man shall set on you to harm you: for I have much people in this city.

11 And he dwelt there a year and six months, teaching the word of God among them.

12 But when Gallio was proconsul of Achaia, the Jews with one accord rose up against Paul, and brought him before the judgment-seat,

13 saying, This man persuades men to worship God contrary to the law.

14 But when Paul was about to open his mouth, Gallio said unto the Jews, If indeed it were a matter of wrong or of wicked villany, O you Jews, reason would that I should bear with you:

15 but if they are questions about words and names and your own law, look to it yourselves; I am not minded to be a judge of these matters.

16 And he drave them from the judgment-seat.

17 And they all laid hold on Sosthenes, the ruler of the synagogue, and beat him before the judgment-seat. And Gallio cared for none of these things.

18 And Paul, having tarried after this yet many days, took his leave of the brethren, and sailed thence for Syria, and with him Priscilla and Aquila; having shorn his head in Cenchreae: for he had a vow.

19 And they came to Ephesus, and he left them there: but he himself entered into the synagogue, and reasoned with the Jews.

20 And when they asked him to abide a longer time, he consented not;

21 but taking his leave of them, and saying, I will return again unto you, if God will, he set sail from Ephesus.

22 And when he had landed at Caesarea, he went up and saluted the church, and went down to Antioch.

23 And having spent some time there, he departed, and went through the region of Galatia and Phrygia in order, stablishing all the disciples.

24 Now a certain Jew named Apollos, an Alexandrian by race, a learned man, came to Ephesus; and he was mighty in the scriptures.

25 This man had been instructed in the way of the Lord; and being fervent in spirit, he spake and taught carefully the things concerning Jesus, knowing only the baptism of John:

26 and he began to speak boldly in the synagogue. But when Priscilla and Aquila heard him, they took him unto them, and expounded unto him the way of God more carefully.

27 And when he was minded to pass over into Achaia, the brethren encouraged him, and wrote to the disciples to receive him: and when he was come, he helped them much which had believed through grace:

28 for he powerfully confuted the Jews, and that publicly, shewing by the scriptures that Jesus was the Christ.

Chapter 19

1 And it came to pass, that, while Apollos was at Corinth, Paul having passed through the upper country came to Ephesus, and found certain disciples:

2 and he said unto them, Did you receive the Holy Ghost when you believed? And they said unto him, Nay, we did not so much as hear whether the Holy Ghost was given.

3 And he said, Into what then were you baptized? And they said, Into John's baptism.

4 And Paul said, John baptized with the baptism of repentance, saying unto the people, that they should believe on him which should come after him, that is, on Jesus.

5 And when they heard this, they were baptized into the name of the Lord Jesus.

6 And when Paul had laid his hands upon them, the Holy Ghost came on them; and they spake with tongues, and prophesied.

7 And they were in all about twelve men.

8 And he entered into the synagogue, and spake boldly for the space of three months, reasoning and persuading as to the things concerning the kingdom of God.

9 But when some were hardened and disobedient, speaking evil of the Way before the multitude, he departed from them, and separated the disciples, reasoning daily in the school of Tyrannus.

10 And this continued for the space of two years; so that all they which dwelt in Asia heard the word of the Lord, both Jews and Greeks.

11 And God wrought special miracles by the hands of Paul:

12 insomuch that unto the sick were carried away from his body handkerchiefs or aprons, and the diseases departed from them, and the evil spirits went out.

13 But certain also of the strolling Jews, exorcists, took upon them to name over them which had the evil spirits the name of the Lord Jesus, saying, I adjure you by Jesus whom Paul preaches.

14 And there were seven sons of one Sceva, a Jew, a chief priest, which did this.

15 And the evil spirit answered and said unto them, Jesus I know, and Paul I know; but who are you?

16 And the man in whom the evil spirit was leaped on them, and mastered both of them, and prevailed against them, so that they fled out of that house naked and wounded.

17 And this became known to all, both Jews and Greeks, that dwelt at Ephesus; and fear fell upon them all, and the name of the Lord Jesus was magnified.

18 Many also of them that had believed came, confessing, and declaring their deeds.

19 And not a few of them that practised curious arts brought their books together, and burned them in the sight of all: and they counted the price of them, and found it fifty thousand pieces of silver.

20 So mightily grew the word of the Lord and prevailed.

21 Now after these things were ended, Paul purposed in the spirit, when he had passed through Macedonia and Achaia, to go to Jerusalem, saying, After I have been there, I must also see Rome.

22 And having sent into Macedonia two of them that ministered unto him, Timothy and Erastus, he himself stayed in Asia for a while.

23 And about that time there arose no small stir concerning the Way.

24 For a certain man named Demetrius, a silversmith, which made silver shrines of Diana, brought no little business unto the craftsmen;

25 whom he gathered together, with the workmen of like occupation, and said, Sirs, you know that by this business we have our wealth.

26 And you see and hear, that not alone at Ephesus, but almost throughout all Asia, this Paul has persuaded and turned away much people, saying that they be no gods, which are made with hands:

27 and not only is there danger that this our trade come into disrepute; but also that the temple of the great goddess Diana be made of no account, and that she should even be deposed from her magnificence, whom all Asia and the world worships.

28 And when they heard this, they were filled with wrath, and cried out, saying, Great is Diana of the Ephesians.

29 And the city was filled with the confusion: and they rushed with one accord into the theatre, having seized Gaius and Aristarchus, men of Macedonia, Paul's companions in travel.

30 And when Paul was minded to enter in unto the people, the disciples suffered him not.

31 And certain also of the chief officers of Asia, being his friends, sent unto him, and besought him not to adventure himself into the theatre.

32 Some therefore cried one thing, and some another: for the assembly was in confusion; and the more part knew not wherefore they were come together.

33 And they brought Alexander out of the multitude, the Jews putting him forward. And Alexander beckoned with the hand, and would have made a defence unto the people.

34 But when they perceived that he was a Jew, all with one voice about the space of two hours cried out, Great is Diana of the Ephesians.

35 And when the townclerk had quieted the multitude, he says, You men of Ephesus, what man is there who knows not how that the city of the Ephesians is temple-keeper of the great Diana, and of the image which fell down from Jupiter?

36 Seeing then that these things cannot be gainsaid, you ought to be quiet, and to do nothing rash.

37 For you have brought hither these men, which are neither robbers of temples nor blasphemers of our goddess.

38 If therefore Demetrius, and the craftsmen that are with him, have a matter against any man, the courts are open, and there are proconsuls: let them accuse one another.

39 But if you seek anything about other matters, it shall be settled in the regular assembly.

40 For indeed we are in danger to be accused concerning this day's riot, there being no cause for it: and as touching it we shall not be able to give account of this concourse.

41 And when he had thus spoken, he dismissed the assembly.

Chapter 20

1 And after the uproar was ceased, Paul having sent for the disciples and exhorted them, took leave of them, and departed for to go into Macedonia.

2 And when he had gone through those parts, and had given them much exhortation, he came into Greece.

3 And when he had spent three months there, and a plot was laid against him by the Jews, as he was about to set sail for Syria, he determined to return through Macedonia.

4 And there accompanied him as far as Asia Sopater of Beroea, the son of Pyrrhus; and of the Thessalonians, Aristarchus and Secundus; and Gaius of Derbe, and Timothy; and of Asia, Tychicus and Trophimus.

5 But these had gone before, and were waiting for us at Troas.

6 And we sailed away from Philippi after the days of unleavened bread, and came unto them to Troas in five days; where we tarried seven days.

7 And upon the first day of the week, when we were gathered together to break bread, Paul discoursed with them, intending to depart on the morrow; and prolonged his speech until midnight.

8 And there were many lights in the upper chamber, where we were gathered together.

9 And there sat in the window a certain young man named Eutychus, borne down with deep sleep; and as Paul discoursed yet longer, being borne down by his sleep he fell down from the third story, and was taken up dead.

10 And Paul went down, and fell on him, and embracing him said, Make you no ado; for his life is in him.

11 And when he was gone up, and had broken the bread, and eaten, and had talked with them a long while, even till break of day, so he departed.

12 And they brought the lad alive, and were not a little comforted.

13 But we, going before to the ship, set sail for Assos, there intending to take in Paul: for so had he appointed, intending himself to go by land.

14 And when he met us at Assos, we took him in, and came to Mitylene.

15 And sailing from thence, we came the following day over against Chios; and the next day we touched at Samos; and the day after we came to Miletus.

16 For Paul had determined to sail past Ephesus, that he might not have to spend time in Asia; for he was hastening, if it were possible for him, to be at Jerusalem the day of Pentecost.

17 And from Miletus he sent to Ephesus, and called to him the elders of the church.

18 And when they were come to him, he said unto them, You yourselves know, from the first day that I set foot in Asia, after what manner I was with you all the time,

19 serving the Lord with all lowliness of mind, and with tears, and with trials which befell me by the plots of the Jews:

20 how that I shrank not from declaring unto you anything that was profitable, and teaching you publicly, and from house to house,

21 testifying both to Jews and to Greeks repentance toward God, and faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ.

22 And now, behold, I go bound in the spirit unto Jerusalem, not knowing the things that shall befall me there:

23 save that the Holy Ghost testifies unto me in every city, saying that bonds and afflictions abide me.

24 But I hold not my life of any account, as dear unto myself, so that I may accomplish my course, and the ministry which I received from the Lord Jesus, to testify the gospel of the grace of God.

25 And now, behold, I know that you all, among whom I went about preaching the kingdom, shall see my face no more.

26 Wherefore I testify unto you this day, that I am pure from the blood of all men.

27 For I shrank not from declaring unto you the whole counsel of God.

28 Take heed unto yourselves, and to all the flock, in the which the Holy Ghost has made you bishops, to feed the church of God, which he purchased with his own blood.

29 I know that after my departing grievous wolves shall enter in among you, not sparing the flock;

30 and from among your own selves shall men arise, speaking perverse things, to draw away the disciples after them.

31 Wherefore watch you, remembering that by the space of three years I ceased not to admonish every one night and day with tears.

32 And now I commend you to God, and to the word of his grace, which is able to build you up, and to give you the inheritance among all them that are sanctified.

33 I coveted no man's silver, or gold, or apparel.

34 You yourselves know that these hands ministered unto my necessities, and to them that were with me.

35 In all things I gave you an example, how that so labouring you ought to help the weak, and to remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he himself said, It is more blessed to give than to receive.

36 And when he had thus spoken, he kneeled down, and prayed with them all.

37 And they all wept sore, and fell on Paul's neck, and kissed him,

38 Sorrowing most of all for the word which he had spoken, that they should behold his face no more. And they brought him on his way unto the ship.

Chapter 21

1 And when it came to pass that we were parted from them, and had set sail, we came with a straight course unto Cos, and the next day unto Rhodes, and from thence unto Patara:

2 and having found a ship crossing over unto Phoenicia, we went aboard, and set sail.

3 And when we had come in sight of Cyprus, leaving it on the left hand, we sailed unto Syria, and landed at Tyre: for there the ship was to unlade her burden.

4 And having found the disciples, we tarried there seven days: and these said to Paul through the Spirit, that he should not set foot in Jerusalem.

5 And when it came to pass that we had accomplished the days, we departed and went on our journey; and they all, with wives and children, brought us on our way, till we were out of the city: and kneeling down on the beach, we prayed,

6 and bade each other farewell; and we went on board the ship, but they returned home again.

7 And when we had finished the voyage from Tyre, we arrived at Ptolemais; and we saluted the brethren, and abode with them one day.

8 And on the morrow we departed, and came unto Caesarea: and entering into the house of Philip the evangelist, who was one of the seven, we abode with him.

9 Now this man had four daughters, virgins, which did prophesy.

10 And as we tarried there many days, there came down from Judea a certain prophet, named Agabus.

11 And coming to us, and taking Paul's girdle, he bound his own feet and hands, and said, Thus says the Holy Ghost, So shall the Jews at Jerusalem bind the man that owns this girdle, and shall deliver him into the hands of the Gentiles.

12 And when we heard these things, both we and they of that place besought him not to go up to Jerusalem.

13 Then Paul answered, What do you, weeping and breaking my heart? for I am ready not to be bound only, but also to die at Jerusalem for the name of the Lord Jesus.

14 And when he would not be persuaded, we ceased, saying, The will of the Lord be done.

15 And after these days we took up our baggage, and went up to Jerusalem.

16 And there went with us also certain of the disciples from Caesarea, bringing with them one Mnason of Cyprus, an early disciple, with whom we should lodge.

17 And when we were come to Jerusalem, the brethren received us gladly.

18 And the day following Paul went in with us unto James; and all the elders were present.

19 And when he had saluted them, he rehearsed one by one the things which God had wrought among the Gentiles by his ministry.

20 And they, when they heard it, glorified God; and they said unto him, You see, brother, how many thousands there are among the Jews of them which have believed; and they are all zealous for the law:

21 and they have been informed concerning you, that you teach all the Jews which are among the Gentiles to forsake Moses, telling them not to circumcise their children, neither to walk after the customs.

22 What is it therefore? they will certainly hear that you are come.

23 Do therefore this that we say to you: We have four men which have a vow on them;

24 these take, and purify yourself with them, and be at charges for them, that they may shave their heads: and all shall know that there is no truth in the things whereof they have been informed concerning you; but that you yourself also walk orderly, keeping the law.

25 But as touching the Gentiles which have believed, we wrote, giving judgment that they should keep themselves from things sacrificed to idols, and from blood, and from what is strangled, and from fornication.

26 Then Paul took the men, and the next day purifying himself with them went into the temple, declaring the fulfillment of the days of purification, until the offering was offered for every one of them.

27 And when the seven days were almost completed, the Jews from Asia, when they saw him in the temple, stirred up all the multitude, and laid hands on him,

28 crying out, Men of Israel, help: This is the man, that teaches all men everywhere against the people, and the law, and this place: and moreover he brought Greeks also into the temple, and has defiled this holy place.

29 For they had before seen with him in the city Trophimus the Ephesian, whom they supposed that Paul had brought into the temple.

30 And all the city was moved, and the people ran together: and they laid hold on Paul, and dragged him out of the temple: and straightway the doors were shut.

31 And as they were seeking to kill him, tidings came up to the chief captain of the band, that all Jerusalem was in confusion.

32 And forthwith he took soldiers and centurions, and ran down upon them: and they, when they saw the chief captain and the soldiers, left off beating Paul.

33 Then the chief captain came near, and laid hold on him, and commanded him to be bound with two chains; and inquired who he was, and what he had done.

34 And some shouted one thing, some another, among the crowd: and when he could not know the certainty for the uproar, he commanded him to be brought into the castle.

35 And when he came upon the stairs, so it was, that he was borne of the soldiers for the violence of the crowd;

36 for the multitude of the people followed after, crying out, Away with him.

37 And as Paul was about to be brought into the castle, he says unto the chief captain, May I say something unto you? And he said, Do you know Greek?

38 Are you not then the Egyptian, which before these days stirred up to sedition and led out into the wilderness the four thousand men of the Assassins?

39 But Paul said, I am a Jew, of Tarsus in Cilicia, a citizen of no mean city: and I beseech you, give me leave to speak unto the people.

40 And when he had given him leave, Paul, standing on the stairs, beckoned with the hand unto the people; and when there was made a great silence, he spake unto them in the Hebrew language, saying,

Chapter 22

1 Brethren and fathers, hear you the defence which I now make unto you.

2 And when they heard that he spake unto them in the Hebrew language, they were the more quiet: and he says,

3 I am a Jew, born in Tarsus of Cilicia, but brought up in this city, at the feet of Gamaliel, instructed according to the strict manner of the law of our fathers, being zealous for God, even as you all are this day:

4 and I persecuted this Way unto the death, binding and delivering into prisons both men and women.

5 As also the high priest does bear me witness, and all the estate of the elders: from whom also I received letters unto the brethren, and journeyed to Damascus, to bring them also which were there unto Jerusalem in bonds, for to be punished.

6 And it came to pass, that, as I made my journey, and drew nigh unto Damascus, about noon, suddenly there shone from heaven a great light round about me.

7 And I fell unto the ground, and heard a voice saying unto me, Saul, Saul, why persecute you me?

8 And I answered, Who are you, Lord? And he said unto me, I am Jesus of Nazareth, whom you persecute.

9 And they that were with me beheld indeed the light, but they heard not the voice of him that spake to me.

10 And I said, What shall I do, Lord? And the Lord said unto me, Arise, and go into Damascus; and there it shall be told you of all things which are appointed for you to do.

11 And when I could not see for the glory of that light, being led by the hand of them that were with me, I came into Damascus.

12 And one Ananias, a devout man according to the law, well reported of by all the Jews that dwelt there,

13 came unto me, and standing by me said unto me, Brother Saul, receive your sight. And in that very hour I looked up on him.

14 And he said, The God of our fathers has appointed you to know his will, and to see the Righteous One, and to hear a voice from his mouth.

15 For you shall be a witness for him unto all men of what you have seen and heard.

16 And now why tarriest you? arise, and be baptized, and wash away your sins, calling on his name.

17 And it came to pass, that, when I had returned to Jerusalem, and while I prayed in the temple, I fell into a trance,

18 and saw him saying unto me, Make haste, and get you quickly out of Jerusalem: because they will not receive of you testimony concerning me.

19 And I said, Lord, they themselves know that I imprisoned and beat in every synagogue them that believed on you:

20 and when the blood of Stephen your witness was shed, I also was standing by, and consenting, and keeping the garments of them that slew him.

21 And he said unto me, Depart: for I will send you forth far hence unto the Gentiles.

22 And they gave him audience unto this word; and they lifted up their voice, and said, Away with such a fellow from the earth: for it is not fit that he should live.

23 And as they cried out, and threw off their garments, and cast dust into the air,

24 the chief captain commanded him to be brought into the castle, bidding that he should be examined by scourging, that he might know for what cause they so shouted against him.

25 And when they had tied him up with the thongs, Paul said unto the centurion that stood by, Is it lawful for you to scourge a man that is a Roman, and uncondemned?

26 And when the centurion heard it, he went to the chief captain, and told him, saying, What are you about to do? for this man is a Roman.

27 And the chief captain came, and said unto him, Tell me, are you a Roman? And he said, Yea.

28 And the chief captain answered, With a great sum obtained I this citizenship. And Paul said, But I am a Roman born.

29 They then which were about to examine him straightway departed from him: and the chief captain also was afraid, when he knew that he was a Roman, and because he had bound him.

30 But on the morrow, desiring to know the certainty, wherefore he was accused of the Jews, he loosed him, and commanded the chief priests and all the council to come together, and brought Paul down, and set him before them.

Chapter 23

1 And Paul, looking stedfastly on the council, said, Brethren, I have lived before God in all good conscience until this day.

2 And the high priest Ananias commanded them that stood by him to smite him on the mouth.

3 Then said Paul unto him, God shall smite you, you whited wall: and sit you to judge me according to the law, and command me to be smitten contrary to the law?

4 And they that stood by said, Revilest you God's high priest?

5 And Paul said, I wist not, brethren, that he was high priest: for it is written, You shall not speak evil of a ruler of your people.

6 But when Paul perceived that the one part were Sadducees, and the other Pharisees, he cried out in the council, Brethren, I am a Pharisee, a son of Pharisees: touching the hope and resurrection of the dead I am called in question.

7 And when he had so said, there arose a dissension between the Pharisees and Sadducees: and the assembly was divided.

8 For the Sadducees say that there is no resurrection, neither angel, nor spirit: but the Pharisees confess both.

9 And there arose a great clamour: and some of the scribes of the Pharisees' part stood up, and strove, saying, We find no evil in this man: and what if a spirit has spoken to him, or an angel?

10 And when there arose a great dissension, the chief captain, fearing lest Paul should be torn in pieces by them, commanded the soldiers to go down and take him by force from among them, and bring him into the castle.

11 And the night following the Lord stood by him, and said, Be of good cheer: for as you have testified concerning me at Jerusalem, so must you bear witness also at Rome.

12 And when it was day, the Jews banded together, and bound themselves under a curse, saying that they would neither eat nor drink till they had killed Paul.

13 And they were more than forty which made this conspiracy.

14 And they came to the chief priests and the elders, and said, We have bound ourselves under a great curse, to taste nothing until we have killed Paul.

15 Now therefore do you with the council signify to the chief captain that he bring him down unto you, as though you would judge of his case more exactly: and we, or ever he come near, are ready to slay him.

16 But Paul's sister's son heard of their lying in wait, and he came and entered into the castle, and told Paul.

17 And Paul called unto him one of the centurions, and said, Bring this young man unto the chief captain: for he has something to tell him.

18 So he took him, and brought him to the chief captain, and says, Paul the prisoner called me unto him, and asked me to bring this young man unto you, who has something to say to you.

19 And the chief captain took him by the hand, and going aside asked him privately, What is that you have to tell me?

20 And he said, The Jews have agreed to ask you to bring down Paul tomorrow unto the council, as though you would inquire somewhat more exactly concerning him.

21 Do not you therefore yield unto them: for there lie in wait for him of them more than forty men, which have bound themselves under a curse, neither to eat nor to drink till they have slain him: and now are they ready, looking for the promise from you.

22 So the chief captain let the young man go, charging him, Tell no man that you have signified these things to me.

23 And he called unto him two of the centurions, and said, Make ready two hundred soldiers to go as far as Caesarea, and horsemen threescore and ten, and spearmen two hundred, at the third hour of the night:

24 and he bade them provide beasts, that they might set Paul thereon, and bring him safe unto Felix the governor.

25 And he wrote a letter after this form:

26 Claudius Lysias unto the most excellent governor Felix, greeting.

27 This man was seized by the Jews, and was about to be slain of them, when I came upon them with the soldiers, and rescued him, having learned that he was a Roman.

28 And desiring to know the cause wherefore they accused him, I brought him down unto their council:

29 whom I found to be accused about questions of their law, but to have nothing laid to his charge worthy of death or of bonds.

30 And when it was shewn to me that there would be a plot against the man, I sent him to you forthwith, charging his accusers also to speak against him before you.

31 So the soldiers, as it was commanded them, took Paul, and brought him by night to Antipatris.

32 But on the morrow they left the horsemen to go with him, and returned to the castle:

33 and they, when they came to Caesarea, and delivered the letter to the governor, presented Paul also before him.

34 And when he had read it, he asked of what province he was; and when he understood that he was of Cilicia,

35 I will hear your cause, said he, when your accusers also are come: and he commanded him to be kept in Herod's palace.

Chapter 24

1 And after five days the high priest Ananias came down with certain elders, and with an orator, one Tertullus; and they informed the governor against Paul.

2 And when he was called, Tertullus began to accuse him, saying, Seeing that by you we enjoy much peace, and that by your providence evils are corrected for this nation,

3 we accept it in all ways and in all places, most excellent Felix, with all thankfulness.

4 But, that I be not further tedious unto you, I entreat you to hear us of your clemency a few words.

5 For we have found this man a pestilent fellow, and a mover of insurrections among all the Jews throughout the world, and a ringleader of the sect of the Nazarenes:

6 who moreover assayed to profane the temple: on whom also we laid hold:

8 from whom you will be able, by examining him yourself, to take knowledge of all these things, whereof we accuse him.

9 And the Jews also joined in the charge, affirming that these things were so.

10 And when the governor had beckoned unto him to speak, Paul answered, Forasmuch as I know that you have been of many years a judge unto this nation, I do cheerfully make my defence:

11 seeing that you can take knowledge, that it is not more than twelve days since I went up to worship at Jerusalem:

12 and neither in the temple did they find me disputing with any man or stirring up a crowd, nor in the synagogues, nor in the city.

13 Neither can they prove to you the things whereof they now accuse me.

14 But this I confess unto you, that after the Way which they call a sect, so serve I the God of our fathers, believing all things which are according to the law, and which are written in the prophets:

15 having hope toward God, which these also themselves look for, that there shall be a resurrection both of the just and unjust.

16 Herein do I also exercise myself to have a conscience void of offence toward God and men alway.

17 Now after many years I came to bring alms to my nation, and offerings:

18 amidst which they found me purified in the temple, with no crowd, nor yet with tumult: but there were certain Jews from Asia—

19 who ought to have been here before you, and to make accusation, if they had aught against me.

20 Or else let these men themselves say what wrong-doing they found, when I stood before the council,

21 except it be for this one voice, that I cried standing among them, Touching the resurrection of the dead I am called in question before you this day.

22 But Felix, having more exact knowledge concerning the Way, deferred them, saying, When Lysias the chief captain shall come down, I will determine your matter.

23 And he gave order to the centurion that he should be kept in charge, and should have indulgence; and not to forbid any of his friends to minister unto him.

24 But after certain days, Felix came with Drusilla, his wife, which was a Jewess, and sent for Paul, and heard him concerning the faith in Christ Jesus.

25 And as he reasoned of righteousness, and temperance, and the judgment to come, Felix was terrified, and answered, Go your way for this time; and when I have a convenient season, I will call you unto me.

26 He hoped withal that money would be given him of Paul: wherefore also he sent for him the oftener, and communed with him.

27 But when two years were fulfilled, Felix was succeeded by Porcius Festus; and desiring to gain favour with the Jews, Felix left Paul in bonds.

Chapter 25

1 Festus therefore, having come into the province, after three days went up to Jerusalem from Caesarea.

2 And the chief priests and the principal men of the Jews informed him against Paul; and they besought him,

3 asking favour against him, that he would send for him to Jerusalem; laying wait to kill him on the way.

4 Howbeit Festus answered, that Paul was kept in charge at Caesarea, and that he himself was about to depart thither shortly.

5 Let them therefore, says he, which are of power among you, go down with me, and if there is anything amiss in the man, let them accuse him.

6 And when he had tarried among them not more than eight or ten days, he went down unto Caesarea; and on the morrow he sat on the judgment-seat, and commanded Paul to be brought.

7 And when he was come, the Jews which had come down from Jerusalem stood round about him, bringing against him many and grievous charges, which they could not prove;

8 while Paul said in his defence, Neither against the law of the Jews, nor against the temple, nor against Caesar, have I sinned at all.

9 But Festus, desiring to gain favour with the Jews, answered Paul, and said, Will you go up to Jerusalem, and there be judged of these things before me?

10 But Paul said, I am standing before Caesar's judgment-seat, where I ought to be judged: to the Jews have I done no wrong, as you also very well know.

11 If then I am a wrong-doer, and have committed anything worthy of death, I refuse not to die: but if none of those things is true, whereof these accuse me, no man can give me up unto them. I appeal unto Caesar.

12 Then Festus, when he had conferred with the council, answered, You have appealed unto Caesar: unto Caesar shall you go.

13 Now when certain days were passed, Agrippa the king and Bernice arrived at Caesarea, and saluted Festus.

14 And as they tarried there many days, Festus laid Paul's case before the king, saying, There is a certain man left a prisoner by Felix:

15 about whom, when I was at Jerusalem, the chief priests and the elders of the Jews informed me, asking for sentence against him.

16 To whom I answered, that it is not the custom of the Romans to give up any man, before that the accused have the accusers face to face, and have had opportunity to make his defence concerning the matter laid against him.

17 When therefore they were come together here, I made no delay, but on the next day sat down on the judgment-seat, and commanded the man to be brought.

18 Concerning whom, when the accusers stood up, they brought no charge of such evil things as I supposed;

19 but had certain questions against him of their own religion, and of one Jesus, who was dead, whom Paul affirmed to be alive.

20 And I, being perplexed how to inquire concerning these things, asked whether he would go to Jerusalem, and there be judged of these matters.

21 But when Paul had appealed to be kept for the decision of the emperor, I commanded him to be kept till I should send him to Caesar.

22 And Agrippa said unto Festus, I also could wish to hear the man myself. Tomorrow, says he, you shall hear him.

23 So on the morrow, when Agrippa was come, and Bernice, with great pomp, and they were entered into the place of hearing, with the chief captains, and the principal men of the city, at the command of Festus Paul was brought in.

24 And Festus says, King Agrippa, and all men which are here present with us, you behold this man, about whom all the multitude of the Jews made suit to me, both at Jerusalem and here, crying that he ought not to live any longer.

25 But I found that he had committed nothing worthy of death: and as he himself appealed to the emperor I determined to send him.

26 Of whom I have no certain thing to write unto my lord. Wherefore I have brought him forth before you, and specially before you, king Agrippa, that, after examination had, I may have somewhat to write.

27 For it seems to me unreasonable, in sending a prisoner, not withal to signify the charges against him.

Chapter 26

1 And Agrippa said unto Paul, You are permitted to speak for yourself. Then Paul stretched forth his hand, and made his defence:

2 I think myself happy, king Agrippa, that I am to make my defence before you this day touching all the things whereof I am accused by the Jews:

3 especially because you are expert in all customs and questions which are among the Jews: wherefore I beseech you to hear me patiently.

4 My manner of life then from my youth up, which was from the beginning among mine own nation, and at Jerusalem, know all the Jews;

5 having knowledge of me from the first, if they be willing to testify, how that after the straighten sect of our religion I lived a Pharisee.

6 And now I stand here to be judged for the hope of the promise made of God unto our fathers;

7 unto which promise our twelve tribes, earnestly serving God night and day, hope to attain. And concerning this hope I am accused by the Jews, O king!

8 Why is it judged incredible with you, if God does raise the dead?

9 I verily thought with myself, that I ought to do many things contrary to the name of Jesus of Nazareth.

10 And this I also did in Jerusalem: and I both shut up many of the saints in prisons, having received authority from the chief priests, and when they were put to death, I gave my vote against them.

11 And punishing them oftentimes in all the synagogues, I strove to make them blaspheme; and being exceedingly mad against them, I persecuted them even unto foreign cities.

12 Whereupon as I journeyed to Damascus with the authority and commission of the chief priests,

13 at midday, O king, I saw on the way a light from heaven, above the brightness of the sun, shining round about me and them that journeyed with me.

14 And when we were all fallen to the earth, I heard a voice saying unto me in the Hebrew language, Saul, Saul, why persecute you me? it is hard for you to kick against the goad.

15 And I said, Who are you, Lord? And the Lord said, I am Jesus whom you persecute.

16 But arise, and stand upon your feet: for to this end have I appeared unto you, to appoint you a minister and a witness both of the things wherein you have seen me, and of the things wherein I will appear unto you;

17 delivering you from the people, and from the Gentiles, unto whom I send you,

18 to open their eyes, that they may turn from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan unto God, that they may receive remission of sins and an inheritance among them that are sanctified by faith in me.

19 Wherefore, O king Agrippa, I was not disobedient unto the heavenly vision:

20 but declared both to them of Damascus first, and at Jerusalem, and throughout all the country of Judea, and also to the Gentiles, that they should repent and turn to God, doing works worthy of repentance.

21 For this cause the Jews seized me in the temple, and assayed to kill me.

22 Having therefore obtained the help that is from God, I stand unto this day testifying both to small and great, saying nothing but what the prophets and Moses did say should come;

23 how that the Christ must suffer, and how that he first by the resurrection of the dead should proclaim light both to the people and to the Gentiles.

24 And as he thus made his defence, Festus says with a loud voice, Paul, you are mad; your much learning does turn you to madness.

25 But Paul says, I am not mad, most excellent Festus; but speak forth words of truth and soberness.

26 For the king knows of these things, unto whom also I speak freely: for I am persuaded that none of these things is hidden from him; for this has not been done in a corner.

27 King Agrippa, believe you the prophets? I know that you believe.

28 And Agrippa said unto Paul, With but little persuasion you would fain make me a Christian.

29 And Paul said, I would to God, that whether with little or with much, not you only, but also all that hear me this day, might become such as I am, except these bonds.

30 And the king rose up, and the governor, and Bernice, and they that sat with them:

31 and when they had withdrawn, they spake one to another, saying, This man does nothing worthy of death or of bonds.

32 And Agrippa said unto Festus, This man might have been set at liberty, if he had not appealed unto Caesar.

Chapter 27

1 And when it was determined that we should sail for Italy, they delivered Paul and certain other prisoners to a centurion named Julius, of the Augustan band.

2 And embarking in a ship of Adramyttium, which was about to sail unto the places on the coast of Asia, we put to sea, Aristarchus, a Macedonian of Thessalonica, being with us.

3 And the next day we touched at Sidon: and Julius treated Paul kindly, and gave him leave to go unto his friends and refresh himself.

4 And putting to sea from thence, we sailed under the lee of Cyprus, because the winds were contrary.

5 And when we had sailed across the sea which is off Cilicia and Pamphylia, we came to Myra, a city of Lycia.

6 And there the centurion found a ship of Alexandria sailing for Italy; and he put us therein.

7 And when we had sailed slowly many days, and were come with difficulty over against Cnidus, the wind not further suffering us, we sailed under the lee of Crete, over against Salmone;

8 and with difficulty coasting along it we came unto a certain place called Fair Havens; nigh whereunto was the city of Lasea.

9 And when much time was spent, and the voyage was now dangerous, because the Fast was now already gone by, Paul admonished them,

10 and said unto them, Sirs, I perceive that the voyage will be with injury and much loss, not only of the lading and the ship, but also of our lives.

11 But the centurion gave more heed to the master and to the owner of the ship, than to those things which were spoken by Paul.

12 And because the haven was not commodious to winter in, the more part advised to put to sea from thence, if by any means they could reach Phoenix, and winter there; which is a haven of Crete, looking north-east and south-east.

13 And when the south wind blew softly, supposing that they had obtained their purpose, they weighed anchor and sailed along Crete, close in shore.

14 But after no long time there beat down from it a tempestuous wind, which is called Euraquilo:

15 and when the ship was caught, and could not face the wind, we gave way to it, and were driven.

16 And running under the lee of a small island called Cauda, we were able, with difficulty, to secure the boat:

17 and when they had hoisted it up, they used helps, under-girding the ship; and, fearing lest they should be cast upon the Syrtis, they lowered the gear, and so were driven.

18 And as we laboured exceedingly with the storm, the next day they began to throw the freight overboard;

19 and the third day they cast out with their own hands the tackling of the ship.

20 And when neither sun nor stars shone upon us for many days, and no small tempest lay on us, all hope that we should be saved was now taken away.

21 And when they had been long without food, then Paul stood forth in the midst of them, and said, Sirs, you should have hearkened unto me, and not have set sail from Crete, and have gotten this injury and loss.

22 And now I exhort you to be of good cheer: for there shall be no loss of life among you, but only of the ship.

23 For there stood by me this night an angel of the God whose I am, whom also I serve,

24 saying, Fear not, Paul; you must stand before Caesar: and lo, God has granted you all them that sail with you.

25 Wherefore, sirs, be of good cheer: for I believe God, that it shall be even so as it has been spoken unto me.

26 Howbeit we must be cast upon a certain island.

27 But when the fourteenth night was come, as we were driven to and fro in the sea of Adria, about midnight the sailors surmised that they were drawing near to some country;

28 and they sounded, and found twenty fathoms: and after a little space, they sounded again, and found fifteen fathoms.

29 And fearing lest haply we should be cast ashore on rocky ground, they let go four anchors from the stern, and wished for the day.

30 And as the sailors were seeking to flee out of the ship, and had lowered the boat into the sea, under colour as though they would lay out anchors from the foreship,

31 Paul said to the centurion and to the soldiers, Except these abide in the ship, you cannot be saved.

32 Then the soldiers cut away the ropes of the boat, and let her fall off.

33 And while the day was coming on, Paul besought them all to take some food, saying, This day is the fourteenth day that you wait and continue fasting, having taken nothing.

34 Wherefore I beseech you to take some food: for this is for your safety: for there shall not a hair perish from the head of any of you.

35 And when he had said this, and had taken bread, he gave thanks to God in the presence of all: and he brake it, and began to eat.

36 Then were they all of good cheer, and themselves also took food.

37 And we were in all in the ship two hundred threescore and sixteen souls.

38 And when they had eaten enough, they lightened the ship, throwing out the wheat into the sea.

39 And when it was day, they knew not the land: but they perceived a certain bay with a beach, and they took counsel whether they could drive the ship upon it.

40 And casting off the anchors, they left them in the sea, at the same time loosing the bands of the rudders; and hoisting up the foresail to the wind, they made for the beach.

41 But lighting upon a place where two seas met, they ran the vessel aground; and the foreship struck and remained unmoveable, but the stern began to break up by the violence of the waves.

42 And the soldiers' counsel was to kill the prisoners, lest any of them should swim out, and escape.

43 But the centurion, desiring to save Paul, stayed them from their purpose; and commanded that they which

could swim should cast themselves overboard, and get first to the land:

44 and the rest, some on planks, and some on other things from the ship. And so it came to pass, that they all escaped safe to the land.

Chapter 28

1 And when we were escaped, then we knew that the island was called Malta.

2 And the barbarians shewed us no common kindness: for they kindled a fire, and received us all, because of the present rain, and because of the cold.

3 But when Paul had gathered a bundle of sticks, and laid them on the fire, a viper came out by reason of the heat, and fastened on his hand.

4 And when the barbarians saw the beast hanging from his hand, they said one to another, No doubt this man is a murderer, whom, though he has escaped from the sea, yet Justice has not suffered to live.

5 Howbeit he shook off the beast into the fire, and took no harm.

6 But they expected that he would have swollen, or fallen down dead suddenly: but when they were long in expectation, and beheld nothing amiss came to him, they changed their minds, and said that he was a god.

7 Now in the neighbourhood of that place were lands belonging to the chief man of the island, named Publius; who received us, and entertained us three days courteously.

8 And it was so, that the father of Publius lay sick of fever and dysentery: unto whom Paul entered in, and prayed, and laying his hands on him healed him.

9 And when this was done, the rest also which had diseases in the island came, and were cured:

10 who also honoured us with many honours; and when we sailed, they put on board such things as we needed.

11 And after three months we set sail in a ship of Alexandria, which had wintered in the island, whose sign was The Twin Brothers.

12 And touching at Syracuse, we tarried there three days.

13 And from thence we made a circuit, and arrived at Rhegium: and after one day a south wind sprang up, and on the second day we came to Puteoli:

14 where we found brethren, and were entreated to tarry with them seven days: and so we came to Rome.

15 And from thence the brethren, when they heard of us, came to meet us as far as The Market of Appius, and The Three Taverns: whom when Paul saw, he thanked God, and took courage.

16 And when we entered into Rome, Paul was suffered to abide by himself with the soldier that guarded him.

17 And it came to pass, that after three days he called together those that were the chief of the Jews: and when they were come together, he said unto them, I, brethren, though I had done nothing against the people, or the customs of our fathers, yet was delivered prisoner from Jerusalem into the hands of the Romans:

18 who, when they had examined me, desired to set me at liberty, because there was no cause of death in me.

19 But when the Jews spake against it, I was constrained to appeal unto Caesar; not that I had aught to accuse my nation of.

20 For this cause therefore did I entreat you to see and to speak with me: for because of the hope of Israel I am bound with this chain.

21 And they said unto him, We neither received letters from Judea concerning you, nor did any of the brethren come hither and report or speak any harm of you.

22 But we desire to hear of you what you think: for as concerning this sect, it is known to us that everywhere it is spoken against.

23 And when they had appointed him a day, they came to him into his lodging in great number; to whom he expounded the matter, testifying the kingdom of God, and persuading them concerning Jesus, both from the law of Moses and from the prophets, from morning till evening.

24 And some believed the things which were spoken, and some disbelieved.

25 And when they agreed not among themselves, they departed, after that Paul had spoken one word, Well spake the Holy Ghost by Isaiah the prophet unto your fathers,

26 saying, Go you unto this people, and say, By hearing you shall hear, and shall in no wise understand; And seeing you shall see, and shall in no wise perceive:

27 For this people's heart is waxed gross, And their ears are dull of hearing, And their eyes they have closed; Lest haply they should perceive with their eyes, And hear with their ears, And understand with their heart, And should turn again, And I should heal them.

28 Be it known therefore unto you, that this salvation of God is sent unto the Gentiles: they will also hear.

30 And he abode two whole years in his own hired dwelling, and received all that went in unto him,

31 preaching the kingdom of God, and teaching the things concerning the Lord Jesus Christ with all boldness, none forbidding him.

Romans

Chapter 1

1 Paul, a servant of Jesus Christ, called to be an apostle, separated unto the gospel of God,

2 which he promised afore by his prophets in the holy scriptures,

3 concerning his Son, who was born of the seed of David according to the flesh,

4 who was declared to be the Son of God with power, according to the spirit of holiness, by the resurrection of the dead; even Jesus Christ our Lord,

5 through whom we received grace and apostleship, unto obedience of faith among all the nations, for his name's sake:

6 among whom are you also, called to be Jesus Christ's:

7 To all that are in Rome, beloved of God, called to be saints: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

8 First, I thank my God through Jesus Christ for you all, that your faith is proclaimed throughout the whole world.

9 For God is my witness, whom I serve in my spirit in the gospel of his Son, how unceasingly I make mention of you, always in my prayers

10 making request, if by any means now at length I may be prospered by the will of God to come unto you.

11 For I long to see you, that I may impart unto you some spiritual gift, to the end you may be established;

12 that is, that I with you may be comforted in you, each of us by the other's faith, both yours and mine.

13 And I would not have you ignorant, brethren, that oftentimes I purposed to come unto you (and was hindered hitherto), that I might have some fruit in you also, even as in the rest of the Gentiles.

14 I am debtor both to Greeks and to Barbarians, both to the wise and to the foolish.

15 So, as much as in me is, I am ready to preach the gospel to you also that are in Rome.

16 For I am not ashamed of the gospel: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believes; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek.

17 For therein is revealed a righteousness of God by faith unto faith: as it is written, But the righteous shall live by faith.

18 For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who hold down the truth in unrighteousness;

19 because that which may be known of God is manifest in them; for God manifested it unto them.

20 For the invisible things of him since the creation of the world are clearly seen, being perceived through the things that are made, even his everlasting power and divinity; that they may be without excuse:

21 because that, knowing God, they glorified him not as God, neither gave thanks; but became vain in their reasonings, and their senseless heart was darkened.

22 Professing themselves to be wise, they became fools,

23 and changed the glory of the incorruptible God for the likeness of an image of corruptible man, and of birds, and four-footed beasts, and creeping things.

24 Wherefore God gave them up in the lusts of their hearts unto uncleanness, that their bodies should be dishonoured among themselves:

25 for that they exchanged the truth of God for a lie, and worshipped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed for ever. Amen.

26 For this cause God gave them up unto vile passions: for their women changed the natural use into that which is against nature:

27 and likewise also the men, leaving the natural use of the woman, burned in their lust one toward another, men with men working unseemliness, and receiving in themselves that recompense of their error which was due.

28 And even as they refused to have God in their knowledge, God gave them up unto a reprobate mind, to do those things which are not fitting;

29 being filled with all unrighteousness, wickedness, covetousness, maliciousness; full of envy, murder, strife, deceit, malignity; whisperers,

30 backbiters, hateful to God, insolent, haughty, boastful, inventors of evil things, disobedient to parents,

31 without understanding, covenant-breakers, without natural affection, unmerciful:

32 who, knowing the ordinance of God, that they which practise such things are worthy of death, not only do the same, but also consent with them that practise them.

Chapter 2

1 Wherefore you are without excuse, O man, whosoever you are that judge: for wherein you judge another, you condemn yourself; for you that judge do practise the same things.

2 And we know that the judgment of God is according to truth against them that practise such things.

3 And reckon you this, O man, who judge them that practise such things, and do the same, that you shall escape the judgment of God?

4 Or despise you the riches of his goodness and forbearance and longsuffering, not knowing that the goodness of God leads you to repentance?

5 but after your hardness and impenitent heart treasure up for yourself wrath in the day of wrath and revelation of the righteous judgment of God;

6 who will render to every man according to his works:

7 to them that by patience in well-doing seek for glory and honour and incorruption, eternal life:

8 but unto them that are factious, and obey not the truth, but obey unrighteousness, shall be wrath and indignation,

9 tribulation and anguish, upon every soul of man that works evil, of the Jew first, and also of the Greek;

10 but glory and honour and peace to every man that works good, to the Jew first, and also to the Greek:

11 for there is no respect of persons with God.

12 For as many as have sinned without law shall also perish without law: and as many as have sinned under law shall be judged by law;

13 for not the hearers of a law are just before God, but the doers of a law shall be justified:

14 for when Gentiles which have no law do by nature the things of the law, these, having no law, are a law unto themselves;

15 in that they shew the work of the law written in their hearts, their conscience bearing witness therewith, and their thoughts one with another accusing or else excusing them;

16 in the day when God shall judge the secrets of men, according to my gospel, by Jesus Christ.

17 But if you bear the name of a Jew, and rest upon the law, and glory in God,

18 and know his will, and approve the things that are excellent, being instructed out of the law,

19 and art confident that you yourself art a guide of the blind, a light of them that are in darkness,

20 a corrector of the foolish, a teacher of babes, having in the law the form of knowledge and of the truth;

21 you therefore that teach another, teach you not yourself? you that preach a man should not steal, do you steal?

22 you that say a man should not commit adultery, do you commit adultery? you that abhor idols, do you rob temples?

23 you who glory in the law, through your transgression of the law dishonour you God?

24 For the name of God is blasphemed among the Gentiles because of you, even as it is written.

25 For circumcision indeed profits, if you be a doer of the law: but if you be a transgressor of the law, your circumcision is become uncircumcision.

26 If therefore the uncircumcision keep the ordinances of the law, shall not his uncircumcision be reckoned for circumcision?

27 and shall not the uncircumcision which is by nature, if it fulfill the law, judge you, who with the letter and circumcision art a transgressor of the law?

28 For he is not a Jew, which is one outwardly; neither is that circumcision, which is outward in the flesh:

29 but he is a Jew, which is one inwardly; and circumcision is that of the heart, in the spirit, not in the letter; whose praise is not of men, but of God.

Chapter 3

1 What advantage then has the Jew? or what is the profit of circumcision?

2 Much every way: first of all, that they were intrusted with the oracles of God.

3 For what if some were without faith? shall their want of faith make of none effect the faithfulness of God?

4 God forbid: yea, let God be found true, but every man a liar; as it is written, That you might be justified in your words, And might prevail when you come into judgment.

5 But if our unrighteousness commends the righteousness of God, what shall we say? Is God unrighteous who visits with wrath? (I speak after the manner of men.)

6 God forbid: for then how shall God judge the world?

7 But if the truth of God through my lie abounded unto his glory, why am I also still judged as a sinner?

8 and why not (as we be slanderously reported, and as some affirm that we say), Let us do evil, that good may come? whose condemnation is just.

9 What then? are we in worse case than they? No, in no wise: for we before laid to the charge both of Jews and Greeks, that they are all under sin;

10 as it is written, There is none righteous, no, not one;

11 There is none that understands, There is none that seeks after God;

12 They have all turned aside, they are together become unprofitable; There is none that does good, no, not so much as one:

13 Their throat is an open sepulchre; With their tongues they have used deceit: The poison of asps is under their lips:

14 Whose mouth is full of cursing and bitterness:

15 Their feet are swift to shed blood;

16 Destruction and misery are in their ways;

17 And the way of peace have they not known:

18 There is no fear of God before their eyes.

19 Now we know that what things soever the law says, it speaks to them that are under the law; that every mouth may be stopped, and all the world may be brought under the judgment of God:

20 because by the works of the law shall no flesh be justified in his sight: for through the law comes the knowledge of sin.

21 But now apart from the law a righteousness of God has been manifested, being witnessed by the law and the prophets;

22 even the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ unto all them that believe; for there is no distinction;

23 for all have sinned, and fall short of the glory of God;

24 being justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus:

25 whom God set forth to be a propitiation, through faith, by his blood, to shew his righteousness, because of the passing over of the sins done aforetime, in the forbearance of God;

26 for the shewing, I say, of his righteousness at this present season: that he might himself be just, and the justifier of him that has faith in Jesus.

27 Where then is the glorying? It is excluded. By what manner of law? of works? Nay: but by a law of faith.

28 We reckon therefore that a man is justified by faith apart from the works of the law.

29 Or is God the God of Jews only? is he not the God of Gentiles also? Yea, of Gentiles also:

30 if so be that God is one, and he shall justify the circumcision by faith, and the uncircumcision through faith.

31 Do we then make the law of none effect through faith? God forbid: nay, we establish the law.

Chapter 4

1 What then shall we say that Abraham, our forefather according to the flesh, has found?

2 For if Abraham was justified by works, he has whereof to glory; but not toward God.

3 For what says the scripture? And Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned unto him for righteousness.

4 Now to him that works, the reward is not reckoned as of grace, but as of debt.

5 But to him that works not, but believes on him that justifies the ungodly, his faith is reckoned for righteousness.

6 Even as David also pronounces blessing upon the man, unto whom God reckons righteousness apart from works,

7 saying, Blessed are they whose iniquities are forgiven, And whose sins are covered.

8 Blessed is the man to whom the Lord will not reckon sin.

9 Is this blessing then pronounced upon the circumcision, or upon the uncircumcision also? for we say, To Abraham his faith was reckoned for righteousness.

10 How then was it reckoned? when he was in circumcision, or in uncircumcision? Not in circumcision, but in uncircumcision:

11 and he received the sign of circumcision, a seal of the righteousness of the faith which he had while he was in uncircumcision: that he might be the father of all them that believe, though they be in uncircumcision, that righteousness might be reckoned unto them;

12 and the father of circumcision to them who not only are of the circumcision, but who also walk in the steps of that faith of our father Abraham which he had in uncircumcision.

13 For not through the law was the promise to Abraham or to his seed, that he should be heir of the world, but through the righteousness of faith.

14 For if they which are of the law be heirs, faith is made void, and the promise is made of none effect:

15 for the law works wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there transgression.

16 For this cause it is of faith, that it may be according to grace; to the end that the promise may be sure to all the seed; not to that only which is of the law, but to that also which is of the faith of Abraham, who is the father of us all

17 (as it is written, A father of many nations have I made you) before him whom he believed, even God, who quickens the dead, and calls the things that are not, as though they were.

18 Who in hope believed against hope, to the end that he might become a father of many nations, according to that which had been spoken, So shall your seed be.

19 And without being weakened in faith he considered his own body now as good as dead (he being about a hundred years old), and the deadness of Sarah's womb:

20 yea, looking unto the promise of God, he wavered not through unbelief, but waxed strong through faith, giving glory to God,

21 and being fully assured that, what he had promised, he was able also to perform.

22 Wherefore also it was reckoned unto him for righteousness.

23 Now it was not written for his sake alone, that it was reckoned unto him;

24 but for our sake also, unto whom it shall be reckoned, who believe on him that raised Jesus our Lord from the dead,

25 who was delivered up for our trespasses, and was raised for our justification.

Chapter 5

1 Being therefore justified by faith, let us have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ;

2 through whom also we have had our access by faith into this grace wherein we stand; and let us rejoice in hope of the glory of God.

3 And not only so, but let us also rejoice in our tribulations: knowing that tribulation works patience;

4 and patience, probation; and probation, hope:

5 and hope puts not to shame; because the love of God has been shed abroad in our hearts through the Holy Ghost which was given unto us.

6 For while we were yet weak, in due season Christ died for the ungodly.

7 For scarcely for a righteous man will one die: for peradventure for the good man some one would even dare to die.

8 But God commends his own love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.

9 Much more then, being now justified by his blood, shall we be saved from the wrath of God through him.

10 For if, while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son, much more, being reconciled, shall we be saved by his life;

11 and not only so, but we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received the reconciliation.

12 Therefore, as through one man sin entered into the world, and death through sin; and so death passed unto all men, for that all sinned:—

13 for until the law sin was in the world: but sin is not imputed when there is no law.

14 Nevertheless death reigned from Adam until Moses, even over them that had not sinned after the likeness of Adam's transgression, who is a figure of him that was to come.

15 But not as the trespass, so also is the free gift. For if by the trespass of the one the many died, much more did the grace of God, and the gift by the grace of the one man, Jesus Christ, abound unto the many.

16 And not as through one that sinned, so is the gift: for the judgment came of one unto condemnation, but the free gift came of many trespasses unto justification.

17 For if, by the trespass of the one, death reigned through the one; much more shall they that receive the abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness reign in life through the one, even Jesus Christ.

18 So then as through one trespass the judgment came unto all men to condemnation; even so through one act of righteousness the free gift came unto all men to justification of life.

19 For as through the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, even so through the obedience of the one shall the many be made righteous.

20 And the law came in beside, that the trespass might abound; but where sin abounded, grace did abound more exceedingly:

21 that, as sin reigned in death, even so might grace reign through righteousness unto eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Chapter 6

1 What shall we say then? Shall we continue in sin, that grace may abound?

2 God forbid. We who died to sin, how shall we any longer live therein?

3 Or are you ignorant that all we who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death?

4 We were buried therefore with him through baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, so we also might walk in newness of life.

5 For if we have become united with him by the likeness of his death, we shall be also by the likeness of his resurrection;

6 knowing this, that our old man was crucified with him, that the body of sin might be done away, that so we should no longer be in bondage to sin;

7 for he that has died is justified from sin.

8 But if we died with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with him;

9 knowing that Christ being raised from the dead dies no more; death no more has dominion over him.

10 For the death that he died, he died unto sin once: but the life that he lives, he lives unto God.

11 Even so reckon you also yourselves to be dead unto sin, but alive unto God in Christ Jesus.

12 Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body, that you should obey the lusts thereof:

13 neither present your members unto sin as instruments of unrighteousness; but present yourselves unto God, as alive from the dead, and your members as instruments of righteousness unto God.

14 For sin shall not have dominion over you: for you are not under law, but under grace.

15 What then? shall we sin, because we are not under law, but under grace? God forbid.

16 Know you not, that to whom you present yourselves as servants unto obedience, his servants you are whom you obey; whether of sin unto death, or of obedience unto righteousness?

17 But thanks be to God, that, whereas you were servants of sin, you became obedient from the heart to that form of teaching whereunto you were delivered;

18 and being made free from sin, you became servants of righteousness.

19 I speak after the manner of men because of the infirmity of your flesh: for as you presented your members as servants to uncleanness and to iniquity unto iniquity, even so now present your members as servants to righteousness unto sanctification.

20 For when you were servants of sin, you were free in regard of righteousness.

21 What fruit then had you at that time in the things whereof you are now ashamed? for the end of those things is death.

22 But now being made free from sin, and become servants to God, you have your fruit unto sanctification, and the end eternal life.

23 For the wages of sin is death; but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Chapter 7

1 Or are you ignorant, brethren (for I speak to men that know the law), how that the law has dominion over a man for so long time as he lives?

2 For the woman that has a husband is bound by law to the husband while he lives; but if the husband die, she is discharged from the law of the husband.

3 So then if, while the husband lives, she be joined to another man, she shall be called an adulteress: but if the husband die, she is free from the law, so that she is no adulteress, though she be joined to another man.

4 Wherefore, my brethren, you also were made dead to the law through the body of Christ; that you should be joined to another, even to him who was raised from the dead, that we might bring forth fruit unto God.

5 For when we were in the flesh, the sinful passions, which were through the law, wrought in our members to bring forth fruit unto death.

6 But now we have been discharged from the law, having died to that wherein we were holden; so that we serve in newness of the spirit, and not in oldness of the letter.

7 What shall we say then? Is the law sin? God forbid. Howbeit, I had not known sin, except through the law: for I had not known coveting, except the law had said, You shall not covet:

8 but sin, finding occasion, wrought in me through the commandment all manner of coveting: for apart from the law sin is dead.

9 And I was alive apart from the law once: but when the commandment came, sin revived, and I died;

10 and the commandment, which was unto life, this I found to be unto death:

11 for sin, finding occasion, through the commandment beguiled me, and through it slew me.

12 So that the law is holy, and the commandment holy, and righteous, and good.

13 Did then that which is good become death unto me? God forbid. But sin, that it might be shewn to be sin, by working death to me through that which is good;—that through the commandment sin might become exceeding sinful.

14 For we know that the law is spiritual: but I am carnal, sold under sin.

15 For that which I do I know not: for not what I would, that do I practise; but what I hate, that I do.

16 But if what I would not, that I do, I consent unto the law that it is good.

17 So now it is no more I that do it, but sin which dwells in me.

18 For I know that in me, that is, in my flesh, dwells no good thing: for to will is present with me, but to do that which is good is not.

19 For the good which I would I do not: but the evil which I would not, that I practise.

20 But if what I would not, that I do, it is no more I that do it, but sin which dwells in me.

21 I find then the law, that, to me who would do good, evil is present.

22 For I delight in the law of God after the inward man:

23 but I see a different law in my members, warring against the law of my mind, and bringing me into captivity under the law of sin which is in my members.

24 O wretched man that I am! who shall deliver me out of the body of this death?

25 I thank God through Jesus Christ our Lord. So then I myself with the mind serve the law of God; but with the flesh the law of sin.

Chapter 8

1 There is therefore now no condemnation to them that are in Christ Jesus.

2 For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus made me free from the law of sin and of death.

3 For what the law could not do, in that it was weak through the flesh, God, sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and as an offering for sin, condemned sin in the flesh:

4 that the ordinance of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not after the flesh, but after the spirit.

5 For they that are after the flesh do mind the things of the flesh; but they that are after the spirit the things of the spirit.

6 For the mind of the flesh is death; but the mind of the spirit is life and peace:

7 because the mind of the flesh is enmity against God; for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can it be:

8 and they that are in the flesh cannot please God.

9 But you are not in the flesh, but in the spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwells in you. But if any man has not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his.

10 And if Christ is in you, the body is dead because of sin; but the spirit is life because of righteousness.

11 But if the Spirit of him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he that raised up Christ Jesus from the dead shall quicken also your mortal bodies through his Spirit that dwells in you.

12 So then, brethren, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live after the flesh:

13 for if you live after the flesh, you must die; but if by the spirit you mortify the deeds of the body, you shall live.

14 For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God.

15 For you received not the spirit of bondage again unto fear; but you received the spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, Father.

16 The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit, that we are children of God:

17 and if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ; if so be that we suffer with him, that we may be also glorified with him.

18 For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed to us-ward.

19 For the earnest expectation of the creation waits for the revealing of the sons of God.

20 For the creation was subjected to vanity, not of its own will, but by reason of him who subjected it, in hope

21 that the creation itself also shall be delivered from the bondage of corruption into the liberty of the glory of the children of God.

22 For we know that the whole creation groans and travails in pain together until now.

23 And not only so, but ourselves also, which have the firstfruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, waiting for our adoption, to wit, the redemption of our body.

24 For by hope were we saved: but hope that is seen is not hope: for who hopes for that which he sees?

25 But if we hope for that which we see not, then do we with patience wait for it.

26 And in like manner the Spirit also helps our infirmity: for we know not how to pray as we ought; but the Spirit himself makes intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered;

27 and he that searches the hearts knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because he makes intercession for the saints according to the will of God.

28 And we know that to them that love God all things work together for good, even to them that are called according to his purpose.

29 For whom he foreknew, he also foreordained to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brethren:

30 and whom he foreordained, them he also called: and whom he called, them he also justified: and whom he justified, them he also glorified.

31 What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who is against us?

32 He that spared not his own Son, but delivered him up for us all, how shall he not also with him freely give us all things?

33 Who shall lay anything to the charge of God's elect? It is God that justifies;

34 who is he that shall condemn? It is Christ Jesus that died, yea rather, that was raised from the dead, who is at the right hand of God, who also makes intercession for us.

35 Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? shall tribulation, or anguish, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword?

36 Even as it is written, For your sake we are killed all the day long; We were accounted as sheep for the slaughter.

37 Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us.

38 For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers,

39 nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Chapter 9

1 I say the truth in Christ, I lie not, my conscience bearing witness with me in the Holy Ghost,

2 that I have great sorrow and unceasing pain in my heart.

3 For I could wish that I myself were anathema from Christ for my brethren's sake, my kinsmen according to the flesh:

4 who are Israelites; whose is the adoption, and the glory, and the covenants, and the giving of the law, and the service of God, and the promises;

5 whose are the fathers, and of whom is Christ as concerning the flesh, who is over all, God blessed for ever. Amen.

6 But it is not as though the word of God has come to nought. For they are not all Israel, which are of Israel:

7 neither, because they are Abraham's seed, are they all children: but, In Isaac shall your seed be called.

8 That is, it is not the children of the flesh that are children of God; but the children of the promise are reckoned for a seed.

9 For this is a word of promise, According to this season will I come, and Sarah shall have a son.

10 And not only so; but Rebekah also having conceived by one, even by our father Isaac—

11 for the children being not yet born, neither having done anything good or bad, that the purpose of God according to election might stand, not of works, but of him that calls,

12 it was said unto her, The elder shall serve the younger.

13 Even as it is written, Jacob I loved, but Esau I hated.

14 What shall we say then? Is there unrighteousness with God? God forbid.

15 For he says to Moses, I will have mercy on whom I have mercy, and I will have compassion on whom I have compassion.

16 So then it is not of him that wills, nor of him that runs, but of God that has mercy.

17 For the scripture says unto Pharaoh, For this very purpose did I raise you up, that I might shew in you my power, and that my name might be published abroad in all the earth.

18 So then he has mercy on whom he will, and whom he will he hardens.

19 You will say then unto me, Why does he still find fault? For who withstands his will?

20 Nay but, O man, who are you that repliest against God? Shall the thing formed say to him that formed it, Why did you make me thus?

21 Or has not the potter a right over the clay, from the same lump to make one part a vessel unto honour, and another unto dishonour?

22 What if God, willing to shew his wrath, and to make his power known, endured with much longsuffering vessels of wrath fitted unto destruction:

23 and that he might make known the riches of his glory upon vessels of mercy, which he afore prepared unto glory,

24 even us, whom he also called, not from the Jews only, but also from the Gentiles?

25 As he says also in Hosea, I will call that my people, which was not my people; And her beloved, which was not beloved.

26 And it shall be, that in the place where it was said unto them, You are not my people, There shall they be called sons of the living God.

27 And Isaiah cries concerning Israel, If the number of the children of Israel be as the sand of the sea, it is the remnant that shall be saved:

28 for the Lord will execute his word upon the earth, finishing it and cutting it short.

29 And, as Isaiah has said before, Except the Lord of Sabaoth had left us a seed, We had become as Sodom, and had been made like unto Gomorrah.

30 What shall we say then? That the Gentiles, which followed not after righteousness, attained to righteousness, even the righteousness which is of faith:

31 but Israel, following after a law of righteousness, did not arrive at that law.

32 Wherefore? Because they sought it not by faith, but as it were by works. They stumbled at the stone of stumbling;

33 even as it is written, Behold, I lay in Zion a stone of stumbling and a rock of offence: And he that believes on him shall not be put to shame.

Chapter 10

1 Brethren, my heart's desire and my supplication to God is for them, that they may be saved.

2 For I bear them witness that they have a zeal for God, but not according to knowledge.

3 For being ignorant of God's righteousness, and seeking to establish their own, they did not subject themselves to the righteousness of God.

4 For Christ is the end of the law unto righteousness to every one that believes.

5 For Moses writes that the man that does the righteousness which is of the law shall live thereby.

6 But the righteousness which is of faith says thus, Say not in your heart, Who shall ascend into heaven? (that is, to bring Christ down:)

7 or, Who shall descend into the abyss? (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead.)

8 But what says it? The word is nigh you, in your mouth, and in your heart: that is, the word of faith, which we preach:

9 because if you shall confess with your mouth Jesus as Lord, and shall believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you shall be saved:

10 for with the heart man believes unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.

11 For the scripture says, Whosoever believes on him shall not be put to shame.

12 For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek: for the same Lord is Lord of all, and is rich unto all that call upon him:

13 for, Whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.

14 How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in him whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher?

15 and how shall they preach, except they be sent? even as it is written, How beautiful are the feet of them that bring glad tidings of good things!

16 But they did not all hearken to the glad tidings. For Isaiah says, Lord, who has believed our report?

17 So belief comes of hearing, and hearing by the word of Christ.

18 But I say, Did they not hear? Yea, verily, Their sound went out into all the earth, And their words unto the ends of the world.

19 But I say, Did Israel not know? First Moses says, I will provoke you to jealousy with that which is no nation, With a nation void of understanding will I anger you.

20 And Isaiah is very bold, and says, I was found of them that sought me not; I became manifest unto them that asked not of me.

21 But as to Israel he says, All the day long did I spread out my hands unto a disobedient and gainsaying people.

Chapter 11

1 I say then, Did God cast off his people? God forbid. For I also am an Israelite, of the seed of Abraham, of the tribe of Benjamin.

2 God did not cast off his people which he foreknew. Or wot you not what the scripture says of Elijah? how he pleads with God against Israel,

3 Lord, they have killed your prophets, they have digged down your altars: and I am left alone, and they seek my life.

4 But what says the answer of God unto him? I have left for myself seven thousand men, who have not bowed the knee to Baal.

5 Even so then at this present time also there is a remnant according to the election of grace.

6 But if it is by grace, it is no more of works: otherwise grace is no more grace.

7 What then? That which Israel seeks for, that he obtained not; but the election obtained it, and the rest were hardened:

8 according as it is written, God gave them a spirit of stupor, eyes that they should not see, and ears that they should not hear, unto this very day.

9 And David says, Let their table be made a snare, and a trap, And a stumblingblock, and a recompense unto them:

10 Let their eyes be darkened, that they may not see, And bow you down their back alway.

11 I say then, Did they stumble that they might fall? God forbid: but by their fall salvation is come unto the Gentiles, for to provoke them to jealousy.

12 Now if their fall is the riches of the world, and their loss the riches of the Gentiles; how much more their fulness?

13 But I speak to you that are Gentiles. Inasmuch then as I am an apostle of Gentiles, I glorify my ministry:

14 if by any means I may provoke to jealousy them that are my flesh, and may save some of them.

15 For if the casting away of them is the reconciling of the world, what shall the receiving of them be, but life from the dead?

16 And if the firstfruit is holy, so is the lump: and if the root is holy, so are the branches.

17 But if some of the branches were broken off, and you, being a wild olive, were grafted in among them, and did become partaker with them of the root of the fatness of the olive tree;

18 glory not over the branches: but if you glory, it is not you that bear the root, but the root you.

19 You will say then, Branches were broken off, that I might be grafted in.

20 Well; by their unbelief they were broken off, and you stand by your faith. Be not highminded, but fear:

21 for if God spared not the natural branches, neither will he spare you.

22 Behold then the goodness and severity of God: toward them that fell, severity; but toward you, God's goodness, if you continue in his goodness: otherwise you also shall be cut off.

23 And they also, if they continue not in their unbelief, shall be grafted in: for God is able to graft them in again.

24 For if you were cut out of that which is by nature a wild olive tree, and were grafted contrary to nature into a good olive tree: how much more shall these, which are the natural branches, be grafted into their own olive tree?

25 For I would not, brethren, have you ignorant of this mystery, lest you be wise in your own conceits, that a hardening in part has befallen Israel, until the fulness of the Gentiles be come in;

26 and so all Israel shall be saved: even as it is written, There shall come out of Zion the Deliverer; He shall turn away ungodliness from Jacob:

27 And this is my covenant unto them, When I shall take away their sins.

28 As touching the gospel, they are enemies for your sake: but as touching the election, they are beloved for the fathers' sake.

29 For the gifts and the calling of God are without repentance.

30 For as you in time past were disobedient to God, but now have obtained mercy by their disobedience,

31 even so have these also now been disobedient, that by the mercy shewn to you they also may now obtain mercy.

32 For God has shut up all unto disobedience, that he might have mercy upon all.

33 O the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and the knowledge of God! how unsearchable are his judgments, and his ways past tracing out!

34 For who has known the mind of the Lord? or who has been his counsellor?

35 or who has first given to him, and it shall be recompensed unto him again?

36 For of him, and through him, and unto him, are all things. To him be the glory for ever. Amen.

Chapter 12

1 I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service.

2 And be not fashioned according to this world: but be you transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is the good and acceptable and perfect will of God.

3 For I say, through the grace that was given me, to every man that is among you, not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think; but so to think as to think soberly, according as God has dealt to each man a measure of faith.

4 For even as we have many members in one body, and all the members have not the same office:

5 so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and severally members one of another.

6 And having gifts differing according to the grace that was given to us, whether prophecy, let us prophesy according to the proportion of our faith;

7 or ministry, let us give ourselves to our ministry; or he that teaches, to his teaching;

8 or he that exhorteth, to his exhorting: he that gives, let him do it with liberality; he that rules, with diligence; he that shows mercy, with cheerfulness.

9 Let love be without hypocrisy. Abhor that which is evil; cleave to that which is good.

10 In love of the brethren be tenderly affectioned one to another; in honour preferring one another;

11 in diligence not slothful; fervent in spirit; serving the Lord;

12 rejoicing in hope; patient in tribulation; continuing stedfastly in prayer;

13 communicating to the necessities of the saints; given to hospitality.

14 Bless them that persecute you; bless, and curse not.

15 Rejoice with them that rejoice; weep with them that weep.

16 Be of the same mind one toward another. Set not your mind on high things, but condescend to things that are lowly. Be not wise in your own conceits.

17 Render to no man evil for evil. Take thought for things honourable in the sight of all men.

18 If it be possible, as much as in you lies, be at peace with all men.

19 Avenge not yourselves, beloved, but give place unto wrath: for it is written, Vengeance belongs unto me; I will recompense, says the Lord.

20 But if your enemy hunger, feed him; if he thirst, give him to drink: for in so doing you shall heap coals of fire upon his head.

21 Be not overcome of evil, but overcome evil with good.

Chapter 13

1 Let every soul be in subjection to the higher powers: for there is no power but of God; and the powers that be are ordained of God.

2 Therefore he that resists the power, withstands the ordinance of God: and they that withstand shall receive to themselves judgment.

3 For rulers are not a terror to the good work, but to the evil. And would you have no fear of the power? do that which is good, and you shall have praise from the same:

4 for he is a minister of God to you for good. But if you do that which is evil, be afraid; for he bears not the sword in vain: for he is a minister of God, an avenger for wrath to him that does evil.

5 Wherefore you must needs be in subjection, not only because of the wrath, but also for conscience sake.

6 For for this cause you pay tribute also; for they are ministers of God's service, attending continually upon this very thing.

7 Render to all their dues: tribute to whom tribute is due; custom to whom custom; fear to whom fear; honour to whom honour.

8 Owe no man anything, save to love one another: for he that loves his neighbour has fulfilled the law.

9 For this, You shall not commit adultery, You shall not kill, You shall not steal, You shall not covet, and if there be any other commandment, it is summed up in this word, namely, You shall love your neighbour as yourself.

10 Love works no ill to his neighbour: love therefore is the fulfillment of the law.

11 And this, knowing the season, that now it is high time for you to awake out of sleep: for now is salvation nearer to us than when we first believed.

12 The night is far spent, and the day is at hand: let us therefore cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armour of light.

13 Let us walk honestly, as in the day; not in revelling and drunkenness, not in chambering and wantonness, not in strife and jealousy.

14 But put you on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make not provision for the flesh, to fulfill the lusts thereof.

Chapter 14

1 But him that is weak in faith receive you, yet not to doubtful disputations.

2 One man has faith to eat all things: but he that is weak eats herbs.

3 Let not him that eats set at nought him that eats not; and let not him that eats not judge him that eats: for God has received him.

4 Who are you that judge the servant of another? to his own lord he stands or falls. Yea, he shall be made to stand; for the Lord has power to make him stand.

5 One man esteems one day above another: another esteems every day alike. Let each man be fully assured in his own mind.

6 He that regards the day, regards it unto the Lord: and he that eats, eats unto the Lord, for he gives God thanks; and he that eats not, unto the Lord he eats not, and gives God thanks.

7 For none of us lives to himself, and none dies to himself.

8 For whether we live, we live unto the Lord; or whether we die, we die unto the Lord: whether we live therefore, or die, we are the Lord's.

9 For to this end Christ died, and lived again, that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living.

10 But you, why do you judge your brother? or you again, why do you set at nought your brother? for we shall all stand before the judgment-seat of God.

11 For it is written, As I live, says the Lord, to me every knee shall bow, And every tongue shall confess to God.

12 So then each one of us shall give account of himself to God.

13 Let us not therefore judge one another any more: but judge you this rather, that no man put a stumblingblock in his brother's way, or an occasion of falling.

14 I know, and am persuaded in the Lord Jesus, that nothing is unclean of itself: save that to him who accounts anything to be unclean, to him it is unclean.

15 For if because of meat your brother is grieved, you walk no longer in love. Destroy not with your meat him for whom Christ died.

16 Let not then your good be evil spoken of:

17 for the kingdom of God is not eating and drinking, but righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Ghost.

18 For he that herein serves Christ is well-pleasing to God, and approved of men.

19 So then let us follow after things which make for peace, and things whereby we may edify one another.

20 Overthrow not for meat's sake the work of God. All things indeed are clean; howbeit it is evil for that man who eats with offence.

21 It is good not to eat flesh, nor to drink wine, nor to do anything whereby your brother stumbles.

22 The faith which you have, have you to yourself before God. Happy is he that judges not himself in that which he approves.

23 But he that doubts is condemned if he eat, because he eats not of faith; and whatsoever is not of faith is sin.

Chapter 15

1 Now we that are strong ought to bear the infirmities of the weak, and not to please ourselves.

2 Let each one of us please his neighbour for that which is good, unto edifying.

3 For Christ also pleased not himself; but, as it is written, The reproaches of them that reproached you fell upon me.

4 For whatsoever things were written aforetime were written for our learning, that through patience and through comfort of the scriptures we might have hope.

5 Now the God of patience and of comfort grant you to be of the same mind one with another according to Christ Jesus:

6 that with one accord you may with one mouth glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

7 Wherefore receive you one another, even as Christ also received you, to the glory of God.

8 For I say that Christ has been made a minister of the circumcision for the truth of God, that he might confirm the promises given unto the fathers,

9 and that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy; as it is written, Therefore will I give praise unto you among the Gentiles, And sing unto your name.

10 And again he says, Rejoice, you Gentiles, with his people.

11 And again, Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles; And let all the peoples praise him.

12 And again, Isaiah says, There shall be the root of Jesse, And he that arises to rule over the Gentiles; On him shall the Gentiles hope.

13 Now the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that you may abound in hope, in the power of the Holy Ghost.

14 And I myself also am persuaded of you, my brethren, that you yourselves are full of goodness, filled with all knowledge, able also to admonish one another.

15 But I write the more boldly unto you in some measure, as putting you again in remembrance, because of the grace that was given me of God,

16 that I should be a minister of Christ Jesus unto the Gentiles, ministering the gospel of God, that the offering up of the Gentiles might be made acceptable, being sanctified by the Holy Ghost.

17 I have therefore my glorying in Christ Jesus in things pertaining to God.

18 For I will not dare to speak of any things save those which Christ wrought through me, for the obedience of the Gentiles, by word and deed,

19 in the power of signs and wonders, in the power of the Holy Ghost; so that from Jerusalem, and round about even unto Illyricum, I have fully preached the gospel of Christ;

20 yea, making it my aim so to preach the gospel, not where Christ was already named, that I might not build upon another man's foundation;

21 but, as it is written, They shall see, to whom no tidings of him came, And they who have not heard shall understand.

22 Wherefore also I was hindered these many times from coming to you:

23 but now, having no more any place in these regions, and having these many years a longing to come unto you,

24 whensoever I go unto Spain (for I hope to see you in my journey, and to be brought on my way thitherward by you, if first in some measure I shall have been satisfied with your company)—

25 but now, I say, I go unto Jerusalem, ministering unto the saints.

26 For it has been the good pleasure of Macedonia and Achaia to make a certain contribution for the poor among the saints that are at Jerusalem.

27 Yea, it has been their good pleasure; and their debtors they are. For if the Gentiles have been made partakers of their spiritual things, they owe it to them also to minister unto them in carnal things.

28 When therefore I have accomplished this, and have sealed to them this fruit, I will go on by you unto Spain.

29 And I know that, when I come unto you, I shall come in the fulness of the blessing of Christ.

30 Now I beseech you, brethren, by our Lord Jesus Christ, and by the love of the Spirit, that you strive together with me in your prayers to God for me;

31 that I may be delivered from them that are disobedient in Judea, and that my ministration which I have for Jerusalem may be acceptable to the saints;

32 that I may come unto you in joy through the will of God, and together with you find rest.

33 Now the God of peace be with you all. Amen.

Chapter 16

1 I commend unto you Phoebe our sister, who is a servant of the church that is at Cenchreae:

2 that you receive her in the Lord, worthily of the saints, and that you assist her in whatsoever matter she may have need of you: for she herself also has been a succourer of many, and of mine own self.

3 Salute Prisca and Aquila my fellow-workers in Christ Jesus,

4 who for my life laid down their own necks; unto whom not only I give thanks, but also all the churches of the Gentiles:

5 and salute the church that is in their house. Salute Epaenetus my beloved, who is the firstfruits of Asia unto Christ.

6 Salute Mary, who bestowed much labour on you.

7 Salute Andronicus and Junias, my kinsmen, and my fellow-prisoners, who are of note among the apostles, who also have been in Christ before me.

8 Salute Ampliatus my beloved in the Lord.

9 Salute Urbanus our fellow-worker in Christ, and Stachys my beloved.

10 Salute Apelles the approved in Christ. Salute them which are of the household of Aristobulus.

11 Salute Herodion my kinsman. Salute them of the household of Narcissus, which are in the Lord.

12 Salute Tryphaena and Tryphosa, who labour in the Lord. Salute Persis the beloved, which laboured much in the Lord.

13 Salute Rufus the chosen in the Lord, and his mother and mine.

14 Salute Asyncritus, Phlegon, Hermes, Patrobas, Hermas, and the brethren that are with them.

15 Salute Philologus and Julia, Nereus and his sister, and Olympas, and all the saints that are with them.

16 Salute one another with a holy kiss. All the churches of Christ salute you.

17 Now I beseech you, brethren, mark them which are causing the divisions and occasions of stumbling, contrary to the doctrine which you learned: and turn away from them.

18 For they that are such serve not our Lord Christ, but their own belly; and by their smooth and fair speech they beguile the hearts of the innocent.

19 For your obedience is come abroad unto all men. I rejoice therefore over you: but I would have you wise unto that which is good, and simple unto that which is evil.

20 And the God of peace shall bruise Satan under your feet shortly. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

21 Timothy my fellow-worker salutes you; and Lucius and Jason and Sosipater, my kinsmen.

22 I Tertius, who write the epistle, salute you in the Lord.

23 Gaius my host, and of the whole church, salutes you. Erastus the treasurer of the city salutes you, and Quartus the brother.

25 Now to him that is able to stablish you according to my gospel and the preaching of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery which has been kept in silence through times eternal,

26 but now is manifested, and by the scriptures of the prophets, according to the commandment of the eternal God, is made known unto all the nations unto obedience of faith;

27 to the only wise God, through Jesus Christ, to whom be the glory for ever. Amen.

1 Corinthians

Chapter 1

1 Paul, called to be an apostle of Jesus Christ through the will of God, and Sosthenes our brother,

2 unto the church of God which is at Corinth, even them that are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, with all that call upon the name of our Lord Jesus Christ in every place, their Lord and ours:

3 Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

4 I thank my God always concerning you, for the grace of God which was given you in Christ Jesus;

5 that in everything you were enriched in him, in all utterance and all knowledge;

6 even as the testimony of Christ was confirmed in you:

7 so that you come behind in no gift; waiting for the revelation of our Lord Jesus Christ;

8 who shall also confirm you unto the end, that you be unreproveable in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

9 God is faithful, through whom you were called into the fellowship of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

10 Now I beseech you, brethren, through the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that you all speak the same thing, and that there be no divisions among you; but that you be perfected together in the same mind and in the same judgment.

11 For it has been signified unto me concerning you, my brethren, by them which are of the household of Chloe, that there are contentions among you.

12 Now this I mean, that each one of you says, I am of Paul; and I of Apollos; and I of Cephas; and I of Christ.

13 Is Christ divided? was Paul crucified for you? or were you baptized into the name of Paul?

14 I thank God that I baptized none of you, save Crispus and Gaius;

15 lest any man should say that you were baptized into my name.

16 And I baptized also the household of Stephanas: besides, I know not whether I baptized any other.

17 For Christ sent me not to baptize, but to preach the gospel: not in wisdom of words, lest the cross of Christ should be made void.

18 For the word of the cross is to them that are perishing foolishness; but unto us which are being saved it is the power of God.

19 For it is written, I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, And the prudence of the prudent will I reject.

20 Where is the wise? where is the scribe? where is the disputer of this world? has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world?

21 For seeing that in the wisdom of God the world through its wisdom knew not God, it was God's good pleasure through the foolishness of the preaching to save them that believe.

22 Seeing that Jews ask for signs, and Greeks seek after wisdom:

23 but we preach Christ crucified, unto Jews a stumblingblock, and unto Gentiles foolishness;

24 but unto them that are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God, and the wisdom of God.

25 Because the foolishness of God is wiser than men; and the weakness of God is stronger than men.

26 For behold your calling, brethren, how that not many wise after the flesh, not many mighty, not many noble, are called:

27 but God chose the foolish things of the world, that he might put to shame them that are wise; and God chose the weak things of the world, that he might put to shame the things that are strong;

28 and the base things of the world, and the things that are despised, did God choose, yea and the things that are not, that he might bring to nought the things that are:

29 that no flesh should glory before God.

30 But of him are you in Christ Jesus, who was made unto us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification, and redemption:

31 that, according as it is written, He that glories, let him glory in the Lord.

Chapter 2

1 And I, brethren, when I came unto you, came not with excellency of speech or of wisdom, proclaiming to you the mystery of God.

2 For I determined not to know anything among you, save Jesus Christ, and him crucified.

3 And I was with you in weakness, and in fear, and in much trembling.

4 And my speech and my preaching were not in persuasive words of wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power:

5 that your faith should not stand in the wisdom of men, but in the power of God.

6 Howbeit we speak wisdom among the perfect: yet a wisdom not of this world, nor of the rulers of this world, which are coming to nought:

7 but we speak God's wisdom in a mystery, even the wisdom that has been hidden, which God foreordained before the worlds unto our glory:

8 which none of the rulers of this world knows: for had they known it, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory:

9 but as it is written, Things which eye saw not, and ear heard not, And which entered not into the heart of man, Whatsoever things God prepared for them that love him.

10 But unto us God revealed them through the Spirit: for the Spirit searches all things, yea, the deep things of God.

11 For who among men knows the things of a man, save the spirit of the man, which is in him? even so the things of God none knows, save the Spirit of God.

12 But we received, not the spirit of the world, but the spirit which is of God; that we might know the things that are freely given to us by God.

13 Which things also we speak, not in words which man's wisdom teaches, but which the Spirit teaches; comparing spiritual things with spiritual.

14 Now the natural man receives not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him; and he cannot know them, because they are spiritually judged.

15 But he that is spiritual judges all things, and he himself is judged of no man.

16 For who has known the mind of the Lord, that he should instruct him? But we have the mind of Christ.

Chapter 3

1 And I, brethren, could not speak unto you as unto spiritual, but as unto carnal, as unto babes in Christ.

2 I fed you with milk, not with meat; for you were not yet able to bear it: nay, not even now are you able;

3 for you are yet carnal: for whereas there is among you jealousy and strife, are you not carnal, and walk after the manner of men?

4 For when one says, I am of Paul; and another, I am of Apollos; are you not men?

5 What then is Apollos? and what is Paul? Ministers through whom you believed; and each as the Lord gave to him.

6 I planted, Apollos watered; but God gave the increase.

7 So then neither is he that plants anything, neither he that waters; but God that gives the increase.

8 Now he that plants and he that waters are one: but each shall receive his own reward according to his own labour.

9 For we are God's fellow-workers: you are God's husbandry, God's building.

10 According to the grace of God which was given unto me, as a wise masterbuilder I laid a foundation; and another builds thereon. But let each man take heed how he builds thereon.

11 For other foundation can no man lay than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ.

12 But if any man builds on the foundation gold, silver, costly stones, wood, hay, stubble;

13 each man's work shall be made manifest: for the day shall declare it, because it is revealed in fire; and the fire itself shall prove each man's work of what sort it is.

14 If any man's work shall abide which he built thereon, he shall receive a reward.

15 If any man's work shall be burned, he shall suffer loss: but he himself shall be saved; yet so as through fire.

16 Know you not that you are a temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwells in you?

17 If any man destroys the temple of God, him shall God destroy; for the temple of God is holy, which temple you are.

18 Let no man deceive himself. If any man thinks that he is wise among you in this world, let him become a fool, that he may become wise.

19 For the wisdom of this world is foolishness with God. For it is written, He that takes the wise in their craftiness:

20 and again, The Lord knows the reasonings of the wise, that they are vain.

21 Wherefore let no one glory in men. For all things are yours;

22 whether Paul, or Apollos, or Cephas, or the world, or life, or death, or things present, or things to come; all are yours;

23 and you are Christ's; and Christ is God's.

Chapter 4

1 Let a man so account of us, as of ministers of Christ, and stewards of the mysteries of God.

2 Here, moreover, it is required in stewards, that a man be found faithful.

3 But with me it is a very small thing that I should be judged of you, or of man's judgment: yea, I judge not mine own self.

4 For I know nothing against myself; yet am I not hereby justified: but he that judges me is the Lord.

5 Wherefore judge nothing before the time, until the Lord come, who will both bring to light the hidden things of

darkness, and make manifest the counsels of the hearts; and then shall each man have his praise from God.

6 Now these things, brethren, I have in a figure transferred to myself and Apollos for your sakes; that in us you might learn not to go beyond the things which are written; that no one of you be puffed up for the one against the other.

7 For who makes you to differ? and what have you that you did not receive? but if you did receive it, why do you glory, as if you had not received it?

8 Already are you filled, already you are become rich, you have reigned without us: yea and I would that you did reign, that we also might reign with you.

9 For, I think, God has set forth us the apostles last of all, as men doomed to death: for we are made a spectacle unto the world, and to angels, and to men.

10 We are fools for Christ's sake, but you are wise in Christ; we are weak, but you are strong; you have glory, but we have dishonour.

11 Even unto this present hour we both hunger, and thirst, and are naked, and are buffeted, and have no certain dwelling place;

12 and we toil, working with our own hands: being reviled, we bless; being persecuted, we endure;

13 being defamed, we entreat: we are made as the filth of the world, the offscouring of all things, even until now.

14 I write not these things to shame you, but to admonish you as my beloved children.

15 For though you should have ten thousand tutors in Christ, yet have you not many fathers: for in Christ Jesus I begat you through the gospel.

16 I beseech you therefore, be you imitators of me.

17 For this cause have I sent unto you Timothy, who is my beloved and faithful child in the Lord, who shall put you in remembrance of my ways which be in Christ, even as I teach everywhere in every church.

18 Now some are puffed up, as though I were not coming to you.

19 But I will come to you shortly, if the Lord will; and I will know, not the word of them which are puffed up, but the power.

20 For the kingdom of God is not in word, but in power.

21 What will you? shall I come unto you with a rod, or in love and a spirit of meekness?

Chapter 5

1 It is actually reported that there is fornication among you, and such fornication as is not even among the Gentiles, that one of you has his father's wife.

2 And you are puffed up, and did not rather mourn, that he that had done this deed might be taken away from among you.

3 For I verily, being absent in body but present in spirit, have already, as though I were present, judged him that has so wrought this thing,

4 in the name of our Lord Jesus, you being gathered together, and my spirit, with the power of our Lord Jesus,

5 to deliver such a one unto Satan for the destruction of the flesh, that the spirit may be saved in the day of the Lord Jesus.

6 Your glorying is not good. Know you not that a little leaven leaveneth the whole lump?

7 Purge out the old leaven, that you may be a new lump, even as you are unleavened. For our passover also has been sacrificed, even Christ:

8 wherefore let us keep the feast, not with old leaven, neither with the leaven of malice and wickedness, but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.

9 I wrote unto you in my epistle to have no company with fornicators;

10 not altogether with the fornicators of this world, or with the covetous and extortioners, or with idolaters; for then must you needs go out of the world:

11 but now I write unto you not to keep company, if any man that is named a brother be a fornicator, or covetous, or an idolater, or a reviler, or a drunkard, or an extortioner; with such a one no, not to eat.

12 For what have I to do with judging them that are without? Do not you judge them that are within,

13 whereas them that are without God judges? Put away the wicked man from among yourselves.

Chapter 6

1 Dare any of you, having a matter against his neighbour, go to law before the unrighteous, and not before the saints?

2 Or know you not that the saints shall judge the world? and if the world is judged by you, are you unworthy to judge the smallest matters?

3 Know you not that we shall judge angels? how much more, things that pertain to this life?

4 If then you have to judge things pertaining to this life, do you set them to judge who are of no account in the church?

5 I say this to move you to shame. Is it so, that there cannot be found among you one wise man, who shall be able to decide between his brethren,

6 but brother goes to law with brother, and that before unbelievers?

7 Nay, already it is altogether a defect in you, that you have lawsuits one with another. Why not rather take wrong? why not rather be defrauded?

8 Nay, but you yourselves do wrong, and defraud, and that your brethren.

9 Or know you not that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God? Be not deceived: neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor abusers of themselves with men,

10 nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners, shall inherit the kingdom of God.

11 And such were some of you: but you were washed, but you were sanctified, but you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, and in the Spirit of our God.

12 All things are lawful for me; but not all things are expedient. All things are lawful for me; but I will not be brought under the power of any.

13 Meats for the belly, and the belly for meats: but God shall bring to nought both it and them. But the body is not for fornication, but for the Lord; and the Lord for the body:

14 and God both raised the Lord, and will raise up us through his power.

15 Know you not that your bodies are members of Christ? shall I then take away the members of Christ, and make them members of a harlot? God forbid.

16 Or know you not that he that is joined to a harlot is one body? for, The twain, says he, shall become one flesh.

17 But he that is joined unto the Lord is one spirit.

18 Flee fornication. Every sin that a man does is without the body; but he that commits fornication sins against his own body.

19 Or know you not that your body is a temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which you have from God? and you are not your own;

20 for you were bought with a price: glorify God therefore in your body.

Chapter 7

1 Now concerning the things whereof you wrote: It is good for a man not to touch a woman.

2 But, because of fornications, let each man have his own wife, and let each woman have her own husband.

3 Let the husband render unto the wife her due: and likewise also the wife unto the husband.

4 The wife has not power over her own body, but the husband: and likewise also the husband has not power over his own body, but the wife.

5 Defraud you not one the other, except it be by consent for a season, that you may give yourselves unto prayer, and may be together again, that Satan tempt you not because of your incontinency.

6 But this I say by way of permission, not of commandment.

7 Yet I would that all men were even as I myself. Howbeit each man has his own gift from God, one after this manner, and another after that.

8 But I say to the unmarried and to widows, It is good for them if they abide even as I.

9 But if they have not continency, let them marry: for it is better to marry than to burn.

10 But unto the married I give charge, yea not I, but the Lord, That the wife depart not from her husband

11 (but and if she depart, let her remain unmarried, or else be reconciled to her husband); and that the husband leave not his wife.

12 But to the rest say I, not the Lord: If any brother has an unbelieving wife, and she is content to dwell with him, let him not leave her.

13 And the woman which has an unbelieving husband, and he is content to dwell with her, let her not leave her husband.

14 For the unbelieving husband is sanctified in the wife, and the unbelieving wife is sanctified in the brother: else were your children unclean; but now are they holy.

15 Yet if the unbelieving departs, let him depart: the brother or the sister is not under bondage in such cases: but God has called us in peace.

16 For how know you, O wife, whether you shall save your husband? or how know you, O husband, whether you shall save your wife?

17 Only, as the Lord has distributed to each man, as God has called each, so let him walk. And so ordain I in all the churches.

18 Was any man called being circumcised? let him not become uncircumcised. Has any been called in uncircumcision? let him not be circumcised.

19 Circumcision is nothing, and uncircumcision is nothing; but the keeping of the commandments of God.

20 Let each man abide in that calling wherein he was called.

21 Were you called being a bondservant? care not for it: but if you can become free, use it rather.

22 For he that was called in the Lord, being a bondservant, is the Lord's freedman: likewise he that was called, being free, is Christ's bondservant.

23 You were bought with a price; become not bondservants of men.

24 Brethren, let each man, wherein he was called, therein abide with God.

25 Now concerning virgins I have no commandment of the Lord: but I give my judgment, as one that has obtained mercy of the Lord to be faithful.

26 I think therefore that this is good by reason of the present distress, namely, that it is good for a man to be as he is.

27 Are you bound unto a wife? seek not to be loosed. Are you loosed from a wife? seek not a wife.

28 But and if you marry, you have not sinned; and if a virgin marry, she has not sinned. Yet such shall have tribulation in the flesh: and I would spare you.

29 But this I say, brethren, the time is shortened, that henceforth both those that have wives may be as though they had none;

30 and those that weep, as though they wept not; and those that rejoice, as though they rejoiced not; and those that buy, as though they possessed not;

31 and those that use the world, as not abusing it: for the fashion of this world passes away.

32 But I would have you to be free from cares. He that is unmarried is careful for the things of the Lord, how he may please the Lord:

33 but he that is married is careful for the things of the world, how he may please his wife.

34 And there is a difference also between the wife and the virgin. She that is unmarried is careful for the things of the Lord, that she may be holy both in body and in spirit: but she that is married is careful for the things of the world, how she may please her husband.

35 And this I say for your own profit; not that I may cast a snare upon you, but for that which is seemly, and that you may attend upon the Lord without distraction.

36 But if any man thinks that he behaves himself unseemly toward his virgin daughter, if she be past the flower of her age, and if need so requires, let him do what he will; he sins not; let them marry.

37 But he that stands stedfast in his heart, having no necessity, but has power as touching his own will, and has determined this in his own heart, to keep his own virgin daughter, shall do well.

38 So then both he that gives his own virgin daughter in marriage does well; and he that gives her not in marriage shall do better.

39 A wife is bound for so long time as her husband lives; but if the husband be dead, she is free to be married to whom she will; only in the Lord.

40 But she is happier if she abide as she is, after my judgment: and I think that I also have the Spirit of God.

Chapter 8

1 Now concerning things sacrificed to idols: We know that we all have knowledge. Knowledge puffs up, but love edifies.

2 If any man thinks that he knows anything, he knows not yet as he ought to know;

3 but if any man loves God, the same is known of him.

4 Concerning therefore the eating of things sacrificed to idols, we know that no idol is anything in the world, and that there is no God but one.

5 For though there be that are called gods, whether in heaven or on earth; as there are gods many, and lords many;

6 yet to us there is one God, the Father, of whom are all things, and we unto him; and one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom are all things, and we through him.

7 Howbeit in all men there is not that knowledge: but some, being used until now to the idol, eat as of a thing sacrificed to an idol; and their conscience being weak is defiled.

8 But meat will not commend us to God: neither, if we eat not, are we the worse; nor, if we eat, are we the better.

9 But take heed lest by any means this liberty of yours become a stumblingblock to the weak.

10 For if a man see you which have knowledge sitting at meat in an idol's temple, will not his conscience, if he is weak, be emboldened to eat things sacrificed to idols?

11 For through your knowledge he that is weak perishes, the brother for whose sake Christ died.

12 And thus, sinning against the brethren, and wounding their conscience when it is weak, you sin against Christ.

13 Wherefore, if meat makes my brother to stumble, I will eat no flesh for evermore, that I make not my brother to stumble.

Chapter 9

1 Am I not free? am I not an apostle? have I not seen Jesus our Lord? are not you my work in the Lord?

2 If to others I am not an apostle, yet at least I am to you; for the seal of mine apostleship are you in the Lord.

3 My defence to them that examine me is this.

4 Have we no right to eat and to drink?

5 Have we no right to lead about a wife that is a believer, even as the rest of the apostles, and the brethren of the Lord, and Cephas?

6 Or I only and Barnabas, have we not a right to forbear working?

7 What soldier ever serves at his own charges? who plants a vineyard, and eats not the fruit thereof? or who feeds a flock, and eats not of the milk of the flock?

8 Do I speak these things after the manner of men? or says not the law also the same?

9 For it is written in the law of Moses, You shall not muzzle the ox when he treads out the corn. Is it for the oxen that God careth,

10 or says he it altogether for our sake? Yea, for our sake it was written: because he that plows ought to plow in hope, and he that thresheth, to thresh in hope of partaking.

11 If we sowed unto you spiritual things, is it a great matter if we shall reap your carnal things?

12 If others partake of this right over you, do not we yet more? Nevertheless we did not use this right; but we bear all things, that we may cause no hindrance to the gospel of Christ.

13 Know you not that they which minister about sacred things eat of the things of the temple, and they which wait upon the altar have their portion with the altar?

14 Even so did the Lord ordain that they which proclaim the gospel should live of the gospel.

15 But I have used none of these things: and I write not these things that it may be so done in my case: for it were good for me rather to die, than that any man should make my glorying void.

16 For if I preach the gospel, I have nothing to glory of; for necessity is laid upon me; for woe is unto me, if I preach not the gospel.

17 For if I do this of mine own will, I have a reward: but if not of mine own will, I have a stewardship intrusted to me.

18 What then is my reward? That, when I preach the gospel, I may make the gospel without charge, so as not to use to the full my right in the gospel.

19 For though I was free from all men, I brought myself under bondage to all, that I might gain the more.

20 And to the Jews I became as a Jew, that I might gain Jews; to them that are under the law, as under the law, not being myself under the law, that I might gain them that are under the law;

21 to them that are without law, as without law, not being without law to God, but under law to Christ, that I might gain them that are without law.

22 To the weak I became weak, that I might gain the weak: I am become all things to all men, that I may by all means save some.

23 And I do all things for the gospel's sake, that I may be a joint partaker thereof.

24 Know you not that they which run in a race run all, but one receives the prize? Even so run, that you may attain.

25 And every man that strives in the games is temperate in all things. Now they do it to receive a corruptible crown; but we an incorruptible.

26 I therefore so run, as not uncertainly; so fight I, as not beating the air:

27 but I buffet my body, and bring it into bondage: lest by any means, after that I have preached to others, I myself should be rejected.

Chapter 10

1 For I would not, brethren, have you ignorant, how that our fathers were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea;

2 and were all baptized unto Moses in the cloud and in the sea;

3 and did all eat the same spiritual meat;

4 and did all drink the same spiritual drink: for they drank of a spiritual rock that followed them: and the rock was Christ.

5 Howbeit with most of them God was not well pleased: for they were overthrown in the wilderness.

6 Now these things were our examples, to the intent we should not lust after evil things, as they also lusted.

7 Neither be you idolaters, as were some of them; as it is written, The people sat down to eat and drink, and rose up to play.

8 Neither let us commit fornication, as some of them committed, and fell in one day three and twenty thousand.

9 Neither let us tempt the Lord, as some of them tempted, and perished by the serpents.

10 Neither murmur you, as some of them murmured, and perished by the destroyer.

11 Now these things happened unto them by way of example; and they were written for our admonition, upon whom the ends of the ages are come.

12 Wherefore let him that thinks he stands take heed lest he fall.

13 There has no temptation taken you but such as man can bear: but God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that you are able; but will with the temptation make also the way of escape, that you may be able to endure it.

14 Wherefore, my beloved, flee from idolatry.

15 I speak as to wise men; judge you what I say.

16 The cup of blessing which we bless, is it not a communion of the blood of Christ? The bread which we break, is it not a communion of the body of Christ?

17 seeing that we, who are many, are one bread, one body: for we all partake of the one bread.

18 Behold Israel after the flesh: have not they which eat the sacrifices communion with the altar?

19 What say I then? that a thing sacrificed to idols is anything, or that an idol is anything?

20 But I say, that the things which the Gentiles sacrifice, they sacrifice to devils, and not to God: and I would not that you should have communion with devils.

21 You cannot drink the cup of the Lord, and the cup of devils: you cannot partake of the table of the Lord, and of the table of devils.

22 Or do we provoke the Lord to jealousy? are we stronger than he?

23 All things are lawful; but all things are not expedient. All things are lawful; but all things edify not.

24 Let no man seek his own, but each his neighbour's good.

25 Whatsoever is sold in the shambles, eat, asking no question for conscience sake;

26 for the earth is the Lord's, and the fulness thereof.

27 If one of them that believe not bids you to a feast, and you are disposed to go; whatsoever is set before you, eat, asking no question for conscience sake.

28 But if any man say unto you, This has been offered in sacrifice, eat not, for his sake that shewed it, and for conscience sake:

29 conscience, I say, not your own, but the other's; for why is my liberty judged by another conscience?

30 If I by grace partake, why am I evil spoken of for that for which I give thanks?

31 Whether therefore you eat, or drink, or whatsoever you do, do all to the glory of God.

32 Give no occasion of stumbling, either to Jews, or to Greeks, or to the church of God:

33 even as I also please all men in all things, not seeking mine own profit, but the profit of the many, that they may be saved.

Chapter 11

1 Be you imitators of me, even as I also am of Christ.

2 Now I praise you that you remember me in all things, and hold fast the traditions, even as I delivered them to you.

3 But I would have you know, that the head of every man is Christ; and the head of the woman is the man; and the head of Christ is God.

4 Every man praying or prophesying, having his head covered, dishonours his head.

5 But every woman praying or prophesying with her head unveiled dishonours her head: for it is one and the same thing as if she were shaven.

6 For if a woman is not veiled, let her also be shorn: but if it is a shame to a woman to be shorn or shaven, let her be veiled.

7 For a man indeed ought not to have his head veiled, forasmuch as he is the image and glory of God: but the woman is the glory of the man.

8 For the man is not of the woman; but the woman of the man:

9 for neither was the man created for the woman; but the woman for the man:

10 for this cause ought the woman to have a sign of authority on her head, because of the angels.

11 Howbeit neither is the woman without the man, nor the man without the woman, in the Lord.

12 For as the woman is of the man, so is the man also by the woman; but all things are of God.

13 Judge you in yourselves: is it seemly that a woman pray unto God unveiled?

14 Does not even nature itself teach you, that, if a man have long hair, it is a dishonour to him?

15 But if a woman have long hair, it is a glory to her: for her hair is given her for a covering.

16 But if any man seems to be contentious, we have no such custom, neither the churches of God.

17 But in giving you this charge, I praise you not, that you come together not for the better but for the worse.

18 For first of all, when you come together in the church, I hear that divisions exist among you; and I partly believe it.

19 For there must be also heresies among you, that they which are approved may be made manifest among you.

20 When therefore you assemble yourselves together, it is not possible to eat the Lord's supper:

21 for in your eating each one takes before other his own supper; and one is hungry, and another is drunken.

22 What? have you not houses to eat and to drink in? or despise you the church of God, and put them to shame that have not? What shall I say to you? shall I praise you in this? I praise you not.

23 For I received of the Lord that which also I delivered unto you, how that the Lord Jesus in the night in which he was betrayed took bread;

24 and when he had given thanks, he brake it, and said, This is my body, which is for you: this do in remembrance of me.

25 In like manner also the cup, after supper, saying, This cup is the new covenant in my blood: this do, as oft as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

26 For as often as you eat this bread, and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death till he come.

27 Wherefore whosoever shall eat the bread or drink the cup of the Lord unworthily, shall be guilty of the body and the blood of the Lord.

28 But let a man prove himself, and so let him eat of the bread, and drink of the cup.

29 For he that eats and drinks, eats and drinks judgment unto himself, if he discern not the body.

30 For this cause many among you are weak and sickly, and not a few sleep.

31 But if we discerned ourselves, we should not be judged.

32 But when we are judged, we are chastened of the Lord, that we may not be condemned with the world.

33 Wherefore, my brethren, when you come together to eat, wait one for another.

34 If any man is hungry, let him eat at home; that your coming together be not unto judgment. And the rest will I set in order whensoever I come.

Chapter 12

1 Now concerning spiritual gifts, brethren, I would not have you ignorant.

2 You know that when you were Gentiles you were led away unto those dumb idols, howsoever you might be led.

3 Wherefore I give you to understand, that no man speaking in the Spirit of God says, Jesus is anathema; and no man can say, Jesus is Lord, but in the Holy Spirit.

4 Now there are diversities of gifts, but the same Spirit.

5 And there are diversities of ministrations, and the same Lord.

6 And there are diversities of workings, but the same God, who works all things in all.

7 But to each one is given the manifestation of the Spirit to profit withal.

8 For to one is given through the Spirit the word of wisdom; and to another the word of knowledge, according to the same Spirit:

9 to another faith, in the same Spirit; and to another gifts of healings, in the one Spirit;

10 and to another workings of miracles; and to another prophecy; and to another discernings of spirits: to another divers kinds of tongues; and to another the interpretation of tongues:

11 but all these works the one and the same Spirit, dividing to each one severally even as he will.

12 For as the body is one, and has many members, and all the members of the body, being many, are one body; so also is Christ.

13 For in one Spirit were we all baptized into one body, whether Jews or Greeks, whether bond or free; and were all made to drink of one Spirit.

14 For the body is not one member, but many.

15 If the foot shall say, Because I am not the hand, I am not of the body; it is not therefore not of the body.

16 And if the ear shall say, Because I am not the eye, I am not of the body; it is not therefore not of the body.

17 If the whole body were an eye, where were the hearing? If the whole were hearing, where were the smelling?

18 But now has God set the members each one of them in the body, even as it pleased him.

19 And if they were all one member, where were the body?

20 But now they are many members, but one body.

21 And the eye cannot say to the hand, I have no need of you: or again the head to the feet, I have no need of you.

22 Nay, much rather, those members of the body which seem to be more feeble are necessary:

23 and those parts of the body, which we think to be less honourable, upon these we bestow more abundant honour; and our uncomely parts have more abundant comeliness;

24 whereas our comely parts have no need: but God tempered the body together, giving more abundant honour to that part which lacked;

25 that there should be no schism in the body; but that the members should have the same care one for another.

26 And whether one member suffers, all the members suffer with it; or one member is honoured, all the members rejoice with it.

27 Now you are the body of Christ, and severally members thereof.

28 And God has set some in the church, first apostles, secondly prophets, thirdly teachers, then miracles, then gifts of healings, helps, governments, divers kinds of tongues.

29 Are all apostles? are all prophets? are all teachers? are all workers of miracles?

30 have all gifts of healings? do all speak with tongues? do all interpret?

31 But desire earnestly the greater gifts. And a still more excellent way shew I unto you.

Chapter 13

1 If I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I am become sounding brass, or a clanging cymbal.

2 And if I have the gift of prophecy, and know all mysteries and all knowledge; and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing.

3 And if I bestow all my goods to feed the poor, and if I give my body to be burned, but have not love, it profits me nothing.

4 Love suffers long, and is kind; love envies not; love vaunteth not itself, is not puffed up,

5 does not behave itself unseemly, seeks not its own, is not provoked, takes not account of evil;

6 rejoices not in unrighteousness, but rejoices with the truth;

7 bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

8 Love never fails: but whether there be prophecies, they shall be done away; whether there be tongues, they shall cease; whether there be knowledge, it shall be done away.

9 For we know in part, and we prophesy in part:

10 but when that which is perfect is come, that which is in part shall be done away.

11 When I was a child, I spake as a child, I felt as a child, I thought as a child: now that I am become a man, I have put away childish things.

12 For now we see in a mirror, darkly; but then face to face: now I know in part; but then shall I know even as also I have been known.

13 But now abides faith, hope, love, these three; and the greatest of these is love.

Chapter 14

1 Follow after love; yet desire earnestly spiritual gifts, but rather that you may prophesy.

2 For he that speaks in a tongue speaks not unto men, but unto God; for no man understands; but in the spirit he speaks mysteries.

3 But he that prophesies speaks unto men edification, and comfort, and consolation.

4 He that speaks in a tongue edifies himself; but he that prophesies edifies the church.

5 Now I would have you all speak with tongues, but rather that you should prophesy: and greater is he that prophesies than he that speaks with tongues, except he interpret, that the church may receive edifying.

6 But now, brethren, if I come unto you speaking with tongues, what shall I profit you, unless I speak to you either by way of revelation, or of knowledge, or of prophesying, or of teaching?

7 Even things without life, giving a voice, whether pipe or harp, if they give not a distinction in the sounds, how shall it be known what is piped or harped?

8 For if the trumpet give an uncertain voice, who shall prepare himself for war?

9 So also you, unless you utter by the tongue speech easy to be understood, how shall it be known what is spoken? for you will be speaking into the air.

10 There are, it may be, so many kinds of voices in the world, and no kind is without signification.

11 If then I know not the meaning of the voice, I shall be to him that speaks a barbarian, and he that speaks will be a barbarian unto me.

12 So also you, since you are zealous of spiritual gifts, seek that you may abound unto the edifying of the church.

13 Wherefore let him that speaks in a tongue pray that he may interpret.

14 For if I pray in a tongue, my spirit prays, but my understanding is unfruitful.

15 What is it then? I will pray with the spirit, and I will pray with the understanding also: I will sing with the spirit, and I will sing with the understanding also.

16 Else if you bless with the spirit, how shall he that fills the place of the unlearned say the Amen at your giving of thanks, seeing he knows not what you say?

17 For you verily give thanks well, but the other is not edified.

18 I thank God, I speak with tongues more than you all:

19 howbeit in the church I had rather speak five words with my understanding, that I might instruct others also, than ten thousand words in a tongue.

20 Brethren, be not children in mind: howbeit in malice be you babes, but in mind be men.

21 In the law it is written, By men of strange tongues and by the lips of strangers will I speak unto this people; and not even thus will they hear me, says the Lord.

22 Wherefore tongues are for a sign, not to them that believe, but to the unbelieving: but prophesying is for a sign, not to the unbelieving, but to them that believe.

23 If therefore the whole church be assembled together, and all speak with tongues, and there come in men unlearned or unbelieving, will they not say that you are mad?

24 But if all prophesy, and there come in one unbelieving or unlearned, he is reproved by all, he is judged by all;

25 the secrets of his heart are made manifest; and so he will fall down on his face and worship God, declaring that God is among you indeed.

26 What is it then, brethren? When you come together, each one has a psalm, has a teaching, has a revelation, has a tongue, has an interpretation. Let all things be done unto edifying.

27 If any man speaks in a tongue, let it be by two, or at the most three, and that in turn; and let one interpret:

28 but if there be no interpreter, let him keep silence in the church; and let him speak to himself, and to God.

29 And let the prophets speak by two or three, and let the others discern.

30 But if a revelation be made to another sitting by, let the first keep silence.

31 For you all can prophesy one by one, that all may learn, and all may be comforted;

32 and the spirits of the prophets are subject to the prophets;

33 for God is not a God of confusion, but of peace; as in all the churches of the saints.

34 Let the women keep silence in the churches: for it is not permitted unto them to speak; but let them be in subjection, as also says the law.

35 And if they would learn anything, let them ask their own husbands at home: for it is shameful for a woman to speak in the church.

36 What? was it from you that the word of God went forth? or came it unto you alone?

37 If any man thinks himself to be a prophet, or spiritual, let him take knowledge of the things which I write unto you, that they are the commandment of the Lord.

38 But if any man is ignorant, let him be ignorant.

39 Wherefore, my brethren, desire earnestly to prophesy, and forbid not to speak with tongues.

40 But let all things be done decently and in order.

Chapter 15

1 Now I make known unto you brethren, the gospel which I preached unto you, which also you received, wherein also you stand,

2 by which also you are saved; I make known, I say, in what words I preached it unto you, if you hold it fast, except you believed in vain.

3 For I delivered unto you first of all that which also I received, how that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures;

4 and that he was buried; and that he has been raised on the third day according to the scriptures;

5 and that he appeared to Cephas; then to the twelve;

6 then he appeared to above five hundred brethren at once, of whom the greater part remain until now, but some are fallen asleep;

7 then he appeared to James; then to all the apostles;

8 and last of all, as unto one born out of due time, he appeared to me also.

9 For I am the least of the apostles, that am not meet to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God.

10 But by the grace of God I am what I am: and his grace which was bestowed upon me was not found vain; but I laboured more abundantly than they all: yet not I, but the grace of God which was with me.

11 Whether then it be I or they, so we preach, and so you believed.

12 Now if Christ is preached that he has been raised from the dead, how say some among you that there is no resurrection of the dead?

13 But if there is no resurrection of the dead, neither has Christ been raised:

14 and if Christ has not been raised, then is our preaching vain, your faith also is vain.

15 Yea, and we are found false witnesses of God; because we witnessed of God that he raised up Christ: whom he raised not up, if so be that the dead are not raised.

16 For if the dead are not raised, neither has Christ been raised:

17 and if Christ has not been raised, your faith is vain; you are yet in your sins.

18 Then they also which are fallen asleep in Christ have perished.

19 If in this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all men most pitiable.

20 But now has Christ been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of them that are asleep.

21 For since by man came death, by man came also the resurrection of the dead.

22 For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive.

23 But each in his own order: Christ the firstfruits; then they that are Christ's, at his coming.

24 Then comes the end, when he shall deliver up the kingdom to God, even the Father; when he shall have abolished all rule and all authority and power.

25 For he must reign, till he has put all his enemies under his feet.

26 The last enemy that shall be abolished is death.

27 For, He put all things in subjection under his feet. But when he says, All things are put in subjection, it is evident that he is excepted who did subject all things unto him.

28 And when all things have been subjected unto him, then shall the Son also himself be subjected to him that did subject all things unto him, that God may be all in all.

29 Else what shall they do which are baptized for the dead? If the dead are not raised at all, why then are they baptized for them?

30 Why do we also stand in jeopardy every hour?

31 I protest by that glorying in you, brethren, which I have in Christ Jesus our Lord, I die daily.

32 If after the manner of men I fought with beasts at Ephesus, what does it profit me? If the dead are not raised, let us eat and drink, for tomorrow we die.

33 Be not deceived: Evil company does corrupt good manners.

34 Awake up righteously, and sin not; for some have no knowledge of God: I speak this to move you to shame.

35 But some one will say, How are the dead raised? and with what manner of body do they come?

36 You foolish one, that which you yourself sow is not quickened, except it die:

37 and that which you sow, you sow not the body that shall be, but a bare grain, it may chance of wheat, or of some other kind;

38 but God gives it a body even as it pleased him, and to each seed a body of its own.

39 All flesh is not the same flesh: but there is one flesh of men, and another flesh of beasts, and another flesh of birds, and another of fishes.

40 There are also celestial bodies, and bodies terrestrial: but the glory of the celestial is one, and the glory of the terrestrial is another.

41 There is one glory of the sun, and another glory of the moon, and another glory of the stars; for one star differs from another star in glory.

42 So also is the resurrection of the dead. It is sown in corruption; it is raised in incorruption:

43 it is sown in dishonour; it is raised in glory: it is sown in weakness; it is raised in power:

44 it is sown a natural body; it is raised a spiritual body. If there is a natural body, there is also a spiritual body.

45 So also it is written, The first man Adam became a living soul. The last Adam became a life-giving spirit.

46 Howbeit that is not first which is spiritual, but that which is natural; then that which is spiritual.

47 The first man is of the earth, earthy: the second man is of heaven.

48 As is the earthy, such are they also that are earthy: and as is the heavenly, such are they also that are heavenly.

49 And as we have borne the image of the earthy, we shall also bear the image of the heavenly.

50 Now this I say, brethren, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God; neither does corruption inherit incorruption.

51 Behold, I tell you a mystery: We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed,

52 in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed.

53 For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality.

54 But when this corruptible shall have put on incorruption, and this mortal shall have put on immortality, then shall come to pass the saying that is written, Death is swallowed up in victory.

55 O death, where is your victory? O death, where is your sting?

56 The sting of death is sin; and the power of sin is the law:

57 but thanks be to God, which gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

58 Wherefore, my beloved brethren, be you stedfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as you know that your labour is not vain in the Lord.

Chapter 16

1 Now concerning the collection for the saints, as I gave order to the churches of Galatia, so also do you.

2 Upon the first day of the week let each one of you lay by him in store, as he may prosper, that no collections be made when I come.

3 And when I arrive, whomsoever you shall approve by letters, them will I send to carry your bounty unto Jerusalem:

4 and if it be meet for me to go also, they shall go with me.

5 But I will come unto you, when I shall have passed through Macedonia; for I do pass through Macedonia;

6 but with you it may be that I shall abide, or even winter, that you may set me forward on my journey whithersoever I go.

7 For I do not wish to see you now by the way; for I hope to tarry a while with you, if the Lord permit.

8 But I will tarry at Ephesus until Pentecost;

9 for a great door and effectual is opened unto me, and there are many adversaries.

10 Now if Timothy come, see that he be with you without fear; for he works the work of the Lord, as I also do:

11 let no man therefore despise him. But set him forward on his journey in peace, that he may come unto me: for I expect him with the brethren.

12 But as touching Apollos the brother, I besought him much to come unto you with the brethren: and it was not at all his will to come now; but he will come when he shall have opportunity.

13 Watch you, stand fast in the faith, quit you like men, be strong.

14 Let all that you do be done in love.

15 Now I beseech you, brethren (you know the house of Stephanas, that it is the firstfruits of Achaia, and that they have set themselves to minister unto the saints),

16 that you also be in subjection unto such, and to every one that helps in the work and labours.

17 And I rejoice at the coming of Stephanas and Fortunatus and Achaicus: for that which was lacking on your part they supplied.

18 For they refreshed my spirit and yours: acknowledge you therefore them that are such.

19 The churches of Asia salute you. Aquila and Prisca salute you much in the Lord, with the church that is in their house.

20 All the brethren salute you. Salute one another with a holy kiss.

21 The salutation of me Paul with mine own hand.

22 If any man loves not the Lord, let him be anathema. Maranatha.

23 The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

24 My love be with you all in Christ Jesus. Amen.

2 Corinthians

Chapter 1

1 Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus through the will of God, and Timothy our brother, unto the church of God which is at Corinth, with all the saints which are in the whole of Achaia:

2 Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and God of all comfort;

4 who comforts us in all our affliction, that we may be able to comfort them that are in any affliction, through the comfort wherewith we ourselves are comforted of God.

5 For as the sufferings of Christ abound unto us, even so our comfort also abounds through Christ.

6 But whether we be afflicted, it is for your comfort and salvation; or whether we be comforted, it is for your comfort, which works in the patient enduring of the same sufferings which we also suffer:

7 and our hope for you is stedfast; knowing that, as you are partakers of the sufferings, so also are you of the comfort.

8 For we would not have you ignorant, brethren, concerning our affliction which befell us in Asia, that we were weighed down exceedingly, beyond our power, insomuch that we despaired even of life:

9 yea, we ourselves have had the answer of death within ourselves, that we should not trust in ourselves, but in God which raises the dead:

10 who delivered us out of so great a death, and will deliver: on whom we have set our hope that he will also still deliver us;

11 you also helping together on our behalf by your supplication; that, for the gift bestowed upon us by means of many, thanks may be given by many persons on our behalf.

12 For our glorying is this, the testimony of our conscience, that in holiness and sincerity of God, not in fleshly wisdom but in the grace of God, we behaved ourselves in the world, and more abundantly to you-ward.

13 For we write none other things unto you, than what you read or even acknowledge, and I hope you will acknowledge unto the end:

14 as also you did acknowledge us in part, that we are your glorying, even as you also are ours, in the day of our Lord Jesus.

15 And in this confidence I was minded to come before unto you, that you might have a second benefit;

16 and by you to pass into Macedonia, and again from Macedonia to come unto you, and of you to be set forward on my journey unto Judea.

17 When I therefore was thus minded, did I shew fickleness? or the things that I purpose, do I purpose according to the flesh, that with me there should be the yea yea and the nay nay?

18 But as God is faithful, our word toward you is not yea and nay.

19 For the Son of God, Jesus Christ, who was preached among you by us, even by me and Silvanus and Timothy, was not yea and nay, but in him is yea.

20 For how many soever be the promises of God, in him is the yea: wherefore also through him is the Amen, unto the glory of God through us.

21 Now he that establishes us with you in Christ, and anointed us, is God;

22 who also sealed us, and gave us the earnest of the Spirit in our hearts.

23 But I call God for a witness upon my soul, that to spare you I forbare to come unto Corinth.

24 Not that we have lordship over your faith, but are helpers of your joy: for by faith you stand.

Chapter 2

1 But I determined this for myself, that I would not come again to you with sorrow.

2 For if I make you sorry, who then is he that makes me glad, but he that is made sorry by me?

3 And I wrote this very thing, lest, when I came, I should have sorrow from them of whom I ought to rejoice; having confidence in you all, that my joy is the joy of you all.

4 For out of much affliction and anguish of heart I wrote unto you with many tears; not that you should be made sorry, but that you might know the love which I have more abundantly unto you.

5 But if any has caused sorrow, he has caused sorrow, not to me, but in part (that I press not too heavily) to you all.

6 Sufficient to such a one is this punishment which was inflicted by the many;

7 so that contrariwise you should rather forgive him and comfort him, lest by any means such a one should be swallowed up with his overmuch sorrow.

8 Wherefore I beseech you to confirm your love toward him.

9 For to this end also did I write, that I might know the proof of you, whether you are obedient in all things.

10 But to whom you forgive anything, I forgive also: for what I also have forgiven, if I have forgiven anything, for your sakes have I forgiven it in the person of Christ;

11 that no advantage may be gained over us by Satan: for we are not ignorant of his devices.

12 Now when I came to Troas for the gospel of Christ, and when a door was opened unto me in the Lord,

13 I had no relief for my spirit, because I found not Titus my brother: but taking my leave of them, I went forth into Macedonia.

14 But thanks be unto God, which always leads us in triumph in Christ, and makes manifest through us the savour of his knowledge in every place.

15 For we are a sweet savour of Christ unto God, in them that are being saved, and in them that are perishing;

16 to the one a savour from death unto death; to the other a savour from life unto life. And who is sufficient for these things?

17 For we are not as the many, corrupting the word of God: but as of sincerity, but as of God, in the sight of God, speak we in Christ.

Chapter 3

1 Are we beginning again to commend ourselves? or need we, as do some, epistles of commendation to you or from you?

2 You are our epistle, written in our hearts, known and read of all men;

3 being made manifest that you are an epistle of Christ, ministered by us, written not with ink, but with the Spirit of the living God; not in tables of stone, but in tables that are hearts of flesh.

4 And such confidence have we through Christ to God-ward:

5 not that we are sufficient of ourselves, to account anything as from ourselves; but our sufficiency is from God;

6 who also made us sufficient as ministers of a new covenant; not of the letter, but of the spirit: for the letter kills, but the spirit gives life.

7 But if the ministration of death, written, and engraven on stones, came with glory, so that the children of Israel could not look stedfastly upon the face of Moses for the glory of his face; which glory was passing away:

8 how shall not rather the ministration of the spirit be with glory?

9 For if the ministration of condemnation is glory, much rather does the ministration of righteousness exceed in glory.

10 For verily that which has been made glorious has not been made glorious in this respect, by reason of the glory that surpasses.

11 For if that which passes away was with glory, much more that which remains is in glory.

12 Having therefore such a hope, we use great boldness of speech,

13 and are not as Moses, who put a veil upon his face, that the children of Israel should not look stedfastly on the end of that which was passing away:

14 but their minds were hardened: for until this very day at the reading of the old covenant the same veil remains unlifted; which veil is done away in Christ.

15 But unto this day, whensoever Moses is read, a veil lies upon their heart.

16 But whensoever it shall turn to the Lord, the veil is taken away.

17 Now the Lord is the Spirit: and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty.

18 But we all, with unveiled face reflecting as a mirror the glory of the Lord, are transformed into the same image from glory to glory, even as from the Lord the Spirit.

Chapter 4

1 Therefore seeing we have this ministry, even as we obtained mercy, we faint not:

2 but we have renounced the hidden things of shame, not walking in craftiness, nor handling the word of God deceitfully; but by the manifestation of the truth commending ourselves to every man's conscience in the sight of God.

3 But and if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled in them that are perishing:

4 in whom the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelieving, that the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God, should not dawn upon them.

5 For we preach not ourselves, but Christ Jesus as Lord, and ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake.

6 Seeing it is God, that said, Light shall shine out of darkness, who shined in our hearts, to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

7 But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the exceeding greatness of the power may be of God, and not from ourselves;

8 we are pressed on every side, yet not straitened; perplexed, yet not unto despair;

9 pursued, yet not forsaken; smitten down, yet not destroyed;

10 always bearing about in the body the dying of Jesus, that the life also of Jesus may be manifested in our body.

11 For we which live are alway delivered unto death for Jesus' sake, that the life also of Jesus may be manifested in our mortal flesh.

12 So then death works in us, but life in you.

13 But having the same spirit of faith, according to that which is written, I believed, and therefore did I speak; we also believe, and therefore also we speak;

14 knowing that he which raised up the Lord Jesus shall raise up us also with Jesus, and shall present us with you.

15 For all things are for your sakes, that the grace, being multiplied through the many, may cause the thanksgiving to abound unto the glory of God.

16 Wherefore we faint not; but though our outward man is decaying, yet our inward man is renewed day by day.

17 For our light affliction, which is for the moment, works for us more and more exceedingly an eternal weight of glory;

18 while we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen: for the things which are seen are temporal; but the things which are not seen are eternal.

Chapter 5

1 For we know that if the earthly house of our tabernacle be dissolved, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal, in the heavens.

2 For verily in this we groan, longing to be clothed upon with our habitation which is from heaven:

3 if so be that being clothed we shall not be found naked.

4 For indeed we that are in this tabernacle do groan, being burdened; not for that we would be unclothed, but that we would be clothed upon, that what is mortal may be swallowed up of life.

5 Now he that wrought us for this very thing is God, who gave unto us the earnest of the Spirit.

6 Being therefore always of good courage, and knowing that, whilst we are at home in the body, we are absent from the Lord

7 (for we walk by faith, not by sight);

8 we are of good courage, I say, and are willing rather to be absent from the body, and to be at home with the Lord.

9 Wherefore also we make it our aim, whether at home or absent, to be well-pleasing unto him.

10 For we must all be made manifest before the judgment-seat of Christ; that each one may receive the things done in the body, according to what he has done, whether it be good or bad.

11 Knowing therefore the fear of the Lord, we persuade men, but we are made manifest unto God; and I hope that we are made manifest also in your consciences.

12 We are not again commending ourselves unto you, but speak as giving you occasion of glorying on our behalf, that you may have wherewith to answer them that glory in appearance, and not in heart.

13 For whether we are beside ourselves, it is unto God; or whether we are of sober mind, it is unto you.

14 For the love of Christ constrains us; because we thus judge, that one died for all, therefore all died;

15 and he died for all, that they which live should no longer live unto themselves, but unto him who for their sakes died and rose again.

16 Wherefore we henceforth know no man after the flesh: even though we have known Christ after the flesh, yet now we know him so no more.

17 Wherefore if any man is in Christ, he is a new creature: the old things are passed away; behold, they are become new.

18 But all things are of God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and gave unto us the ministry of reconciliation;

19 to wit, that God was in Christ reconciling the world unto himself, not reckoning unto them their trespasses, and having committed unto us the word of reconciliation.

20 We are ambassadors therefore on behalf of Christ, as though God were entreating by us: we beseech you on behalf of Christ, be you reconciled to God.

21 Him who knew no sin he made to be sin on our behalf; that we might become the righteousness of God in him.

Chapter 6

1 And working together with him we entreat also that you receive not the grace of God in vain

2 (for he says, At an acceptable time I hearkened unto you, And in a day of salvation did I succour you: behold, now is the acceptable time; behold, now is the day of salvation):

3 giving no occasion of stumbling in anything, that our ministration be not blamed;

4 but in everything commending ourselves, as ministers of God, in much patience, in afflictions, in necessities, in distresses,

5 in stripes, in imprisonments, in tumults, in labours, in watchings, in fastings;

6 in pureness, in knowledge, in longsuffering, in kindness, in the Holy Ghost, in love unfeigned,

7 in the word of truth, in the power of God; by the armour of righteousness on the right hand and on the left,

8 by glory and dishonour, by evil report and good report; as deceivers, and yet true;

9 as unknown, and yet well known; as dying, and behold, we live; as chastened, and not killed;

10 as sorrowful, yet alway rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing all things.

11 Our mouth is open unto you, O Corinthians, our heart is enlarged.

12 You are not straitened in us, but you are straitened in your own affections.

13 Now for a recompense in like kind (I speak as unto my children), be you also enlarged.

14 Be not unequally yoked with unbelievers: for what fellowship have righteousness and iniquity? or what communion has light with darkness?

15 And what concord has Christ with Belial? or what portion has a believer with an unbeliever?

16 And what agreement has a temple of God with idols? for we are a temple of the living God; even as God said, I will dwell in them, and walk in them; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people.

17 Wherefore Come you out from among them, and be you separate, says the Lord, And touch no unclean thing; And I will receive you,

18 And will be to you a Father, And you shall be to me sons and daughters, says the Lord Almighty.

Chapter 7

1 Having therefore these promises, beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all defilement of flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God.

2 Open your hearts to us: we wronged no man, we corrupted no man, we took advantage of no man.

3 I say it not to condemn you: for I have said before, that you are in our hearts to die together and live together.

4 Great is my boldness of speech toward you, great is my glorying on your behalf: I am filled with comfort, I overflow with joy in all our affliction.

5 For even when we were come into Macedonia, our flesh had no relief, but we were afflicted on every side; without were fightings, within were fears.

6 Nevertheless he that comforts the lowly, even God, comforted us by the coming of Titus;

7 and not by his coming only, but also by the comfort wherewith he was comforted in you, while he told us your longing, your mourning, your zeal for me; so that I rejoiced yet more.

8 For though I made you sorry with my epistle, I do not regret it, though I did regret; for I see that that epistle made you sorry, though but for a season.

9 Now I rejoice, not that you were made sorry, but that you were made sorry unto repentance: for you were made sorry after a godly sort, that you might suffer loss by us in nothing.

10 For godly sorrow works repentance unto salvation, a repentance which brings no regret: but the sorrow of the world works death.

11 For behold, this selfsame thing, that you were made sorry after a godly sort, what earnest care it wrought in you, yea, what clearing of yourselves, yea, what indignation, yea, what fear, yea, what longing, yea, what zeal, yea, what avenging! In everything you approved yourselves to be pure in the matter.

12 So although I wrote unto you, I wrote not for his cause that did the wrong, nor for his cause that suffered the wrong, but that your earnest care for us might be made manifest unto you in the sight of God.

13 Therefore we have been comforted: and in our comfort we joyed the more exceedingly for the joy of Titus, because his spirit has been refreshed by you all.

14 For if in anything I have gloried to him on your behalf, I was not put to shame; but as we spake all things to you in truth, so our glorying also, which I made before Titus, was found to be truth.

15 And his inward affection is more abundantly toward you, whilst he remembers the obedience of you all, how with fear and trembling you received him.

16 I rejoice that in everything I am of good courage concerning you.

Chapter 8

1 Moreover, brethren, we make known to you the grace of God which has been given in the churches of Macedonia;

2 how that in much proof of affliction the abundance of their joy and their deep poverty abounded unto the riches of their liberality.

3 For according to their power, I bear witness, yea and beyond their power, they gave of their own accord,

4 beseeching us with much entreaty in regard of this grace and the fellowship in the ministering to the saints:

5 and this, not as we had hoped, but first they gave their own selves to the Lord, and to us by the will of God.

6 Insomuch that we exhorted Titus, that as he had made a beginning before, so he would also complete in you this grace also.

7 But as you abound in everything, in faith, and utterance, and knowledge, and in all earnestness, and in your love to us, see that you abound in this grace also.

8 I speak not by way of commandment, but as proving through the earnestness of others the sincerity also of your love.

9 For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that, though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, that you through his poverty might become rich.

10 And herein I give my judgment: for this is expedient for you, who were the first to make a beginning a year ago, not only to do, but also to will.

11 But now complete the doing also; that as there was the readiness to will, so there may be the completion also out of your ability.

12 For if the readiness is there, it is acceptable according as a man has, not according as he has not.

13 For I say not this, that others may be eased, and you distressed:

14 but by equality; your abundance being a supply at this present time for their want, that their abundance also may become a supply for your want; that there may be equality:

15 as it is written, He that gathered much had nothing over; and he that gathered little had no lack.

16 But thanks be to God, which puts the same earnest care for you into the heart of Titus.

17 For indeed he accepted our exhortation; but being himself very earnest, he went forth unto you of his own accord.

18 And we have sent together with him the brother whose praise in the gospel is spread through all the churches;

19 and not only so, but who was also appointed by the churches to travel with us in the matter of this grace, which is ministered by us to the glory of the Lord, and to shew our readiness:

20 Avoiding this, that any man should blame us in the matter of this bounty which is ministered by us:

21 for we take thought for things honourable, not only in the sight of the Lord, but also in the sight of men.

22 And we have sent with them our brother, whom we have many times proved earnest in many things, but now much more earnest, by reason of the great confidence which he has in you.

23 Whether any inquire about Titus, he is my partner and my fellow-worker to you-ward; or our brethren, they are the messengers of the churches, they are the glory of Christ.

24 Shew you therefore unto them in the face of the churches the proof of your love, and of our glorying on your behalf.

Chapter 9

1 For as touching the ministering to the saints, it is superfluous for me to write to you:

2 for I know your readiness, of which I glory on your behalf to them of Macedonia, that Achaia has been prepared for a year past; and your zeal has stirred up very many of them.

3 But I have sent the brethren, that our glorying on your behalf may not be made void in this respect; that, even as I said, you may be prepared:

4 lest by any means, if there come with me any of Macedonia, and find you unprepared, we (that we say not, you) should be put to shame in this confidence.

5 I thought it necessary therefore to entreat the brethren, that they would go before unto you, and make up beforehand your aforepromised bounty, that the same might be ready, as a matter of bounty, and not of extortion.

6 But this I say, He that sows sparingly shall reap also sparingly; and he that sows bountifully shall reap also bountifully.

7 Let each man do according as he has purposed in his heart; not grudgingly, or of necessity: for God loves a cheerful giver.

8 And God is able to make all grace abound unto you; that you, having always all sufficiency in everything, may abound unto every good work:

9 as it is written, He has scattered abroad, he has given to the poor; His righteousness abides for ever.

10 And he that supplies seed to the sower and bread for food, shall supply and multiply your seed for sowing, and increase the fruits of your righteousness:

11 you being enriched in everything unto all liberality, which works through us thanksgiving to God.

12 For the ministration of this service not only fills up the measure of the wants of the saints, but abounds also through many thanksgivings unto God;

13 seeing that through the proving of you by this ministration they glorify God for the obedience of your confession unto the gospel of Christ, and for the liberality of your contribution unto them and unto all;

14 while they themselves also, with supplication on your behalf, long after you by reason of the exceeding grace of God in you.

15 Thanks be to God for his unspeakable gift.

Chapter 10

1 Now I Paul myself entreat you by the meekness and gentleness of Christ, I who in your presence am lowly among you, but being absent am of good courage toward you:

2 yea, I beseech you, that I may not when present shew courage with the confidence wherewith I count to be bold against some, which count of us as if we walked according to the flesh.

3 For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war according to the flesh

4 (for the weapons of our warfare are not of the flesh, but mighty before God to the casting down of strong holds);

5 casting down imaginations, and every high thing that is exalted against the knowledge of God, and bringing every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ;

6 and being in readiness to avenge all disobedience, when your obedience shall be fulfilled.

7 You look at the things that are before your face. If any man trusts in himself that he is Christ's, let him consider this again with himself, that, even as he is Christ's, so also are we.

8 For though I should glory somewhat abundantly concerning our authority (which the Lord gave for building you up, and not for casting you down), I shall not be put to shame:

9 that I may not seem as if I would terrify you by my letters.

10 For, His letters, they say, are weighty and strong; but his bodily presence is weak, and his speech of no account.

11 Let such a one reckon this, that, what we are in word by letters when we are absent, such are we also in deed when we are present.

12 For we are not bold to number or compare ourselves with certain of them that commend themselves: but they themselves, measuring themselves by themselves, and comparing themselves with themselves, are without understanding.

13 But we will not glory beyond our measure, but according to the measure of the province which God apportioned to us as a measure, to reach even unto you.

14 For we stretch not ourselves overmuch, as though we reached not unto you: for we came even as far as unto you in the gospel of Christ:

15 not glorying beyond our measure, that is, in other men's labours; but having hope that, as your faith grows, we shall be magnified in you according to our province unto further abundance,

16 so as to preach the gospel even unto the parts beyond you, and not to glory in another's province in regard of things ready to our hand.

17 But he that glories, let him glory in the Lord.

18 For not he that commends himself is approved, but whom the Lord commends.

Chapter 11

1 Would that you could bear with me in a little foolishness: nay indeed bear with me.

2 For I am jealous over you with a godly jealousy: for I espoused you to one husband, that I might present you as a pure virgin to Christ.

3 But I fear, lest by any means, as the serpent beguiled Eve in his craftiness, your minds should be corrupted from the simplicity and the purity that is toward Christ.

4 For if he that comes preaches another Jesus, whom we did not preach, or if you receive a different spirit, which you did not receive, or a different gospel, which you did not accept, you do well to bear with him.

5 For I reckon that I am not a whit behind the very chiefest apostles.

6 But though I be rude in speech, yet am I not in knowledge; nay, in everything we have made it manifest among all men to you-ward.

7 Or did I commit a sin in abasing myself that you might be exalted, because I preached to you the gospel of God for nought?

8 I robbed other churches, taking wages of them that I might minister unto you;

9 and when I was present with you and was in want, I was not a burden on any man; for the brethren, when they came from Macedonia, supplied the measure of my want; and in everything I kept myself from being burdensome unto you, and so will I keep myself.

10 As the truth of Christ is in me, no man shall stop me of this glorying in the regions of Achaia.

11 Wherefore? because I love you not? God knows.

12 But what I do, that I will do, that I may cut off occasion from them which desire an occasion; that wherein they glory, they may be found even as we.

13 For such men are false apostles, deceitful workers, fashioning themselves into apostles of Christ.

14 And no marvel; for even Satan fashions himself into an angel of light.

15 It is no great thing therefore if his ministers also fashion themselves as ministers of righteousness; whose end shall be according to their works.

16 I say again, Let no man think me foolish; but if you do, yet as foolish receive me, that I also may glory a little.

17 That which I speak, I speak not after the Lord, but as in foolishness, in this confidence of glorying.

18 Seeing that many glory after the flesh, I will glory also.

19 For you bear with the foolish gladly, being wise yourselves.

20 For you bear with a man, if he brings you into bondage, if he devours you, if he takes you captive, if he exalts himself, if he smites you on the face.

21 I speak by way of disparagement, as though we had been weak. Yet whereinsoever any is bold (I speak in foolishness), I am bold also.

22 Are they Hebrews? so am I. Are they Israelites? so am I. Are they the seed of Abraham? so am I.

23 Are they ministers of Christ? (I speak as one beside himself) I more; in labours more abundantly, in prisons more abundantly, in stripes above measure, in deaths oft.

24 Of the Jews five times received I forty stripes save one.

25 Thrice was I beaten with rods, once was I stoned, thrice I suffered shipwreck, a night and a day have I been in the deep;

26 in journeyings often, in perils of rivers, in perils of robbers, in perils from my countrymen, in perils from the Gentiles, in perils in the city, in perils in the wilderness, in perils in the sea, in perils among false brethren;

27 in labour and travail, in watchings often, in hunger and thirst, in fastings often, in cold and nakedness.

28 Beside those things that are without, there is that which presses upon me daily, anxiety for all the churches.

29 Who is weak, and I am not weak? who is made to stumble, and I burn not?

30 If I must needs glory, I will glory of the things that concern my weakness.

31 The God and Father of the Lord Jesus, he who is blessed for evermore, knows that I lie not.

32 In Damascus the governor under Aretas the king guarded the city of the Damascenes, in order to take me:

33 and through a window was I let down in a basket by the wall, and escaped his hands.

Chapter 12

1 I must needs glory, though it is not expedient; but I will come to visions and revelations of the Lord.

2 I know a man in Christ, fourteen years ago (whether in the body, I know not; or whether out of the body, I know not; God knows), such a one caught up even to the third heaven.

3 And I know such a man (whether in the body, or apart from the body, I know not; God knows),

4 how that he was caught up into Paradise, and heard unspeakable words, which it is not lawful for a man to utter.

5 On behalf of such a one will I glory: but on mine own behalf I will not glory, save in my weaknesses.

6 For if I should desire to glory, I shall not be foolish; for I shall speak the truth: but I forbear, lest any man should account of me above that which he sees me to be, or hears from me.

7 And by reason of the exceeding greatness of the revelations—wherefore, that I should not be exalted overmuch, there was given to me a thorn in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to buffet me, that I should not be exalted overmuch.

8 Concerning this thing I besought the Lord thrice, that it might depart from me.

9 And he has said unto me, My grace is sufficient for you: for my power is made perfect in weakness. Most gladly therefore will I rather glory in my weaknesses, that the power of Christ may rest upon me.

10 Wherefore I take pleasure in weaknesses, in injuries, in necessities, in persecutions, in distresses, for Christ's sake: for when I am weak, then am I strong.

11 I am become foolish: you compelled me; for I ought to have been commended of you: for in nothing was I behind the very chiefest apostles, though I am nothing.

12 Truly the signs of an apostle were wrought among you in all patience, by signs and wonders and mighty works.

13 For what is there wherein you were made inferior to the rest of the churches, except it be that I myself was not a burden to you? forgive me this wrong.

14 Behold, this is the third time I am ready to come to you; and I will not be a burden to you: for I seek not yours, but you: for the children ought not to lay up for the parents, but the parents for the children.

15 And I will most gladly spend and be spent for your souls. If I love you more abundantly, am I loved the less?

16 But be it so, I did not myself burden you; but, being crafty, I caught you with guile.

17 Did I take advantage of you by any one of them whom I have sent unto you?

18 I exhorted Titus, and I sent the brother with him. Did Titus take any advantage of you? walked we not by the same Spirit? walked we not in the same steps?

19 You think all this time that we are excusing ourselves unto you. In the sight of God speak we in Christ. But all things, beloved, are for your edifying.

20 For I fear, lest by any means, when I come, I should find you not such as I would, and should myself be found of you such as you would not; lest by any means there should be strife, jealousy, wraths, factions, backbitings, whisperings, swellings, tumults;

21 lest, when I come again, my God should humble me before you, and I should mourn for many of them that have sinned heretofore, and repented not of the uncleanness and fornication and lasciviousness which they committed.

Chapter 13

1 This is the third time I am coming to you. At the mouth of two witnesses or three shall every word be established.

2 I have said beforehand, and I do say beforehand, as when I was present the second time, so now, being absent, to them that have sinned heretofore, and to all the rest, that, if I come again, I will not spare;

3 seeing that you seek a proof of Christ that speaks in me; who to you-ward is not weak, but is powerful in you:

4 for he was crucified through weakness, yet he lives through the power of God. For we also are weak in him, but we shall live with him through the power of God toward you.

5 Try your own selves, whether you be in the faith; prove your own selves. Or know you not as to your own selves, that Jesus Christ is in you? unless indeed you be reprobate.

6 But I hope that you shall know that we are not reprobate.

7 Now we pray to God that you do no evil; not that we may appear approved, but that you may do that which is honourable, though we be as reprobate.

8 For we can do nothing against the truth, but for the truth.

9 For we rejoice, when we are weak, and you are strong: this we also pray for, even your perfecting.

10 For this cause I write these things while absent, that I may not when present deal sharply, according to the authority which the Lord gave me for building up, and not for casting down.

11 Finally, brethren, farewell. Be perfected; be comforted; be of the same mind; live in peace: and the God of love and peace shall be with you.

12 Salute one another with a holy kiss.

13 All the saints salute you.

14 The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Ghost, be with you all.

Galatians

Chapter 1

1 Paul, an apostle (not from men, neither through man, but through Jesus Christ, and God the Father, who raised him from the dead),

2 and all the brethren which are with me, unto the churches of Galatia:

3 Grace to you and peace from God the Father, and our Lord Jesus Christ,

4 who gave himself for our sins, that he might deliver us out of this present evil world, according to the will of our God and Father:

5 to whom be the glory for ever and ever. Amen.

6 I marvel that you are so quickly removing from him that called you in the grace of Christ unto a different gospel;

7 which is not another gospel: only there are some that trouble you, and would pervert the gospel of Christ.

8 But though we, or an angel from heaven, should preach unto you any gospel other than that which we preached unto you, let him be anathema.

9 As we have said before, so say I now again, If any man preaches unto you any gospel other than that which you received, let him be anathema.

10 For am I now persuading men, or God? or am I seeking to please men? if I were still pleasing men, I should not be a servant of Christ.

11 For I make known to you, brethren, as touching the gospel which was preached by me, that it is not after man.

12 For neither did I receive it from man, nor was I taught it, but it came to me through revelation of Jesus Christ.

13 For you have heard of my manner of life in time past in the Jews' religion, how that beyond measure I persecuted the church of God, and made havock of it:

14 and I advanced in the Jews' religion beyond many of mine own age among my countrymen, being more exceedingly zealous for the traditions of my fathers.

15 But when it was the good pleasure of God, who separated me, even from my mother's womb, and called me through his grace,

16 to reveal his Son in me, that I might preach him among the Gentiles; immediately I conferred not with flesh and blood:

17 neither went I up to Jerusalem to them which were apostles before me: but I went away into Arabia; and again I returned unto Damascus.

18 Then after three years I went up to Jerusalem to visit Cephas, and tarried with him fifteen days.

19 But other of the apostles saw I none, save James the Lord's brother.

20 Now touching the things which I write unto you, behold, before God, I lie not.

21 Then I came into the regions of Syria and Cilicia.

22 And I was still unknown by face unto the churches of Judea which were in Christ:

23 but they only heard say, He that once persecuted us now preaches the faith of which he once made havock;

24 and they glorified God in me.

Chapter 2

1 Then after the space of fourteen years I went up again to Jerusalem with Barnabas, taking Titus also with me.

2 And I went up by revelation; and I laid before them the gospel which I preach among the Gentiles, but privately before them who were of repute, lest by any means I should be running, or had run, in vain.

3 But not even Titus who was with me, being a Greek, was compelled to be circumcised:

4 and that because of the false brethren privily brought in, who came in privily to spy out our liberty which we have in Christ Jesus, that they might bring us into bondage:

5 to whom we gave place in the way of subjection, no, not for an hour; that the truth of the gospel might continue with you.

6 But from those who were reputed to be somewhat (whatsoever they were, it makes no matter to me: God accepts not man's person)—they, I say, who were of repute imparted nothing to me:

7 but contrariwise, when they saw that I had been intrusted with the gospel of the uncircumcision, even as Peter with the gospel of the circumcision

8 (for he that wrought for Peter unto the apostleship of the circumcision wrought for me also unto the Gentiles);

9 and when they perceived the grace that was given unto me, James and Cephas and John, they who were reputed to be pillars, gave to me and Barnabas the right hands of fellowship, that we should go unto the Gentiles, and they unto the circumcision;

10 only they would that we should remember the poor; which very thing I was also zealous to do.

11 But when Cephas came to Antioch, I resisted him to the face, because he stood condemned.

12 For before that certain came from James, he did eat with the Gentiles: but when they came, he drew back and

separated himself, fearing them that were of the circumcision.

13 And the rest of the Jews dissembled likewise with him; insomuch that even Barnabas was carried away with their dissimulation.

14 But when I saw that they walked not uprightly according to the truth of the gospel, I said unto Cephas before them all, If you, being a Jew, live as do the Gentiles, and not as do the Jews, how compel you the Gentiles to live as do the Jews?

15 We being Jews by nature, and not sinners of the Gentiles,

16 yet knowing that a man is not justified by the works of the law, save through faith in Jesus Christ, even we believed on Christ Jesus, that we might be justified by faith in Christ, and not by the works of the law: because by the works of the law shall no flesh be justified.

17 But if, while we sought to be justified in Christ, we ourselves also were found sinners, is Christ a minister of sin? God forbid.

18 For if I build up again those things which I destroyed, I prove myself a transgressor.

19 For I through the law died unto the law, that I might live unto God.

20 I have been crucified with Christ; yet I live; and yet no longer I, but Christ lives in me: and that life which I now live in the flesh I live in faith, the faith which is in the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself up for me.

21 I do not make void the grace of God: for if righteousness is through the law, then Christ died for nought.

Chapter 3

1 O foolish Galatians, who did bewitch you, before whose eyes Jesus Christ was openly set forth crucified?

2 This only would I learn from you, Received you the Spirit by the works of the law, or by the hearing of faith?

3 Are you so foolish? having begun in the Spirit, are you now perfected in the flesh?

4 Did you suffer so many things in vain? if it be indeed in vain.

5 He therefore that supplies to you the Spirit, and works miracles among you, does he it by the works of the law, or by the hearing of faith?

6 Even as Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned unto him for righteousness.

7 Know therefore that they which be of faith, the same are sons of Abraham.

8 And the scripture, foreseeing that God would justify the Gentiles by faith, preached the gospel beforehand unto Abraham, saying, In you shall all the nations be blessed.

9 So then they which be of faith are blessed with the faithful Abraham.

10 For as many as are of the works of the law are under a curse: for it is written, Cursed is every one which continues not in all things that are written in the book of the law, to do them.

11 Now that no man is justified by the law in the sight of God, is evident: for, The righteous shall live by faith;

12 and the law is not of faith; but, He that does them shall live in them.

13 Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law, having become a curse for us: for it is written, Cursed is every one that hangs on a tree:

14 that upon the Gentiles might come the blessing of Abraham in Christ Jesus; that we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith.

15 Brethren, I speak after the manner of men: Though it be but a man's covenant, yet when it has been confirmed, no one makes it void, or adds thereto.

16 Now to Abraham were the promises spoken, and to his seed. He says not, And to seeds, as of many; but as of one, And to your seed, which is Christ.

17 Now this I say; A covenant confirmed beforehand by God, the law, which came four hundred and thirty years after, does not disannul, so as to make the promise of none effect.

18 For if the inheritance is of the law, it is no more of promise: but God has granted it to Abraham by promise.

19 What then is the law? It was added because of transgressions, till the seed should come to whom the promise has been made; and it was ordained through angels by the hand of a mediator.

20 Now a mediator is not a mediator of one; but God is one.

21 Is the law then against the promises of God? God forbid: for if there had been a law given which could make alive, verily righteousness would have been of the law.

22 Howbeit the scripture has shut up all things under sin, that the promise by faith in Jesus Christ might be given to them that believe.

23 But before faith came, we were kept in ward under the law, shut up unto the faith which should afterwards be revealed.

24 So that the law has been our tutor to bring us unto Christ, that we might be justified by faith.

25 But now that faith is come, we are no longer under a tutor.

26 For you are all sons of God, through faith, in Christ Jesus.

27 For as many of you as were baptized into Christ did put on Christ.

28 There can be neither Jew nor Greek, there can be neither bond nor free, there can be no male and female: for you all are one man in Christ Jesus.

29 And if you are Christ's, then are you Abraham's seed, heirs according to promise.

Chapter 4

1 But I say that so long as the heir is a child, he differs nothing from a bondservant, though he is lord of all;

2 but is under guardians and stewards until the term appointed of the father.

3 So we also, when we were children, were held in bondage under the rudiments of the world:

4 but when the fulness of the time came, God sent forth his Son, born of a woman, born under the law,

5 that he might redeem them which were under the law, that we might receive the adoption of sons.

6 And because you are sons, God sent forth the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, Abba, Father.

7 So that you are no longer a bondservant, but a son; and if a son, then an heir through God.

8 Howbeit at that time, not knowing God, you were in bondage to them which by nature are no gods:

9 but now that you have come to know God, or rather to be known of God, how turn you back again to the weak and beggarly rudiments, whereunto you desire to be in bondage over again?

10 You observe days, and months, and seasons, and years.

11 I am afraid of you, lest by any means I have bestowed labour upon you in vain.

12 I beseech you, brethren, be as I am, for I am as you are. You did me no wrong:

13 but you know that because of an infirmity of the flesh I preached the gospel unto you the first time:

14 and that which was a temptation to you in my flesh you despised not, nor rejected; but you received me as an angel of God, even as Christ Jesus.

15 Where then is that gratulation of yourselves? for I bear you witness, that, if possible, you would have plucked out your eyes and given them to me.

16 So then am I become your enemy, because I tell you the truth?

17 They zealously seek you in no good way; nay, they desire to shut you out, that you may seek them.

18 But it is good to be zealously sought in a good matter at all times, and not only when I am present with you.

19 My little children, of whom I am again in travail until Christ be formed in you,

20 yea, I could wish to be present with you now, and to change my voice; for I am perplexed about you.

21 Tell me, you that desire to be under the law, do you not hear the law?

22 For it is written, that Abraham had two sons, one by the handmaid, and one by the freewoman.

23 Howbeit the son by the handmaid is born after the flesh; but the son by the freewoman is born through promise.

24 Which things contain an allegory: for these women are two covenants; one from mount Sinai, bearing children unto bondage, which is Hagar.

25 Now this Hagar is mount Sinai in Arabia, and answers to the Jerusalem that now is: for she is in bondage with her children.

26 But the Jerusalem that is above is free, which is our mother.

27 For it is written, Rejoice, you barren that bear not; Break forth and cry, you that travail not: For more are the children of the desolate than of her which has the husband.

28 Now we, brethren, as Isaac was, are children of promise.

29 But as then he that was born after the flesh persecuted him that was born after the Spirit, even so it is now.

30 Howbeit what says the scripture? Cast out the handmaid and her son: for the son of the handmaid shall not inherit with the son of the freewoman.

31 Wherefore, brethren, we are not children of a handmaid, but of the freewoman.

Chapter 5

1 With freedom did Christ set us free: stand fast therefore, and be not entangled again in a yoke of bondage.

2 Behold, I Paul say unto you, that, if you receive circumcision, Christ will profit you nothing.

3 Yea, I testify again to every man that receives circumcision, that he is a debtor to do the whole law.

4 You are severed from Christ, you who would be justified by the law; you are fallen away from grace.

5 For we through the Spirit by faith wait for the hope of righteousness.

6 For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision avails anything, nor uncircumcision; but faith working through love.

7 You were running well; who did hinder you that you should not obey the truth?

8 This persuasion came not of him that calls you.

9 A little leaven leaveneth the whole lump.

10 I have confidence to you-ward in the Lord, that you will be none otherwise minded: but he that troubles you shall bear his judgment, whosoever he be.

11 But I, brethren, if I still preach circumcision, why am I still persecuted? then has the stumblingblock of the cross been done away.

12 I would that they which unsettle you would even cut themselves off.

13 For you, brethren, were called for freedom; only use not your freedom for an occasion to the flesh, but through love be servants one to another.

14 For the whole law is fulfilled in one word, even in this; You shall love your neighbour as yourself.

15 But if you bite and devour one another, take heed that you be not consumed one of another.

16 But I say, Walk by the Spirit, and you shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh.

17 For the flesh lusts against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh; for these are contrary the one to the other; that you may not do the things that you would.

18 But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law.

19 Now the works of the flesh are manifest, which are these, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness,

20 idolatry, sorcery, enmities, strife, jealousies, wraths, factions, divisions, heresies,

21 envyings, drunkenness, revellings, and such like: of the which I forewarn you, even as I did forewarn you, that they which practise such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God.

22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness,

23 meekness, temperance: against such there is no law.

24 And they that are of Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with the passions and the lusts thereof.

25 If we live by the Spirit, by the Spirit let us also walk.

26 Let us not be vainglorious, provoking one another, envying one another.

Chapter 6

1 Brethren, even if a man be overtaken in any trespass, you which are spiritual, restore such a one in a spirit of meekness; looking to yourself, lest you also be tempted.

2 Bear you one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ.

3 For if a man thinks himself to be something, when he is nothing, he deceives himself.

4 But let each man prove his own work, and then shall he have his glorying in regard of himself alone, and not of his neighbour.

5 For each man shall bear his own burden.

6 But let him that is taught in the word communicate unto him that teaches in all good things.

7 Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man sows, that shall he also reap.

8 For he that sows unto his own flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption; but he that sows unto the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap eternal life.

9 And let us not be weary in well-doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not.

10 So then, as we have opportunity, let us work that which is good toward all men, and especially toward them that are of the household of the faith.

11 See with how large letters I have written unto you with mine own hand.

12 As many as desire to make a fair show in the flesh, they compel you to be circumcised; only that they may not be persecuted for the cross of Christ.

13 For not even they who receive circumcision do themselves keep the law; but they desire to have you circumcised, that they may glory in your flesh.

14 But far be it from me to glory, save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, through which the world has been crucified unto me, and I unto the world.

15 For neither is circumcision anything, nor uncircumcision, but a new creature.

16 And as many as shall walk by this rule, peace be upon them, and mercy, and upon the Israel of God.

17 From henceforth let no man trouble me: for I bear branded on my body the marks of Jesus.

18 The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit, brethren. Amen.

Ephesians

Chapter 1

1 Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus through the will of God, to the saints which are at Ephesus, and the faithful in Christ Jesus:

2 Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ:

4 even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blemish before him in love:

5 having foreordained us unto adoption as sons through Jesus Christ unto himself, according to the good pleasure of his will,

6 to the praise of the glory of his grace, which he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved:

7 in whom we have our redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace,

8 which he made to abound toward us in all wisdom and prudence,

9 having made known unto us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure which he purposed in him

10 unto a dispensation of the fulness of the times, to sum up all things in Christ, the things in the heavens, and the things upon the earth; in him, I say,

11 in whom also we were made a heritage, having been foreordained according to the purpose of him who works all things after the counsel of his will;

12 to the end that we should be unto the praise of his glory, we who had before hoped in Christ:

13 in whom you also, having heard the word of the truth, the gospel of your salvation,—in whom, having also believed, you were sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise,

14 which is an earnest of our inheritance, unto the redemption of God's own possession, unto the praise of his glory.

15 For this cause I also, having heard of the faith in the Lord Jesus which is among you, and which you shew toward all the saints,

16 cease not to give thanks for you, making mention of you in my prayers;

17 that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give unto you a spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of him;

18 having the eyes of your heart enlightened, that you may know what is the hope of his calling, what the riches of the glory of his inheritance in the saints,

19 and what the exceeding greatness of his power to us-ward who believe, according to that working of the strength of his might

20 which he wrought in Christ, when he raised him from the dead, and made him to sit at his right hand in the heavenly places,

21 far above all rule, and authority, and power, and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this world, but also in that which is to come:

22 and he put all things in subjection under his feet, and gave him to be head over all things to the church,

23 which is his body, the fulness of him that fills all in all.

Chapter 2

1 And you did he quicken, when you were dead through your trespasses and sins,

2 wherein aforetime you walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, of the spirit that now works in the sons of disobedience;

3 among whom we also all once lived in the lusts of our flesh, doing the desires of the flesh and of the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, even as the rest:—

4 but God, being rich in mercy, for his great love wherewith he loved us,

5 even when we were dead through our trespasses, quickened us together with Christ (by grace have you been saved),

6 and raised us up with him, and made us to sit with him in the heavenly places, in Christ Jesus:

7 that in the ages to come he might shew the exceeding riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus:

8 for by grace have you been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God:

9 not of works, that no man should glory.

10 For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God afore prepared that we should walk in them.

11 Wherefore remember, that aforetime you, the Gentiles in the flesh, who are called Uncircumcision by that which is called Circumcision, in the flesh, made by hands;

12 that you were at that time separate from Christ, alienated from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers

from the covenants of the promise, having no hope and without God in the world.

13 But now in Christ Jesus you that once were far off are made nigh in the blood of Christ.

14 For he is our peace, who made both one, and brake down the middle wall of partition,

15 having abolished in his flesh the enmity, even the law of commandments contained in ordinances; that he might create in himself of the twain one new man, so making peace;

16 and might reconcile them both in one body unto God through the cross, having slain the enmity thereby:

17 and he came and preached peace to you that were far off, and peace to them that were nigh:

18 for through him we both have our access in one Spirit unto the Father.

19 So then you are no more strangers and sojourners, but you are fellow-citizens with the saints, and of the household of God,

20 being built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the chief corner stone;

21 in whom each several building, fitly framed together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord;

22 in whom you also are builded together for a habitation of God in the Spirit.

Chapter 3

1 For this cause I Paul, the prisoner of Christ Jesus in behalf of you Gentiles,—

2 if so be that you have heard of the dispensation of that grace of God which was given me to you-ward;

3 how that by revelation was made known unto me the mystery, as I wrote afore in few words,

4 whereby, when you read, you can perceive my understanding in the mystery of Christ;

5 which in other generations was not made known unto the sons of men, as it has now been revealed unto his holy apostles and prophets in the Spirit;

6 to wit, that the Gentiles are fellow-heirs, and fellow-members of the body, and fellow-partakers of the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel,

7 whereof I was made a minister, according to the gift of that grace of God which was given me according to the working of his power.

8 Unto me, who am less than the least of all saints, was this grace given, to preach unto the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ;

9 and to make all men see what is the dispensation of the mystery which from all ages has been hid in God who created all things;

10 to the intent that now unto the principalities and the powers in the heavenly places might be made known through the church the manifold wisdom of God,

11 according to the eternal purpose which he purposed in Christ Jesus our Lord:

12 in whom we have boldness and access in confidence through our faith in him.

13 Wherefore I ask that you faint not at my tribulations for you, which are your glory.

14 For this cause I bow my knees unto the Father,

15 from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named,

16 that he would grant you, according to the riches of his glory, that you may be strengthened with power through his Spirit in the inward man;

17 that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith; to the end that you, being rooted and grounded in love,

18 may be strong to apprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth,

19 and to know the love of Christ which passes knowledge, that you may be filled unto all the fulness of God.

20 Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that works in us,

21 unto him be the glory in the church and in Christ Jesus unto all generations for ever and ever. Amen.

Chapter 4

1 I therefore, the prisoner in the Lord, beseech you to walk worthily of the calling wherewith you were called,

2 with all lowliness and meekness, with longsuffering, forbearing one another in love;

3 giving diligence to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

4 There is one body, and one Spirit, even as also you were called in one hope of your calling;

5 one Lord, one faith, one baptism,

6 one God and Father of all, who is over all, and through all, and in all.

7 But unto each one of us was the grace given according to the measure of the gift of Christ.

8 Wherefore he says, When he ascended on high, he led captivity captive, And gave gifts unto men.

9 (Now this, He ascended, what is it but that he also descended into the lower parts of the earth?

10 He that descended is the same also that ascended far above all the heavens, that he might fill all things.)

11 And he gave some to be apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers;

12 for the perfecting of the saints, unto the work of ministering, unto the building up of the body of Christ:

13 till we all attain unto the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a fullgrown man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ:

14 that we may be no longer children, tossed to and fro and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, in craftiness, after the wiles of error;

15 but speaking truth in love, may grow up in all things into him, which is the head, even Christ;

16 from whom all the body fitly framed and knit together through that which every joint supplies, according to the working in due measure of each several part, makes the increase of the body unto the building up of itself in love.

17 This I say therefore, and testify in the Lord, that you no longer walk as the Gentiles also walk, in the vanity of their mind,

18 being darkened in their understanding, alienated from the life of God because of the ignorance that is in them, because of the hardening of their heart;

19 who being past feeling gave themselves up to lasciviousness, to work all uncleanness with greediness.

20 But you did not so learn Christ;

21 if so be that you heard him, and were taught in him, even as truth is in Jesus:

22 that you put away, as concerning your former manner of life, the old man, which waxes corrupt after the lusts of deceit;

23 and that you be renewed in the spirit of your mind,

24 and put on the new man, which after God has been created in righteousness and holiness of truth.

25 Wherefore, putting away falsehood, speak you truth each one with his neighbour: for we are members one of another.

26 Be you angry, and sin not: let not the sun go down upon your wrath:

27 neither give place to the devil.

28 Let him that stole steal no more: but rather let him labour, working with his hands the thing that is good, that he may have whereof to give to him that has need.

29 Let no corrupt speech proceed out of your mouth, but such as is good for edifying as the need may be, that it may give grace to them that hear.

30 And grieve not the Holy Spirit of God, in whom you were sealed unto the day of redemption.

31 Let all bitterness, and wrath, and anger, and clamour, and railing, be put away from you, with all malice:

32 and be you kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving each other, even as God also in Christ forgave you.

Chapter 5

1 Be you therefore imitators of God, as beloved children;

2 and walk in love, even as Christ also loved you, and gave himself up for us, an offering and a sacrifice to God for an odour of a sweet smell.

3 But fornication, and all uncleanness, or covetousness, let it not even be named among you, as becomes saints;

4 nor filthiness, nor foolish talking, or jesting, which are not befitting: but rather giving of thanks.

5 For this you know of a surety, that no fornicator, nor unclean person, nor covetous man, which is an idolater, has any inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and God.

6 Let no man deceive you with empty words: for because of these things comes the wrath of God upon the sons of disobedience.

7 Be not you therefore partakers with them;

8 For you were once darkness, but are now light in the Lord: walk as children of light

9 (for the fruit of the light is in all goodness and righteousness and truth),

10 proving what is well-pleasing unto the Lord;

11 and have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather even reprove them;

12 for the things which are done by them in secret it is a shame even to speak of.

13 But all things when they are reproved are made manifest by the light: for everything that is made manifest is light.

14 Wherefore he says, Awake, you that sleep, and arise from the dead, and Christ shall shine upon you.

15 Look therefore carefully how you walk, not as unwise, but as wise;

16 redeeming the time, because the days are evil.

17 Wherefore be you not foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is.

18 And be not drunken with wine, wherein is riot, but be filled with the Spirit;

19 speaking one to another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody with your heart to the Lord;

20 giving thanks always for all things in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to God, even the Father;

21 subjecting yourselves one to another in the fear of Christ.

22 Wives, be in subjection unto your own husbands, as unto the Lord.

23 For the husband is the head of the wife, as Christ also is the head of the church, being himself the saviour of the body.

24 But as the church is subject to Christ, so let the wives also be to their husbands in everything.

25 Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself up for it;

26 that he might sanctify it, having cleansed it by the washing of water with the word,

27 that he might present the church to himself a glorious church, not having spot or wrinkle or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish.

28 Even so ought husbands also to love their own wives as their own bodies. He that loves his own wife loves himself:

29 for no man ever hated his own flesh; but nourishes and cherishes it, even as Christ also the church;

30 because we are members of his body.

31 For this cause shall a man leave his father and mother, and shall cleave to his wife; and the twain shall become one flesh.

32 This mystery is great: but I speak in regard of Christ and of the church.

33 Nevertheless do you also severally love each one his own wife even as himself; and let the wife see that she fear her husband.

Chapter 6

1 Children, obey your parents in the Lord: for this is right.

2 Honour your father and mother (which is the first commandment with promise),

3 that it may be well with you, and you may live long on the earth.

4 And, you fathers, provoke not your children to wrath: but nurture them in the chastening and admonition of the Lord.

5 Servants, be obedient unto them that according to the flesh are your masters, with fear and trembling, in singleness of your heart, as unto Christ;

6 not in the way of eyeservice, as men-pleasers; but as servants of Christ, doing the will of God from the heart;

7 with good will doing service, as unto the Lord, and not unto men:

8 knowing that whatsoever good thing each one does, the same shall he receive again from the Lord, whether he be bond or free.

9 And, you masters, do the same things unto them, and forbear threatening: knowing that both their Master and yours is in heaven, and there is no respect of persons with him.

10 Finally, be strong in the Lord, and in the strength of his might.

11 Put on the whole armour of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.

12 For our wrestling is not against flesh and blood, but against the principalities, against the powers, against the world-rulers of this darkness, against the spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places.

13 Wherefore take up the whole armour of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and, having done all, to stand.

14 Stand therefore, having girded your loins with truth, and having put on the breastplate of righteousness,

15 and having shod your feet with the preparation of the gospel of peace;

16 withal taking up the shield of faith, wherewith you shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the evil one.

17 And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God:

18 with all prayer and supplication praying at all seasons in the Spirit, and watching thereunto in all perseverance and supplication for all the saints,

19 And on my behalf, that utterance may be given unto me in opening my mouth, to make known with boldness the mystery of the gospel,

20 for which I am an ambassador in chains; that in it I may speak boldly, as I ought to speak.

21 But that you also may know my affairs, how I do, Tychicus, the beloved brother and faithful minister in the Lord, shall make known to you all things:

22 whom I have sent unto you for this very purpose, that you may know our state, and that he may comfort your hearts.

23 Peace be to the brethren, and love with faith, from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

24 Grace be with all them that love our Lord Jesus Christ in uncorruptness.

Philippians

Chapter 1

1 Paul and Timothy, servants of Christ Jesus, to all the saints in Christ Jesus which are at Philippi, with the bishops and deacons:

2 Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

3 I thank my God upon all my remembrance of you,

4 always in every supplication of mine on behalf of you all making my supplication with joy,

5 for your fellowship in furtherance of the gospel from the first day until now;

6 being confident of this very thing, that he which began a good work in you will perfect it until the day of Jesus Christ:

7 even as it is right for me to be thus minded on behalf of you all, because I have you in my heart, inasmuch as, both in my bonds and in the defence and confirmation of the gospel, you all are partakers with me of grace.

8 For God is my witness, how I long after you all in the tender mercies of Christ Jesus.

9 And this I pray, that your love may abound yet more and more in knowledge and all discernment;

10 so that you may approve the things that are excellent; that you may be sincere and void of offence unto the day of Christ;

11 being filled with the fruits of righteousness, which are through Jesus Christ, unto the glory and praise of God.

12 Now I would have you know, brethren, that the things which happened unto me have fallen out rather unto the progress of the gospel;

13 so that my bonds became manifest in Christ throughout the whole praetorian guard, and to all the rest;

14 and that most of the brethren in the Lord, being confident through my bonds, are more abundantly bold to speak the word of God without fear.

15 Some indeed preach Christ even of envy and strife; and some also of good will:

16 the one do it of love, knowing that I am set for the defence of the gospel:

17 but the other proclaim Christ of faction, not sincerely, thinking to raise up affliction for me in my bonds.

18 What then? only that in every way, whether in pretence or in truth, Christ is proclaimed; and therein I rejoice, yea, and will rejoice.

19 For I know that this shall turn to my salvation, through your supplication and the supply of the Spirit of Jesus Christ,

20 according to my earnest expectation and hope, that in nothing shall I be put to shame, but that with all boldness, as always, so now also Christ shall be magnified in my body, whether by life, or by death.

21 For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain.

22 But if to live in the flesh,—if this is the fruit of my work, then what I shall choose I wot not.

23 But I am in a strait betwixt the two, having the desire to depart and be with Christ; for it is very far better:

24 yet to abide in the flesh is more needful for your sake.

25 And having this confidence, I know that I shall abide, yea, and abide with you all, for your progress and joy in the faith;

26 that your glorying may abound in Christ Jesus in me through my presence with you again.

27 Only let your manner of life be worthy of the gospel of Christ: that, whether I come and see you or be absent, I may hear of your state, that you stand fast in one spirit, with one soul striving for the faith of the gospel;

28 and in nothing affrighted by the adversaries: which is for them an evident token of perdition, but of your salvation, and that from God;

29 because to you it has been granted in the behalf of Christ, not only to believe on him, but also to suffer in his behalf:

30 having the same conflict which you saw in me, and now hear to be in me.

Chapter 2

1 If there is therefore any comfort in Christ, if any consolation of love, if any fellowship of the Spirit, if any tender mercies and compassions,

2 fulfill you my joy, that you be of the same mind, having the same love, being of one accord, of one mind;

3 doing nothing through faction or through vainglory, but in lowliness of mind each counting other better than himself;

4 not looking each of you to his own things, but each of you also to the things of others.

5 Have this mind in you, which was also in Christ Jesus:

6 who, being in the form of God, counted it not a prize to be on an equality with God,

7 but emptied himself, taking the form of a servant, being made in the likeness of men;

8 and being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, becoming obedient even unto death, yea, the death of the cross.

9 Wherefore also God highly exalted him, and gave unto him the name which is above every name;

10 that in the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven and things on earth and things under the earth,

11 and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

12 So then, my beloved, even as you have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling;

13 for it is God which works in you both to will and to work, for his good pleasure.

14 Do all things without murmurings and disputings;

15 that you may be blameless and harmless, children of God without blemish in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation, among whom you are seen as lights in the world,

16 holding forth the word of life; that I may have whereof to glory in the day of Christ, that I did not run in vain neither labour in vain.

17 Yea, and if I am offered upon the sacrifice and service of your faith, I joy, and rejoice with you all:

18 and in the same manner do you also joy, and rejoice with me.

19 But I hope in the Lord Jesus to send Timothy shortly unto you, that I also may be of good comfort, when I know your state.

20 For I have no man likeminded, who will care truly for your state.

21 For they all seek their own, not the things of Jesus Christ.

22 But you know the proof of him, that, as a child serves a father, so he served with me in furtherance of the gospel.

23 Him therefore I hope to send forthwith, so soon as I shall see how it will go with me:

24 but I trust in the Lord that I myself also shall come shortly.

25 But I counted it necessary to send to you Epaphroditus, my brother and fellow-worker and fellow-soldier, and your messenger and minister to my need;

26 since he longed after you all, and was sore troubled, because you had heard that he was sick:

27 for indeed he was sick nigh unto death: but God had mercy on him; and not on him only, but on me also, that I might not have sorrow upon sorrow.

28 I have sent him therefore the more diligently, that, when you see him again, you may rejoice, and that I may be the less sorrowful.

29 Receive him therefore in the Lord with all joy; and hold such in honour:

30 because for the work of Christ he came nigh unto death, hazarding his life to supply that which was lacking in your service toward me.

Chapter 3

1 Finally, my brethren, rejoice in the Lord. To write the same things to you, to me indeed is not irksome, but for you it is safe.

2 Beware of the dogs, beware of the evil workers, beware of the concision:

3 for we are the circumcision, who worship by the Spirit of God, and glory in Christ Jesus, and have no confidence in the flesh:

4 though I myself might have confidence even in the flesh: if any other man thinks to have confidence in the flesh, I yet more:

5 circumcised the eighth day, of the stock of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of Hebrews; as touching the law, a Pharisee;

6 as touching zeal, persecuting the church; as touching the righteousness which is in the law, found blameless.

7 Howbeit what things were gain to me, these have I counted loss for Christ.

8 Yea verily, and I count all things to be loss for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord: for whom I suffered the loss of all things, and do count them but dung, that I may gain Christ,

9 and be found in him, not having a righteousness of mine own, even that which is of the law, but that which is through faith in Christ, the righteousness which is of God by faith:

10 that I may know him, and the power of his resurrection, and the fellowship of his sufferings, becoming conformed unto his death;

11 if by any means I may attain unto the resurrection from the dead.

12 Not that I have already obtained, or am already made perfect: but I press on, if so be that I may apprehend that for which also I was apprehended by Christ Jesus.

13 Brethren, I count not myself yet to have apprehended: but one thing I do, forgetting the things which are behind, and stretching forward to the things which are before,

14 I press on toward the goal unto the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.

15 Let us therefore, as many as be perfect, be thus minded: and if in anything you are otherwise minded, even this shall God reveal unto you:

16 only, whereunto we have already attained, by that same rule let us walk.

17 Brethren, be you imitators together of me, and mark them which so walk even as you have us for an ensample.

18 For many walk, of whom I told you often, and now tell you even weeping, that they are the enemies of the cross of Christ:

19 whose end is perdition, whose god is the belly, and whose glory is in their shame, who mind earthly things.

20 For our citizenship is in heaven; from whence also we wait for a Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ:

21 who shall fashion anew the body of our humiliation, that it may be conformed to the body of his glory, according to the working whereby he is able even to subject all things unto himself.

Chapter 4

1 Wherefore, my brethren beloved and longed for, my joy and crown, so stand fast in the Lord, my beloved.

2 I exhort Euodia, and I exhort Syntyche, to be of the same mind in the Lord.

3 Yea, I beseech you also, true yokefellow, help these women, for they laboured with me in the gospel, with Clement also, and the rest of my fellow-workers, whose names are in the book of life.

4 Rejoice in the Lord alway: again I will say, Rejoice.

5 Let your forbearance be known unto all men. The Lord is at hand.

6 In nothing be anxious; but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God.

7 And the peace of God, which passes all understanding, shall guard your hearts and your thoughts in Christ Jesus.

8 Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honourable, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things.

9 The things which you both learned and received and heard and saw in me, these things do: and the God of peace shall be with you.

10 But I rejoice in the Lord greatly, that now at length you have revived your thought for me; wherein you did indeed take thought, but you lacked opportunity.

11 Not that I speak in respect of want: for I have learned, in whatsoever state I am, therein to be content.

12 I know how to be abased, and I know also how to abound: in everything and in all things have I learned the secret both to be filled and to be hungry, both to abound and to be in want.

13 I can do all things in him that strengthens me.

14 Howbeit you did well, that you had fellowship with my affliction.

15 And you yourselves also know, you Philippians, that in the beginning of the gospel, when I departed from Macedonia, no church had fellowship with me in the matter of giving and receiving, but you only;

16 for even in Thessalonica you sent once and again unto my need.

17 Not that I seek for the gift; but I seek for the fruit that increases to your account.

18 But I have all things, and abound: I am filled, having received from Epaphroditus the things that came from you, an odour of a sweet smell, a sacrifice acceptable, well-pleasing to God.

19 And my God shall fulfill every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus.

20 Now unto our God and Father be the glory for ever and ever. Amen.

21 Salute every saint in Christ Jesus. The brethren which are with me salute you.

22 All the saints salute you, especially they that are of Caesar's household.

23 The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit.

Colossians

Chapter 1

1 Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus through the will of God, and Timothy our brother,

2 To the saints and faithful brethren in Christ which are at Colossae: Grace to you and peace from God our Father.

3 We give thanks to God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, praying always for you,

4 having heard of your faith in Christ Jesus, and of the love which you have toward all the saints,

5 because of the hope which is laid up for you in the heavens, whereof you heard before in the word of the truth of the gospel,

6 which is come unto you; even as it is also in all the world bearing fruit and increasing, as it does in you also, since the day you heard and knew the grace of God in truth;

7 even as you learned of Epaphras our beloved fellow-servant, who is a faithful minister of Christ on our behalf,

8 who also declared unto us your love in the Spirit.

9 For this cause we also, since the day we heard it, do not cease to pray and make request for you, that you may be filled with the knowledge of his will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding,

10 to walk worthily of the Lord unto all pleasing, bearing fruit in every good work, and increasing in the knowledge of God;

11 strengthened with all power, according to the might of his glory, unto all patience and longsuffering with joy;

12 giving thanks unto the Father, who made us meet to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light;

13 who delivered us out of the power of darkness, and translated us into the kingdom of the Son of his love;

14 in whom we have our redemption, the forgiveness of our sins:

15 who is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation;

16 for in him were all things created, in the heavens and upon the earth, things visible and things invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers; all things have been created through him, and unto him;

17 and he is before all things, and in him all things consist.

18 And he is the head of the body, the church: who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead; that in all things he might have the preeminence.

19 For it was the good pleasure of the Father that in him should all the fulness dwell;

20 and through him to reconcile all things unto himself, having made peace through the blood of his cross; through him, I say, whether things upon the earth, or things in the heavens.

21 And you, being in time past alienated and enemies in your mind in your evil works, yet now has he reconciled

22 in the body of his flesh through death, to present you holy and without blemish and unreproveable before him:

23 if so be that you continue in the faith, grounded and stedfast, and not moved away from the hope of the gospel which you heard, which was preached in all creation under heaven; whereof I Paul was made a minister.

24 Now I rejoice in my sufferings for your sake, and fill up on my part that which is lacking of the afflictions of Christ in my flesh for his body's sake, which is the church;

25 whereof I was made a minister, according to the dispensation of God which was given me to you-ward, to fulfill the word of God,

26 even the mystery which has been hid from all ages and generations: but now has it been manifested to his saints,

27 to whom God was pleased to make known what is the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory:

28 whom we proclaim, admonishing every man and teaching every man in all wisdom, that we may present every man perfect in Christ;

29 whereunto I labour also, striving according to his working, which works in me mightily.

Chapter 2

1 For I would have you know how greatly I strive for you, and for them at Laodicea, and for as many as have not seen my face in the flesh;

2 that their hearts may be comforted, they being knit together in love, and unto all riches of the full assurance of understanding, that they may know the mystery of God, even Christ,

3 in whom are all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge hidden.

4 This I say, that no one may delude you with persuasiveness of speech.

5 For though I am absent in the flesh, yet am I with you in the spirit, joying and beholding your order, and the stedfastness of your faith in Christ.

6 As therefore you received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in him,

7 rooted and builded up in him, and stablished in your faith, even as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving.

8 Take heed lest there shall be any one that makes spoil of you through his philosophy and vain deceit, after the tradition of men, after the rudiments of the world, and not after Christ:

9 for in him dwells all the fulness of the Godhead bodily,

10 and in him you are made full, who is the head of all principality and power:

11 in whom you were also circumcised with a circumcision not made with hands, in the putting off of the body of the flesh, in the circumcision of Christ;

12 having been buried with him in baptism, wherein you were also raised with him through faith in the working of God, who raised him from the dead.

13 And you, being dead through your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, you, I say, did he quicken together with him, having forgiven us all our trespasses;

14 having blotted out the bond written in ordinances that was against us, which was contrary to us: and he has taken it out of the way, nailing it to the cross;

15 having put off from himself the principalities and the powers, he made a show of them openly, triumphing over them in it.

16 Let no man therefore judge you in meat, or in drink, or in respect of a feast day or a new moon or a sabbath day:

17 which are a shadow of the things to come; but the body is Christ's.

18 Let no man rob you of your prize by a voluntary humility and worshipping of the angels, dwelling in the things which he has seen, vainly puffed up by his fleshly mind,

19 and not holding fast the Head, from whom all the body, being supplied and knit together through the joints and bands, increases with the increase of God.

20 If you died with Christ from the rudiments of the world, why, as though living in the world, do you subject yourselves to ordinances,

21 Handle not, nor taste, nor touch

22 (all which things are to perish with the using), after the precepts and doctrines of men?

23 Which things have indeed a show of wisdom in will-worship, and humility, and severity to the body; but are not of any value against the indulgence of the flesh.

Chapter 3

1 If then you were raised together with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated on the right hand of God.

2 Set your mind on the things that are above, not on the things that are upon the earth.

3 For you died, and your life is hid with Christ in God.

4 When Christ, who is our life, shall be manifested, then shall you also with him be manifested in glory.

5 Mortify therefore your members which are upon the earth; fornication, uncleanness, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, the which is idolatry;

6 for which things' sake comes the wrath of God upon the sons of disobedience;

7 in the which you also walked aforetime, when you lived in these things.

8 But now put you also away all these; anger, wrath, malice, railing, shameful speaking out of your mouth:

9 lie not one to another; seeing that you have put off the old man with his doings,

10 and have put on the new man, which is being renewed unto knowledge after the image of him that created him:

11 where there cannot be Greek and Jew, circumcision and uncircumcision, barbarian, Scythian, bondman, freeman: but Christ is all, and in all.

12 Put on therefore, as God's elect, holy and beloved, a heart of compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, longsuffering;

13 forbearing one another, and forgiving each other, if any man have a complaint against any; even as the Lord forgave you, so also do you:

14 and above all these things put on love, which is the bond of perfectness.

15 And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to the which also you were called in one body; and be you thankful.

16 Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another with psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts unto God.

17 And whatsoever you do, in word or in deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

18 Wives, be in subjection to your husbands, as is fitting in the Lord.

19 Husbands, love your wives, and be not bitter against them.

20 Children, obey your parents in all things, for this is well-pleasing in the Lord.

21 Fathers, provoke not your children, that they be not discouraged.

22 Servants, obey in all things them that are your masters according to the flesh; not with eyeservice, as men-pleasers, but in singleness of heart, fearing the Lord:

23 whatsoever you do, work heartily, as unto the Lord, and not unto men;

24 knowing that from the Lord you shall receive the recompense of the inheritance: you serve the Lord Christ.

25 For he that does wrong shall receive again for the wrong that he has done: and there is no respect of persons.

Chapter 4

1 Masters, render unto your servants that which is just and equal; knowing that you also have a Master in heaven.

2 Continue stedfastly in prayer, watching therein with thanksgiving;

3 withal praying for us also, that God may open unto us a door for the word, to speak the mystery of Christ, for which I am also in bonds;

4 that I may make it manifest, as I ought to speak.

5 Walk in wisdom toward them that are without, redeeming the time.

6 Let your speech be always with grace, seasoned with salt, that you may know how you ought to answer each one.

7 All my affairs shall Tychicus make known unto you, the beloved brother and faithful minister and fellow-servant in the Lord:

8 whom I have sent unto you for this very purpose, that you may know our estate, and that he may comfort your hearts;

9 together with Onesimus, the faithful and beloved brother, who is one of you. They shall make known unto you all things that are done here.

10 Aristarchus my fellow-prisoner salutes you, and Mark, the cousin of Barnabas (touching whom you received commandments; if he come unto you, receive him),

11 and Jesus, which is called Justus, who are of the circumcision: these only are my fellow-workers unto the kingdom of God, men that have been a comfort unto me.

12 Epaphras, who is one of you, a servant of Christ Jesus, salutes you, always striving for you in his prayers, that you may stand perfect and fully assured in all the will of God.

13 For I bear him witness, that he has much labour for you, and for them in Laodicea, and for them in Hierapolis.

14 Luke, the beloved physician, and Demas salute you.

15 Salute the brethren that are in Laodicea, and Nymphas, and the church that is in their house.

16 And when this epistle has been read among you, cause that it be read also in the church of the Laodiceans; and that you also read the epistle from Laodicea.

17 And say to Archippus, Take heed to the ministry which you have received in the Lord, that you fulfill it.

18 The salutation of me Paul with mine own hand. Remember my bonds. Grace be with you.

1 Thessalonians

Chapter 1

1 Paul, and Silvanus, and Timothy, unto the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: Grace to you and peace.

2 We give thanks to God always for you all, making mention of you in our prayers;

3 remembering without ceasing your work of faith and labour of love and patience of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ, before our God and Father;

4 knowing, brethren beloved of God, your election,

5 how that our gospel came not unto you in word only, but also in power, and in the Holy Ghost, and in much assurance; even as you know what manner of men we shewed ourselves toward you for your sake.

6 And you became imitators of us, and of the Lord, having received the word in much affliction, with joy of the Holy Ghost;

7 so that you became an ensample to all that believe in Macedonia and in Achaia.

8 For from you has sounded forth the word of the Lord, not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but in every place your faith to God-ward is gone forth; so that we need not to speak anything.

9 For they themselves report concerning us what manner of entering in we had unto you; and how you turned unto God from idols, to serve a living and true God,

10 and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead, even Jesus, which delivers us from the wrath to come.

Chapter 2

1 For yourselves, brethren, know our entering in unto you, that it has not been found vain:

2 but having suffered before, and been shamefully entreated, as you know, at Philippi, we waxed bold in our God to speak unto you the gospel of God in much conflict.

3 For our exhortation is not of error, nor of uncleanness, nor in guile:

4 but even as we have been approved of God to be intrusted with the gospel, so we speak; not as pleasing men, but God which proves our hearts.

5 For neither at any time were we found using words of flattery, as you know, nor a cloke of covetousness, God is witness;

6 nor seeking glory of men, neither from you, nor from others, when we might have been burdensome, as apostles of Christ.

7 But we were gentle in the midst of you, as when a nurse cherishes her own children:

8 even so, being affectionately desirous of you, we were well pleased to impart unto you, not the gospel of God only, but also our own souls, because you were become very dear to us.

9 For you remember, brethren, our labour and travail: working night and day, that we might not burden any of you, we preached unto you the gospel of God.

10 You are witnesses, and God also, how holily and righteously and unblameably we behaved ourselves toward you that believe:

11 as you know how we dealt with each one of you, as a father with his own children, exhorting you, and encouraging you, and testifying,

12 to the end that you should walk worthily of God, who calls you into his own kingdom and glory.

13 And for this cause we also thank God without ceasing, that, when you received from us the word of the message, even the word of God, you accepted it not as the word of men, but, as it is in truth, the word of God, which also works in you that believe.

14 For you, brethren, became imitators of the churches of God which are in Judea in Christ Jesus: for you also suffered the same things of your own countrymen, even as they did of the Jews;

15 who both killed the Lord Jesus and the prophets, and drave out us, and please not God, and are contrary to all men;

16 forbidding us to speak to the Gentiles that they may be saved; to fill up their sins alway: but the wrath is come upon them to the uttermost.

17 But we, brethren, being bereaved of you for a short season, in presence, not in heart, endeavoured the more exceedingly to see your face with great desire:

18 because we would fain have come unto you, I Paul once and again; and Satan hindered us.

19 For what is our hope, or joy, or crown of glorying? Are not even you, before our Lord Jesus at his coming?

20 For you are our glory and our joy.

Chapter 3

1 Wherefore when we could no longer forbear, we thought it good to be left behind at Athens alone;

2 and sent Timothy, our brother and God's minister in the gospel of Christ, to establish you, and to comfort you concerning your faith;

3 that no man be moved by these afflictions; for yourselves know that hereunto we are appointed.

4 For verily, when we were with you, we told you beforehand that we are to suffer affliction; even as it came to pass, and you know.

5 For this cause I also, when I could no longer forbear, sent that I might know your faith, lest by any means the tempter had tempted you, and our labour should be in vain.

6 But when Timothy came even now unto us from you, and brought us glad tidings of your faith and love, and that you have good remembrance of us always, longing to see us, even as we also to see you;

7 for this cause, brethren, we were comforted over you in all our distress and affliction through your faith:

8 for now we live, if you stand fast in the Lord.

9 For what thanksgiving can we render again unto God for you, for all the joy wherewith we joy for your sakes before our God;

10 night and day praying exceedingly that we may see your face, and may perfect that which is lacking in your faith?

11 Now may our God and Father himself, and our Lord Jesus, direct our way unto you:

12 and the Lord make you to increase and abound in love one toward another, and toward all men, even as we also do toward you;

13 to the end he may stablish your hearts unblameable in holiness before our God and Father, at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

Chapter 4

1 Finally then, brethren, we beseech and exhort you in the Lord Jesus, that, as you received of us how you ought to walk and to please God, even as you do walk,—that you abound more and more.

2 For you know what charge we gave you through the Lord Jesus.

3 For this is the will of God, even your sanctification, that you abstain from fornication;

4 that each one of you know how to possess himself of his own vessel in sanctification and honour,

5 not in the passion of lust, even as the Gentiles which know not God;

6 that no man transgress, and wrong his brother in the matter: because the Lord is an avenger in all these things, as also we forewarned you and testified.

7 For God called us not for uncleanness, but in sanctification.

8 Therefore he that rejects, rejects not man, but God, who gives his Holy Spirit unto you.

9 But concerning love of the brethren you have no need that one write unto you: for you yourselves are taught of God to love one another;

10 for indeed you do it toward all the brethren which are in all Macedonia. But we exhort you, brethren, that you abound more and more;

11 and that you study to be quiet, and to do your own business, and to work with your hands, even as we charged you;

12 that you may walk honestly toward them that are without, and may have need of nothing.

13 But we would not have you ignorant, brethren, concerning them that fall asleep; that you sorrow not, even as the rest, which have no hope.

14 For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also that are fallen asleep in Jesus will God bring with him.

15 For this we say unto you by the word of the Lord, that we that are alive, that are left unto the coming of the Lord, shall in no wise precede them that are fallen asleep.

16 For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven, with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first:

17 then we that are alive, that are left, shall together with them be caught up in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord.

18 Wherefore comfort one another with these words.

Chapter 5

1 But concerning the times and the seasons, brethren, you have no need that aught be written unto you.

2 For yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord so comes as a thief in the night.

3 When they are saying, Peace and safety, then sudden destruction comes upon them, as travail upon a woman with child; and they shall in no wise escape.

4 But you, brethren, are not in darkness, that that day should overtake you as a thief:

5 for you are all sons of light, and sons of the day: we are not of the night, nor of darkness;

6 so then let us not sleep, as do the rest, but let us watch and be sober.

7 For they that sleep sleep in the night; and they that be drunken are drunken in the night.

8 But let us, since we are of the day, be sober, putting on the breastplate of faith and love; and for a helmet, the hope of salvation.

9 For God appointed us not unto wrath, but unto the obtaining of salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ,

10 who died for us, that, whether we wake or sleep, we should live together with him.

11 Wherefore exhort one another, and build each other up, even as also you do.

12 But we beseech you, brethren, to know them that labour among you, and are over you in the Lord, and admonish you;

13 and to esteem them exceeding highly in love for their work's sake. Be at peace among yourselves.

14 And we exhort you, brethren, admonish the disorderly, encourage the fainthearted, support the weak, be longsuffering toward all.

15 See that none render unto any one evil for evil; but alway follow after that which is good, one toward another, and toward all.

16 Rejoice alway;

17 pray without ceasing;

18 in everything give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus to you-ward.

19 Quench not the Spirit;

20 despise not prophesyings;

21 prove all things; hold fast that which is good;

22 abstain from every form of evil.

23 And the God of peace himself sanctify you wholly; and may your spirit and soul and body be preserved entire, without blame at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

24 Faithful is he that calls you, who will also do it.

25 Brethren, pray for us.

26 Salute all the brethren with a holy kiss.

27 I adjure you by the Lord that this epistle be read unto all the brethren.

28 The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

2 Thessalonians

Chapter 1

1 Paul, and Silvanus, and Timothy, unto the church of the Thessalonians in God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ;

2 Grace to you and peace from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

3 We are bound to give thanks to God alway for you, brethren, even as it is meet, for that your faith grows exceedingly, and the love of each one of you all toward one another abounds;

4 so that we ourselves glory in you in the churches of God for your patience and faith in all your persecutions and in the afflictions which you endure;

5 which is a manifest token of the righteous judgment of God; to the end that you may be counted worthy of the kingdom of God, for which you also suffer:

6 if so be that it is a righteous thing with God to recompense affliction to them that afflict you,

7 and to you that are afflicted rest with us, at the revelation of the Lord Jesus from heaven with the angels of his power

8 in flaming fire, rendering vengeance to them that know not God, and to them that obey not the gospel of our Lord Jesus:

9 who shall suffer punishment, even eternal destruction from the face of the Lord and from the glory of his might,

10 when he shall come to be glorified in his saints, and to be marveled at in all them that believed (because our testimony unto you was believed) in that day.

11 To which end we also pray always for you, that our God may count you worthy of your calling, and fulfill every desire of goodness and every work of faith, with power;

12 that the name of our Lord Jesus may be glorified in you, and you in him, according to the grace of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Chapter 2

1 Now we beseech you, brethren, touching the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, and our gathering together unto him;

2 to the end that you be not quickly shaken from your mind, nor yet be troubled, either by spirit, or by word, or by epistle as from us, as that the day of the Lord is now present;

3 let no man beguile you in any wise: for it will not be, except the falling away come first, and the man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition,

4 he that opposes and exalts himself against all that is called God or that is worshipped; so that he sits in the temple of God, setting himself forth as God.

5 Remember you not, that, when I was yet with you, I told you these things?

6 And now you know that which restrains, to the end that he may be revealed in his own season.

7 For the mystery of lawlessness does already work: only there is one that restrains now, until he be taken out of the way.

8 And then shall be revealed the lawless one, whom the Lord Jesus shall slay with the breath of his mouth, and bring to nought by the manifestation of his coming;

9 even he, whose coming is according to the working of Satan with all power and signs and lying wonders,

10 and with all deceit of unrighteousness for them that are perishing; because they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved.

11 And for this cause God sends them a working of error, that they should believe a lie:

12 that they all might be judged who believed not the truth, but had pleasure in unrighteousness.

13 But we are bound to give thanks to God alway for you, brethren beloved of the Lord, for that God chose you from the beginning unto salvation in sanctification of the Spirit and belief of the truth:

14 whereunto he called you through our gospel, to the obtaining of the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.

15 So then, brethren, stand fast, and hold the traditions which you were taught, whether by word, or by epistle of ours.

16 Now our Lord Jesus Christ himself, and God our Father which loved us and gave us eternal comfort and good hope through grace,

17 comfort your hearts and stablish them in every good work and word.

Chapter 3

1 Finally, brethren, pray for us, that the word of the Lord may run and be glorified, even as also it is with you;

2 and that we may be delivered from unreasonable and evil men; for all have not faith.

3 But the Lord is faithful, who shall stablish you, and guard you from the evil one.

4 And we have confidence in the Lord touching you, that you both do and will do the things which we command.

5 And the Lord direct your hearts into the love of God, and into the patience of Christ.

6 Now we command you, brethren, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that you withdraw yourselves from every brother that walks disorderly, and not after the tradition which they received of us.

7 For yourselves know how you ought to imitate us: for we behaved not ourselves disorderly among you;

8 neither did we eat bread for nought at any man's hand, but in labour and travail, working night and day, that we might not burden any of you:

9 not because we have not the right, but to make ourselves an ensample unto you, that you should imitate us.

10 For even when we were with you, this we commanded you, If any will not work, neither let him eat.

11 For we hear of some that walk among you disorderly, that work not at all, but are busybodies.

12 Now them that are such we command and exhort in the Lord Jesus Christ, that with quietness they work, and eat their own bread.

13 But you, brethren, be not weary in well-doing.

14 And if any man obeys not our word by this epistle, note that man, that you have no company with him, to the end that he may be ashamed.

15 And yet count him not as an enemy, but admonish him as a brother.

16 Now the Lord of peace himself give you peace at all times in all ways. The Lord be with you all.

17 The salutation of me Paul with mine own hand, which is the token in every epistle: so I write.

18 The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

1 Timothy

Chapter 1

1 Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus according to the commandment of God our Saviour, and Christ Jesus our hope;

2 unto Timothy, my true child in faith: Grace, mercy, peace, from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.

3 As I exhorted you to tarry at Ephesus, when I was going into Macedonia, that you might charge certain men not to teach a different doctrine,

4 neither to give heed to fables and endless genealogies, the which minister questionings, rather than a dispensation of God which is in faith; so do I now.

5 But the end of the charge is love out of a pure heart and a good conscience and faith unfeigned:

6 from which things some having swerved have turned aside unto vain talking;

7 desiring to be teachers of the law, though they understand neither what they say, nor whereof they confidently affirm.

8 But we know that the law is good, if a man use it lawfully,

9 as knowing this, that law is not made for a righteous man, but for the lawless and unruly, for the ungodly and sinners, for the unholy and profane, for murderers of fathers and murderers of mothers, for manslayers,

10 for fornicators, for abusers of themselves with men, for menstealers, for liars, for false swearers, and if there be any other thing contrary to the sound doctrine;

11 according to the gospel of the glory of the blessed God, which was committed to my trust.

12 I thank him that enabled me, even Christ Jesus our Lord, for that he counted me faithful, appointing me to his service;

13 though I was before a blasphemer, and a persecutor, and injurious: howbeit I obtained mercy, because I did it ignorantly in unbelief;

14 and the grace of our Lord abounded exceedingly with faith and love which is in Christ Jesus.

15 Faithful is the saying, and worthy of all acceptation, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners; of whom I am chief:

16 howbeit for this cause I obtained mercy, that in me as chief might Jesus Christ shew forth all his longsuffering, for an ensample of them which should hereafter believe on him unto eternal life.

17 Now unto the King eternal, incorruptible, invisible, the only God, be honour and glory for ever and ever. Amen.

18 This charge I commit unto you, my child Timothy, according to the prophecies which went before on you, that by them you may war the good warfare;

19 holding faith and a good conscience; which some having thrust from them made shipwreck concerning the faith:

20 of whom is Hymenaeus and Alexander; whom I delivered unto Satan, that they might be taught not to blaspheme.

Chapter 2

1 I exhort therefore, first of all, that supplications, prayers, intercessions, thanksgivings, be made for all men;

2 for kings and all that are in high place; that we may lead a tranquil and quiet life in all godliness and gravity.

3 This is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Saviour;

4 who wills that all men should be saved, and come to the knowledge of the truth.

5 For there is one God, one mediator also between God and men, himself man, Christ Jesus,

6 who gave himself a ransom for all; the testimony to be borne in its own times;

7 whereunto I was appointed a preacher and an apostle (I speak the truth, I lie not), a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.

8 I desire therefore that the men pray in every place, lifting up holy hands, without wrath and disputing.

9 In like manner, that women adorn themselves in modest apparel, with shamefastness and sobriety; not with braided hair, and gold or pearls or costly raiment;

10 but (which becomes women professing godliness) through good works.

11 Let a woman learn in quietness with all subjection.

12 But I permit not a woman to teach, nor to have dominion over a man, but to be in quietness.

13 For Adam was first formed, then Eve;

14 and Adam was not beguiled, but the woman being beguiled has fallen into transgression:

15 but she shall be saved through the childbearing, if they continue in faith and love and sanctification with sobriety.

Chapter 3

1 Faithful is the saying, If a man seeks the office of a bishop, he desires a good work.

2 The bishop therefore must be without reproach, the husband of one wife, temperate, soberminded, orderly, given to hospitality, apt to teach;

3 no brawler, no striker; but gentle, not contentious, no lover of money;

4 one that rules well his own house, having his children in subjection with all gravity;

5 (but if a man knows not how to rule his own house, how shall he take care of the church of God?)

6 not a novice, lest being puffed up he fall into the condemnation of the devil.

7 Moreover he must have good testimony from them that are without; lest he fall into reproach and the snare of the devil.

8 Deacons in like manner must be grave, not doubletongued, not given to much wine, not greedy of filthy lucre;

9 holding the mystery of the faith in a pure conscience.

10 And let these also first be proved; then let them serve as deacons, if they be blameless.

11 Women in like manner must be grave, not slanderers, temperate, faithful in all things.

12 Let deacons be husbands of one wife, ruling their children and their own houses well.

13 For they that have served well as deacons gain to themselves a good standing, and great boldness in the faith which is in Christ Jesus.

14 These things write I unto you, hoping to come unto you shortly;

15 but if I tarry long, that you may know how men ought to behave themselves in the house of God, which is the church of the living God, the pillar and ground of the truth.

16 And without controversy great is the mystery of godliness; He who was manifested in the flesh, justified in the spirit, seen of angels, preached among the nations, believed on in the world, received up in glory.

Chapter 4

1 But the Spirit says expressly, that in later times some shall fall away from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits and doctrines of devils,

2 through the hypocrisy of men that speak lies, branded in their own conscience as with a hot iron;

3 forbidding to marry, and commanding to abstain from meats, which God created to be received with thanksgiving by them that believe and know the truth.

4 For every creature of God is good, and nothing is to be rejected, if it be received with thanksgiving:

5 for it is sanctified through the word of God and prayer.

6 If you put the brethren in mind of these things, you shall be a good minister of Christ Jesus, nourished in the words of the faith, and of the good doctrine which you have followed until now:

7 but refuse profane and old wives' fables. And exercise yourself unto godliness:

8 for bodily exercise is profitable for a little; but godliness is profitable for all things, having promise of the life which now is, and of that which is to come.

9 Faithful is the saying, and worthy of all acceptation.

10 For to this end we labour and strive, because we have our hope set on the living God, who is the Saviour of all men, specially of them that believe.

11 These things command and teach.

12 Let no man despise your youth; but be you an ensample to them that believe, in word, in manner of life, in love, in faith, in purity.

13 Till I come, give heed to reading, to exhortation, to teaching.

14 Neglect not the gift that is in you, which was given you by prophecy, with the laying on of the hands of the presbytery.

15 Be diligent in these things; give yourself wholly to them; that your progress may be manifest unto all.

16 Take heed to yourself, and to your teaching. Continue in these things; for in doing this you shall save both yourself and them that hear you.

Chapter 5

1 Rebuke not an elder, but exhort him as a father; the younger men as brethren:

2 the elder women as mothers; the younger as sisters, in all purity.

3 Honour widows that are widows indeed.

4 But if any widow has children or grandchildren, let them learn first to shew piety towards their own family, and to requite their parents: for this is acceptable in the sight of God.

5 Now she that is a widow indeed, and desolate, has her hope set on God, and continues in supplications and prayers night and day.

6 But she that gives herself to pleasure is dead while she lives.

7 These things also command, that they may be without reproach.

8 But if any provides not for his own, and specially his own household, he has denied the faith, and is worse than an unbeliever.

9 Let none be enrolled as a widow under threescore years old, having been the wife of one man,

10 well reported of for good works; if she has brought up children, if she has used hospitality to strangers, if she has washed the saints' feet, if she has relieved the afflicted, if she has diligently followed every good work.

11 But younger widows refuse: for when they have waxed wanton against Christ, they desire to marry;

12 having condemnation, because they have rejected their first faith.

13 And withal they learn also to be idle, going about from house to house; and not only idle, but tattlers also and busybodies, speaking things which they ought not.

14 I desire therefore that the younger widows marry, bear children, rule the household, give none occasion to the adversary for reviling:

15 for already some are turned aside after Satan.

16 If any woman that believes has widows, let her relieve them, and let not the church be burdened; that it may relieve them that are widows indeed.

17 Let the elders that rule well be counted worthy of double honour, especially those who labour in the word and in teaching.

18 For the scripture says, You shall not muzzle the ox when he treads out the corn. And, The labourer is worthy of his hire.

19 Against an elder receive not an accusation, except at the mouth of two or three witnesses.

20 Them that sin reprove in the sight of all, that the rest also may be in fear.

21 I charge you in the sight of God, and Christ Jesus, and the elect angels, that you observe these things without prejudice, doing nothing by partiality.

22 Lay hands hastily on no man, neither be partaker of other men's sins: keep yourself pure.

23 Be no longer a drinker of water, but use a little wine for your stomach's sake and your often infirmities.

24 Some men's sins are evident, going before unto judgment; and some men also they follow after.

25 In like manner also there are good works that are evident; and such as are otherwise cannot be hid.

Chapter 6

1 Let as many as are servants under the yoke count their own masters worthy of all honour, that the name of God and the doctrine be not blasphemed.

2 And they that have believing masters, let them not despise them, because they are brethren; but let them serve them the rather, because they that partake of the benefit are believing and beloved. These things teach and exhort.

3 If any man teaches a different doctrine, and consents not to sound words, even the words of our Lord Jesus Christ, and to the doctrine which is according to godliness;

4 he is puffed up, knowing nothing, but doting about questionings and disputes of words, whereof comes envy, strife, railings, evil surmisings,

5 wranglings of men corrupted in mind and bereft of the truth, supposing that godliness is a way of gain.

6 But godliness with contentment is great gain:

7 for we brought nothing into the world, for neither can we carry anything out;

8 but having food and covering we shall be therewith content.

9 But they that desire to be rich fall into a temptation and a snare and many foolish and hurtful lusts, such as drown men in destruction and perdition.

10 For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil: which some reaching after have been led astray from the faith, and have pierced themselves through with many sorrows.

11 But you, O man of God, flee these things; and follow after righteousness, godliness, faith, love, patience, meekness.

12 Fight the good fight of the faith, lay hold on the life eternal, whereunto you were called, and did confess the good confession in the sight of many witnesses.

13 I charge you in the sight of God, who quickens all things, and of Christ Jesus, who before Pontius Pilate witnessed the good confession;

14 that you keep the commandment, without spot, without reproach, until the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ:

15 which in its own times he shall shew, who is the blessed and only Potentate, the King of kings, and Lord of lords;

16 who only has immortality, dwelling in light unapproachable; whom no man has seen, nor can see: to whom be honour and power eternal. Amen.

17 Charge them that are rich in this present world, that they be not highminded, nor have their hope set on the uncertainty of riches, but on God, who gives us richly all things to enjoy;

18 that they do good, that they be rich in good works, that they be ready to distribute, willing to communicate;

19 laying up in store for themselves a good foundation against the time to come, that they may lay hold on the life which is life indeed.

20 O Timothy, guard that which is committed unto you, turning away from the profane babblings and oppositions of the knowledge which is falsely so called;

21 which some professing have erred concerning the faith.
Grace be with you.

2 Timothy

Chapter 1

1 Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, according to the promise of the life which is in Christ Jesus,

2 to Timothy, my beloved child: Grace, mercy, peace, from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.

3 I thank God, whom I serve from my forefathers in a pure conscience, how unceasing is my remembrance of you in my supplications, night and day

4 longing to see you, remembering your tears, that I may be filled with joy;

5 having been reminded of the unfeigned faith that is in you; which dwelt first in your grandmother Lois, and your mother Eunice; and, I am persuaded, in you also.

6 For the which cause I put you in remembrance that you stir up the gift of God, which is in you through the laying on of my hands.

7 For God gave us not a spirit of fearfulness; but of power and love and discipline.

8 Be not ashamed therefore of the testimony of our Lord, nor of me his prisoner: but suffer hardship with the gospel according to the power of God;

9 who saved us, and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works, but according to his own purpose and grace, which was given us in Christ Jesus before times eternal,

10 but has now been manifested by the appearing of our Saviour Christ Jesus, who abolished death, and brought life and incorruption to light through the gospel,

11 whereunto I was appointed a preacher, and an apostle, and a teacher.

12 For the which cause I suffer also these things: yet I am not ashamed; for I know him whom I have believed, and I am persuaded that he is able to guard that which I have committed unto him against that day.

13 Hold the pattern of sound words which you have heard from me, in faith and love which is in Christ Jesus.

14 That good thing which was committed unto you guard through the Holy Ghost which dwells in us.

15 This you know, that all that are in Asia turned away from me; of whom are Phygelus and Hermogenes.

16 The Lord grant mercy unto the house of Onesiphorus: for he oft refreshed me, and was not ashamed of my chain;

17 but, when he was in Rome, he sought me diligently, and found me

18 (the Lord grant unto him to find mercy of the Lord in that day); and in how many things he ministered at Ephesus, you know very well.

Chapter 2

1 You therefore, my child, be strengthened in the grace that is in Christ Jesus.

2 And the things which you have heard from me among many witnesses, the same commit you to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also.

3 Suffer hardship with me, as a good soldier of Christ Jesus.

4 No soldier on service entangleth himself in the affairs of this life; that he may please him who enrolled him as a soldier.

5 And if also a man contend in the games, he is not crowned, except he have contended lawfully.

6 The husbandman that labours must be the first to partake of the fruits.

7 Consider what I say; for the Lord shall give you understanding in all things.

8 Remember Jesus Christ, risen from the dead, of the seed of David, according to my gospel:

9 wherein I suffer hardship unto bonds, as a malefactor; but the word of God is not bound.

10 Therefore I endure all things for the elect's sake, that they also may obtain the salvation which is in Christ Jesus with eternal glory.

11 Faithful is the saying: For if we died with him, we shall also live with him:

12 if we endure, we shall also reign with him: if we shall deny him, he also will deny us:

13 if we are faithless, he abides faithful; for he cannot deny himself.

14 Of these things put them in remembrance, charging them in the sight of the Lord, that they strive not about words, to no profit, to the subverting of them that hear.

15 Give diligence to present yourself approved unto God, a workman that needs not to be ashamed, handling aright the word of truth.

16 But shun profane babblings: for they will proceed further in ungodliness,

17 and their word will eat as does a gangrene: of whom is Hymenaeus and Philetus;

18 men who concerning the truth have erred, saying that the resurrection is past already, and overthrow the faith of some.

19 Howbeit the firm foundation of God stands, having this seal, The Lord knows them that are his: and, Let every one

that names the name of the Lord depart from unrighteousness.

20 Now in a great house there are not only vessels of gold and of silver, but also of wood and of earth; and some unto honour, and some unto dishonour.

21 If a man therefore purge himself from these, he shall be a vessel unto honour, sanctified, meet for the master's use, prepared unto every good work.

22 But flee youthful lusts, and follow after righteousness, faith, love, peace, with them that call on the Lord out of a pure heart.

23 But foolish and ignorant questionings refuse, knowing that they gender strifes.

24 And the Lord's servant must not strive, but be gentle towards all, apt to teach, forbearing,

25 in meekness correcting them that oppose themselves; if peradventure God may give them repentance unto the knowledge of the truth,

26 and they may recover themselves out of the snare of the devil, having been taken captive by the Lord's servant unto the will of God.

Chapter 3

1 But know this, that in the last days grievous times shall come.

2 For men shall be lovers of self, lovers of money, boastful, haughty, railers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy,

3 without natural affection, implacable, slanderers, without self-control, fierce, no lovers of good,

4 traitors, headstrong, puffed up, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God;

5 holding a form of godliness, but having denied the power thereof: from these also turn away.

6 For of these are they that creep into houses, and take captive silly women laden with sins, led away by divers lusts,

7 ever learning, and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth.

8 And like as Jannes and Jambres withstood Moses, so do these also withstand the truth; men corrupted in mind, reprobate concerning the faith.

9 But they shall proceed no further: for their folly shall be evident unto all men, as theirs also came to be.

10 But you did follow my teaching, conduct, purpose, faith, longsuffering, love, patience,

11 persecutions, sufferings; what things befell me at Antioch, at Iconium, at Lystra; what persecutions I endured: and out of them all the Lord delivered me.

12 Yea, and all that would live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution.

13 But evil men and impostors shall wax worse and worse, deceiving and being deceived.

14 But abide you in the things which you have learned and have been assured of, knowing of whom you have learned them;

15 and that from a babe you have known the sacred writings which are able to make you wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus.

16 Every scripture inspired of God is also profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for instruction which is in righteousness:

17 that the man of God may be complete, furnished completely unto every good work.

Chapter 4

1 I charge you in the sight of God, and of Christ Jesus, who shall judge the quick and the dead, and by his appearing and his kingdom;

2 preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort, with all longsuffering and teaching.

3 For the time will come when they will not endure the sound doctrine; but, having itching ears, will heap to themselves teachers after their own lusts;

4 and will turn away their ears from the truth, and turn aside unto fables.

5 But be you sober in all things, suffer hardship, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry.

6 For I am already being offered, and the time of my departure is come.

7 I have fought the good fight, I have finished the course, I have kept the faith:

8 henceforth there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give to me at that day: and not only to me, but also to all them that have loved his appearing.

9 Do your diligence to come shortly unto me:

10 for Demas forsook me, having loved this present world, and went to Thessalonica; Crescens to Galatia, Titus to Dalmatia.

11 Only Luke is with me. Take Mark, and bring him with you: for he is useful to me for ministering.

12 But Tychicus I sent to Ephesus.

13 The cloke that I left at Troas with Carpus, bring when you come, and the books, especially the parchments.

14 Alexander the coppersmith did me much evil: the Lord will render to him according to his works:

15 of whom be you ware also; for he greatly withstood our words.

16 At my first defence no one took my part, but all forsook me: may it not be laid to their account.

17 But the Lord stood by me, and strengthened me; that through me the message might be fully proclaimed, and that all the Gentiles might hear: and I was delivered out of the mouth of the lion.

18 The Lord will deliver me from every evil work, and will save me unto his heavenly kingdom: to whom be the glory for ever and ever. Amen.

19 Salute Prisca and Aquila, and the house of Onesiphorus.

20 Erastus abode at Corinth: but Trophimus I left at Miletus sick.

21 Do your diligence to come before winter. Eubulus salutes you, and Pudens, and Linus, and Claudia, and all the brethren.

22 The Lord be with your spirit. Grace be with you.

Titus

Chapter 1

1 Paul, a servant of God, and an apostle of Jesus Christ, according to the faith of God's elect, and the knowledge of the truth which is according to godliness,

2 in hope of eternal life, which God, who cannot lie, promised before times eternal;

3 but in his own seasons manifested his word in the message, wherewith I was intrusted according to the commandment of God our Saviour;

4 to Titus, my true child after a common faith: Grace and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Saviour.

5 For this cause left I you in Crete, that you should set in order the things that were wanting, and appoint elders in every city, as I gave you charge;

6 if any man is blameless, the husband of one wife, having children that believe, who are not accused of riot or unruly.

7 For the bishop must be blameless, as God's steward; not selfwilled, not soon angry, no brawler, no striker, not greedy of filthy lucre;

8 but given to hospitality, a lover of good, soberminded, just, holy, temperate;

9 holding to the faithful word which is according to the teaching, that he may be able both to exhort in the sound doctrine, and to convict the gainsayers.

10 For there are many unruly men, vain talkers and deceivers, specially they of the circumcision,

11 whose mouths must be stopped; men who overthrow whole houses, teaching things which they ought not, for filthy lucre's sake.

12 One of themselves, a prophet of their own, said, Cretans are alway liars, evil beasts, idle gluttons.

13 This testimony is true. For which cause reprove them sharply, that they may be sound in the faith,

14 not giving heed to Jewish fables, and commandments of men who turn away from the truth.

15 To the pure all things are pure: but to them that are defiled and unbelieving nothing is pure; but both their mind and their conscience are defiled.

16 They profess that they know God; but by their works they deny him, being abominable, and disobedient, and unto every good work reprobate.

Chapter 2

1 But speak you the things which befit the sound doctrine:

2 that aged men be temperate, grave, soberminded, sound in faith, in love, in patience:

3 that aged women likewise be reverent in demeanour, not slanderers nor enslaved to much wine, teachers of that which is good;

4 that they may train the young women to love their husbands, to love their children,

5 to be soberminded, chaste, workers at home, kind, being in subjection to their own husbands, that the word of God be not blasphemed:

6 the younger men likewise exhort to be soberminded:

7 in all things shewing yourself an ensample of good works; in your doctrine shewing uncorruptness, gravity,

8 sound speech, that cannot be condemned; that he that is of the contrary part may be ashamed, having no evil thing to say of us.

9 Exhort servants to be in subjection to their own masters, and to be well-pleasing to them in all things; not gainsaying;

10 not purloining, but shewing all good fidelity; that they may adorn the doctrine of God our Saviour in all things.

11 For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all men,

12 instructing us, to the intent that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly and righteously and godly in this present world;

13 looking for the blessed hope and appearing of the glory of our great God and Saviour Jesus Christ;

14 who gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto himself a people for his own possession, zealous of good works.

15 These things speak and exhort and reprove with all authority. Let no man despise you.

Chapter 3

1 Put them in mind to be in subjection to rulers, to authorities, to be obedient, to be ready unto every good work,

2 to speak evil of no man, not to be contentious, to be gentle, shewing all meekness toward all men.

3 For we also were aforetime foolish, disobedient, deceived, serving divers lusts and pleasures, living in malice and envy, hateful, hating one another.

4 But when the kindness of God our Saviour, and his love toward man, appeared,

5 not by works done in righteousness, which we did ourselves, but according to his mercy he saved us, through the washing of regeneration and renewing of the Holy Ghost,

6 which he poured out upon us richly, through Jesus Christ
our Saviour;

7 that, being justified by his grace, we might be made heirs
according to the hope of eternal life.

8 Faithful is the saying, and concerning these things I will
that you affirm confidently, to the end that they which
have believed God may be careful to maintain good works.
These things are good and profitable unto men:

9 but shun foolish questionings, and genealogies, and
strifes, and fightings about the law; for they are
unprofitable and vain.

10 A man that is heretical after a first and second
admonition refuse;

11 knowing that such a one is perverted, and sins, being
self-condemned.

12 When I shall send Artemas unto you, or Tychicus, give
diligence to come unto me to Nicopolis: for there I have
determined to winter.

13 Set forward Zenas the lawyer and Apollos on their
journey diligently, that nothing be wanting unto them.

14 And let our people also learn to maintain good works for
necessary uses, that they be not unfruitful.

15 All that are with me salute you. Salute them that love us
in faith. Grace be with you all.

Philemon

Chapter 1

1 Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother, to Philemon our beloved and fellow-worker,

2 and to Apphia our sister, and to Archippus our fellow-soldier, and to the church in your house:

3 Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

4 I thank my God always, making mention of you in my prayers,

5 hearing of your love, and of the faith which you have toward the Lord Jesus, and toward all the saints;

6 that the fellowship of your faith may become effectual, in the knowledge of every good thing which is in you, unto Christ.

7 For I had much joy and comfort in your love, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you, brother.

8 Wherefore, though I have all boldness in Christ to enjoin you that which is befitting,

9 yet for love's sake I rather beseech, being such a one as Paul the aged, and now a prisoner also of Christ Jesus:

10 I beseech you for my child, whom I have begotten in my bonds, Onesimus,

11 who was aforetime unprofitable to you, but now is profitable to you and to me:

12 whom I have sent back to you in his own person, that is, my very heart:

13 whom I would fain have kept with me, that in your behalf he might minister unto me in the bonds of the gospel:

14 but without your mind I would do nothing; that your goodness should not be as of necessity, but of free will.

15 For perhaps he was therefore parted from you for a season, that you should have him for ever;

16 no longer as a servant, but more than a servant, a brother beloved, specially to me, but how much rather to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord.

17 If then you count me a partner, receive him as myself.

18 But if he has wronged you at all, or owes you aught, put that to mine account;

19 I Paul write it with mine own hand, I will repay it: that I say not unto you how that you owe to me even your own self besides.

20 Yea, brother, let me have joy of you in the Lord: refresh my heart in Christ.

21 Having confidence in your obedience I write unto you, knowing that you will do even beyond what I say.

22 But withal prepare me also a lodging: for I hope that through your prayers I shall be granted unto you.

23 Epaphras, my fellow-prisoner in Christ Jesus, salutes you;

24 and so do Mark, Aristarchus, Demas, Luke, my fellow-workers.

25 The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit. Amen.

Hebrews

Chapter 1

1 God, having of old time spoken unto the fathers in the prophets by divers portions and in divers manners,

2 has at the end of these days spoken unto us in his Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom also he made the worlds;

3 who being the effulgence of his glory, and the very image of his substance, and upholding all things by the word of his power, when he had made purification of sins, sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high;

4 having become by so much better than the angels, as he has inherited a more excellent name than they.

5 For unto which of the angels said he at any time, You are my Son, This day have I begotten you? and again, I will be to him a Father, And he shall be to me a Son?

6 And when he again brings in the firstborn into the world he says, And let all the angels of God worship him.

7 And of the angels he says, Who makes his angels winds, And his ministers a flame of fire:

8 but of the Son he says, Your throne, O God, is for ever and ever; And the sceptre of uprightness is the sceptre of your kingdom.

9 You have loved righteousness, and hated iniquity; Therefore God, your God, has anointed you With the oil of gladness above your fellows.

10 And, You, Lord, in the beginning have laid the foundation of the earth, And the heavens are the works of your hands:

11 They shall perish; but you continue: And they all shall wax old as does a garment;

12 And as a mantle shall you roll them up, As a garment, and they shall be changed: But you are the same, And your years shall not fail.

13 But of which of the angels has he said at any time, Sit you on my right hand, Till I make your enemies the footstool of your feet?

14 Are they not all ministering spirits, sent forth to do service for the sake of them that shall inherit salvation?

Chapter 2

1 Therefore we ought to give the more earnest heed to the things that were heard, lest haply we drift away from them.

2 For if the word spoken through angels proved stedfast, and every transgression and disobedience received a just recompense of reward;

3 how shall we escape, if we neglect so great salvation? which having at the first been spoken through the Lord, was confirmed unto us by them that heard;

4 God also bearing witness with them, both by signs and wonders, and by manifold powers, and by gifts of the Holy Ghost, according to his own will.

5 For not unto angels did he subject the world to come, whereof we speak.

6 But one has somewhere testified, saying, What is man, that you are mindful of him? Or the son of man, that you visit him?

7 You made him a little lower than the angels; You crownedst him with glory and honour, And did set him over the works of your hands:

8 You did put all things in subjection under his feet. For in that he subjected all things unto him, he left nothing that is not subject to him. But now we see not yet all things subjected to him.

9 But we behold him who has been made a little lower than the angels, even Jesus, because of the suffering of death crowned with glory and honour, that by the grace of God he should taste death for every man.

10 For it became him, for whom are all things, and through whom are all things, in bringing many sons unto glory, to make the author of their salvation perfect through sufferings.

11 For both he that sanctifies and they that are sanctified are all of one: for which cause he is not ashamed to call them brethren,

12 saying, I will declare your name unto my brethren, In the midst of the congregation will I sing your praise.

13 And again, I will put my trust in him. And again, Behold, I and the children which God has given me.

14 Since then the children are sharers in flesh and blood, he also himself in like manner partook of the same; that through death he might bring to nought him that had the power of death, that is, the devil;

15 and might deliver all them who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage.

16 For verily not of angels does he take hold, but he takes hold of the seed of Abraham.

17 Wherefore it behoved him in all things to be made like unto his brethren, that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in things pertaining to God, to make propitiation for the sins of the people.

18 For in that he himself has suffered being tempted, he is able to succour them that are tempted.

Chapter 3

1 Wherefore, holy brethren, partakers of a heavenly calling, consider the Apostle and High Priest of our confession, even Jesus;

2 who was faithful to him that appointed him, as also was Moses in all his house.

3 For he has been counted worthy of more glory than Moses, by so much as he that built the house has more honour than the house.

4 For every house is builded by some one; but he that built all things is God.

5 And Moses indeed was faithful in all his house as a servant, for a testimony of those things which were afterward to be spoken;

6 but Christ as a son, over his house; whose house are we, if we hold fast our boldness and the glorying of our hope firm unto the end.

7 Wherefore, even as the Holy Ghost says, Today if you shall hear his voice,

8 Harden not your hearts, as in the provocation, Like as in the day of the temptation in the wilderness,

9 Wherewith your fathers tempted me by proving me, And saw my works forty years.

10 Wherefore I was displeased with this generation, And said, They do alway err in their heart: But they did not know my ways;

11 As I sware in my wrath, They shall not enter into my rest.

12 Take heed, brethren, lest haply there shall be in any one of you an evil heart of unbelief, in falling away from the living God:

13 but exhort one another day by day, so long as it is called Today; lest any one of you be hardened by the deceitfulness of sin:

14 for we are become partakers of Christ, if we hold fast the beginning of our confidence firm unto the end:

15 while it is said, Today if you shall hear his voice, Harden not your hearts, as in the provocation.

16 For who, when they heard, did provoke? nay, did not all they that came out of Egypt by Moses?

17 And with whom was he displeased forty years? was it not with them that sinned, whose carcases fell in the wilderness?

18 And to whom sware he that they should not enter into his rest, but to them that were disobedient?

19 And we see that they were not able to enter in because of unbelief.

Chapter 4

1 Let us fear therefore, lest haply, a promise being left of entering into his rest, any one of you should seem to have come short of it.

2 For indeed we have had good tidings preached unto us, even as also they: but the word of hearing did not profit them, because they were not united by faith with them that heard.

3 For we which have believed do enter into that rest; even as he has said, As I sware in my wrath, They shall not enter into my rest: although the works were finished from the foundation of the world.

4 For he has said somewhere of the seventh day on this wise, And God rested on the seventh day from all his works;

5 and in this place again, They shall not enter into my rest.

6 Seeing therefore it remains that some should enter thereinto, and they to whom the good tidings were before preached failed to enter in because of disobedience,

7 he again defines a certain day, saying in David, after so long a time, Today, as it has been before said, Today if you shall hear his voice, Harden not your hearts.

8 For if Joshua had given them rest, he would not have spoken afterward of another day.

9 There remains therefore a sabbath rest for the people of God.

10 For he that is entered into his rest has himself also rested from his works, as God did from his.

11 Let us therefore give diligence to enter into that rest, that no man fall after the same example of disobedience.

12 For the word of God is living, and active, and sharper than any two-edged sword, and piercing even to the dividing of soul and spirit, of both joints and marrow, and quick to discern the thoughts and intents of the heart.

13 And there is no creature that is not manifest in his sight: but all things are naked and laid open before the eyes of him with whom we have to do.

14 Having then a great high priest, who has passed through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession.

15 For we have not a high priest that cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but one that has been in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin.

16 Let us therefore draw near with boldness unto the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy, and may find grace to help us in time of need.

Chapter 5

1 For every high priest, being taken from among men, is appointed for men in things pertaining to God, that he may offer both gifts and sacrifices for sins:

2 who can bear gently with the ignorant and erring, for that he himself also is compassed with infirmity;

3 and by reason thereof is bound, as for the people, so also for himself, to offer for sins.

4 And no man takes the honour unto himself, but when he is called of God, even as was Aaron.

5 So Christ also glorified not himself to be made a high priest, but he that spake unto him, You are my Son, This day have I begotten you:

6 as he says also in another place, You are a priest for ever After the order of Melchizedek.

7 Who in the days of his flesh, having offered up prayers and supplications with strong crying and tears unto him that was able to save him from death, and having been heard for his godly fear,

8 though he was a Son, yet learned obedience by the things which he suffered;

9 and having been made perfect, he became unto all them that obey him the author of eternal salvation;

10 named of God a high priest after the order of Melchizedek.

11 Of whom we have many things to say, and hard of interpretation, seeing you are become dull of hearing.

12 For when by reason of the time you ought to be teachers, you have need again that some one teach you the rudiments of the first principles of the oracles of God; and are become such as have need of milk, and not of solid food.

13 For every one that partakes of milk is without experience of the word of righteousness; for he is a babe.

14 But solid food is for fullgrown men, even those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern good and evil.

Chapter 6

1 Wherefore let us cease to speak of the first principles of Christ, and press on unto perfection; not laying again a foundation of repentance from dead works, and of faith toward God,

2 of the teaching of baptisms, and of laying on of hands, and of resurrection of the dead, and of eternal judgment.

3 And this will we do, if God permit.

4 For as touching those who were once enlightened and tasted of the heavenly gift, and were made partakers of the Holy Ghost,

5 and tasted the good word of God, and the powers of the age to come,

6 and then fell away, it is impossible to renew them again unto repentance; seeing they crucify to themselves the Son of God afresh, and put him to an open shame.

7 For the land which has drunk the rain that comes oft upon it, and brings forth herbs meet for them for whose sake it is also tilled, receives blessing from God:

8 but if it bears thorns and thistles, it is rejected and nigh unto a curse; whose end is to be burned.

9 But, beloved, we are persuaded better things of you, and things that accompany salvation, though we thus speak:

10 for God is not unrighteous to forget your work and the love which you shewed toward his name, in that you ministered unto the saints, and still do minister.

11 And we desire that each one of you may shew the same diligence unto the fulness of hope even to the end:

12 that you be not sluggish, but imitators of them who through faith and patience inherit the promises.

13 For when God made promise to Abraham, since he could swear by none greater, he sware by himself,

14 saying, Surely blessing I will bless you, and multiplying I will multiply you.

15 And thus, having patiently endured, he obtained the promise.

16 For men swear by the greater: and in every dispute of theirs the oath is final for confirmation.

17 Wherein God, being minded to shew more abundantly unto the heirs of the promise the immutability of his counsel, interposed with an oath:

18 that by two immutable things, in which it is impossible for God to lie, we may have a strong encouragement, who have fled for refuge to lay hold of the hope set before us;

19 which we have as an anchor of the soul, a hope both sure and stedfast and entering into that which is within the veil;

20 whither as a forerunner Jesus entered for us, having become a high priest for ever after the order of Melchizedek.

Chapter 7

1 For this Melchizedek, king of Salem, priest of God Most High, who met Abraham returning from the slaughter of the kings, and blessed him,

2 to whom also Abraham divided a tenth part of all (being first, by interpretation, King of righteousness, and then also King of Salem, which is, King of peace;

3 without father, without mother, without genealogy, having neither beginning of days nor end of life, but made like unto the Son of God), abides a priest continually.

4 Now consider how great this man was, unto whom Abraham, the patriarch, gave a tenth out of the chief spoils.

5 And they indeed of the sons of Levi that receive the priest's office have commandment to take tithes of the people according to the law, that is, of their brethren, though these have come out of the loins of Abraham:

6 but he whose genealogy is not counted from them has taken tithes of Abraham, and has blessed him that has the promises.

7 But without any dispute the less is blessed of the better.

8 And here men that die receive tithes; but there one, of whom it is witnessed that he lives.

9 And, so to say, through Abraham even Levi, who receives tithes, has paid tithes;

10 for he was yet in the loins of his father, when Melchizedek met him.

11 Now if there was perfection through the Levitical priesthood (for under it has the people received the law), what further need was there that another priest should arise after the order of Melchizedek, and not be reckoned after the order of Aaron?

12 For the priesthood being changed, there is made of necessity a change also of the law.

13 For he of whom these things are said belongs to another tribe, from which no man has given attendance at the altar.

14 For it is evident that our Lord has sprung out of Judah; as to which tribe Moses spake nothing concerning priests.

15 And what we say is yet more abundantly evident, if after the likeness of Melchizedek there arises another priest,

16 who has been made, not after the law of a carnal commandment, but after the power of an endless life:

17 for it is witnessed of him, You are a priest for ever After the order of Melchizedek.

18 For there is a disannulling of a foregoing commandment because of its weakness and unprofitableness

19 (for the law made nothing perfect), and a bringing in thereupon of a better hope, through which we draw nigh unto God.

20 And inasmuch as it is not without the taking of an oath

21 (for they indeed have been made priests without an oath; but he with an oath by him that says of him, The Lord sware and will not repent himself, You are a priest for ever);

22 by so much also has Jesus become the surety of a better covenant.

23 And they indeed have been made priests many in number, because that by death they are hindered from continuing:

24 but he, because he abides for ever, has his priesthood unchangeable.

25 Wherefore also he is able to save to the uttermost them that draw near unto God through him, seeing he ever lives to make intercession for them.

26 For such a high priest became us, holy, guileless, undefiled, separated from sinners, and made higher than the heavens;

27 who needs not daily, like those high priests, to offer up sacrifices, first for his own sins, and then for the sins of the people: for this he did once for all, when he offered up himself.

28 For the law appoints men high priests, having infirmity; but the word of the oath, which was after the law, appoints a Son, perfected for evermore.

Chapter 8

1 Now in the things which we are saying the chief point is this: We have such a high priest, who sat down on the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in the heavens,

2 a minister of the sanctuary, and of the true tabernacle, which the Lord pitched, not man.

3 For every high priest is appointed to offer both gifts and sacrifices: wherefore it is necessary that this high priest also have somewhat to offer.

4 Now if he were on earth, he would not be a priest at all, seeing there are those who offer the gifts according to the law;

5 who serve that which is a copy and shadow of the heavenly things, even as Moses is warned of God when he is about to make the tabernacle: for, See, says he, that you make all things according to the pattern that was shewed you in the mount.

6 But now has he obtained a ministry the more excellent, by how much also he is the mediator of a better covenant, which has been enacted upon better promises.

7 For if that first covenant had been faultless, then would no place have been sought for a second.

8 For finding fault with them, he says, Behold, the days come, says the Lord, That I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah;

9 Not according to the covenant that I made with their fathers In the day that I took them by the hand to lead them forth out of the land of Egypt; For they continued not in my covenant, And I regarded them not, says the Lord.

10 For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel After those days, says the Lord; I will put my laws into their mind, And on their heart also will I write them: And I will be to them a God, And they shall be to me a people:

11 And they shall not teach every man his fellow-citizen, And every man his brother, saying, Know the Lord: For all shall know me, From the least to the greatest of them.

12 For I will be merciful to their iniquities, And their sins will I remember no more.

13 In that he says, A new covenant, he has made the first old. But that which is becoming old and waxes aged is nigh unto vanishing away.

Chapter 9

1 Now even the first covenant had ordinances of divine service, and its sanctuary, a sanctuary of this world.

2 For there was a tabernacle prepared, the first, wherein were the candlestick, and the table, and the shewbread; which is called the Holy place.

3 And after the second veil, the tabernacle which is called the Holy of holies;

4 having a golden censer, and the ark of the covenant overlaid round about with gold, wherein was a golden pot holding the manna, and Aaron's rod that budded, and the tables of the covenant;

5 and above it cherubim of glory overshadowing the mercy-seat; of which things we cannot now speak severally.

6 Now these things having been thus prepared, the priests go in continually into the first tabernacle, accomplishing the services;

7 but into the second the high priest alone, once in the year, not without blood, which he offers for himself, and for the errors of the people:

8 the Holy Ghost this signifying, that the way into the holy place has not yet been made manifest, while as the first tabernacle is yet standing;

9 which is a parable for the time now present; according to which are offered both gifts and sacrifices that cannot, as touching the conscience, make the worshipper perfect,

10 being only (with meats and drinks and divers washings) carnal ordinances, imposed until a time of reformation.

11 But Christ having come a high priest of the good things to come, through the greater and more perfect tabernacle, not made with hands, that is to say, not of this creation,

12 nor yet through the blood of goats and calves, but through his own blood, entered in once for all into the holy place, having obtained eternal redemption.

13 For if the blood of goats and bulls, and the ashes of a heifer sprinkling them that have been defiled, sanctify unto the cleanness of the flesh:

14 how much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without blemish unto God, cleanse your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?

15 And for this cause he is the mediator of a new covenant, that a death having taken place for the redemption of the transgressions that were under the first covenant, they that have been called may receive the promise of the eternal inheritance.

16 For where a testament is, there must of necessity be the death of him that made it.

17 For a testament is of force where there has been death: for does it ever avail while he that made it lives?

18 Wherefore even the first covenant has not been dedicated without blood.

19 For when every commandment had been spoken by Moses unto all the people according to the law, he took the blood of the calves and the goats, with water and scarlet wool and hyssop, and sprinkled both the book itself, and all the people,

20 saying, This is the blood of the covenant which God commanded to you-ward.

21 Moreover the tabernacle and all the vessels of the ministry he sprinkled in like manner with the blood.

22 And according to the law, I may almost say, all things are cleansed with blood, and apart from shedding of blood there is no remission.

23 It was necessary therefore that the copies of the things in the heavens should be cleansed with these; but the heavenly things themselves with better sacrifices than these.

24 For Christ entered not into a holy place made with hands, like in pattern to the true; but into heaven itself, now to appear before the face of God for us:

25 nor yet that he should offer himself often; as the high priest enters into the holy place year by year with blood not his own;

26 else must he often have suffered since the foundation of the world: but now once at the end of the ages has he been manifested to put away sin by the sacrifice of himself.

27 And inasmuch as it is appointed unto men once to die, and after this comes judgment;

28 so Christ also, having been once offered to bear the sins of many, shall appear a second time, apart from sin, to them that wait for him, unto salvation.

Chapter 10

1 For the law having a shadow of the good things to come, not the very image of the things, they can never with the same sacrifices year by year, which they offer continually, make perfect them that draw nigh.

2 Else would they not have ceased to be offered, because the worshippers, having been once cleansed, would have had no more conscience of sins?

3 But in those sacrifices there is a remembrance made of sins year by year.

4 For it is impossible that the blood of bulls and goats should take away sins.

5 Wherefore when he comes into the world, he says, Sacrifice and offering you would not, But a body did you prepare for me;

6 In whole burnt offerings and sacrifices for sin you had no pleasure:

7 Then said I, Lo, I am come (In the roll of the book it is written of me) To do your will, O God.

8 Saying above, Sacrifices and offerings and whole burnt offerings and sacrifices for sin you would not, neither had pleasure therein (the which are offered according to the law),

9 then has he said, Lo, I am come to do your will. He takes away the first, that he may establish the second.

10 By which will we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

11 And every priest indeed stands day by day ministering and offering oftentimes the same sacrifices, the which can never take away sins:

12 but he, when he had offered one sacrifice for sins for ever, sat down on the right hand of God;

13 from henceforth expecting till his enemies be made the footstool of his feet.

14 For by one offering he has perfected for ever them that are sanctified.

15 And the Holy Ghost also bears witness to us: for after he has said,

16 This is the covenant that I will make with them After those days, says the Lord; I will put my laws on their heart, And upon their mind also will I write them; then says he,

17 And their sins and their iniquities will I remember no more.

18 Now where remission of these is, there is no more offering for sin.

19 Having therefore, brethren, boldness to enter into the holy place by the blood of Jesus,

20 by the way which he dedicated for us, a new and living way, through the veil, that is to say, his flesh;

21 and having a great priest over the house of God;

22 let us draw near with a true heart in fulness of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience, and our body washed with pure water:

23 let us hold fast the confession of our hope that it waver not; for he is faithful that promised:

24 and let us consider one another to provoke unto love and good works;

25 not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the custom of some is, but exhorting one another; and so much the more, as you see the day drawing nigh.

26 For if we sin wilfully after that we have received the knowledge of the truth, there remains no more a sacrifice for sins,

27 but a certain fearful expectation of judgment, and a fierceness of fire which shall devour the adversaries.

28 A man that has set at nought Moses' law dies without compassion on the word of two or three witnesses:

29 of how much sorer punishment, think you, shall he be judged worthy, who has trodden under foot the Son of God, and has counted the blood of the covenant, wherewith he was sanctified, an unholy thing, and has done despite unto the Spirit of grace?

30 For we know him that said, Vengeance belongs unto me, I will recompense. And again, The Lord shall judge his people.

31 It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God.

32 But call to remembrance the former days, in which, after you were enlightened, you endured a great conflict of sufferings;

33 partly, being made a gazingstock both by reproaches and afflictions; and partly, becoming partakers with them that were so used.

34 For you both had compassion on them that were in bonds, and took joyfully the spoiling of your possessions, knowing that you yourselves have a better possession and an abiding one.

35 Cast not away therefore your boldness, which has great recompense of reward.

36 For you have need of patience, that, having done the will of God, you may receive the promise.

37 For yet a very little while, He that comes shall come, and shall not tarry.

38 But my righteous one shall live by faith: And if he shrink back, my soul has no pleasure in him.

39 But we are not of them that shrink back unto perdition;
but of them that have faith unto the saving of the soul.

Chapter 11

1 Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the
proving of things not seen.

2 For therein the elders had witness borne to them.

3 By faith we understand that the worlds have been framed
by the word of God, so that what is seen has not been made
out of things which do appear.

4 By faith Abel offered unto God a more excellent sacrifice
than Cain, through which he had witness borne to him
that he was righteous, God bearing witness in respect of his
gifts: and through it he being dead yet speaks.

5 By faith Enoch was translated that he should not see
death; and he was not found, because God translated him:
for before his translation he has had witness borne to him
that he had been well-pleasing unto God:

6 And without faith it is impossible to be well-pleasing
unto him: for he that comes to God must believe that he is,
and that he is a rewarder of them that seek after him.

7 By faith Noah, being warned of God concerning things
not seen as yet, moved with godly fear, prepared an ark to
the saving of his house; through which he condemned the
world, and became heir of the righteousness which is
according to faith.

8 By faith Abraham, when he was called, obeyed to go out
unto a place which he was to receive for an inheritance; and
he went out, not knowing whither he went.

9 By faith he became a sojourner in the land of promise, as
in a land not his own, dwelling in tents, with Isaac and
Jacob, the heirs with him of the same promise:

10 for he looked for the city which has the foundations,
whose builder and maker is God.

11 By faith even Sarah herself received power to conceive
seed when she was past age, since she counted him faithful
who had promised:

12 wherefore also there sprang of one, and him as good as
dead, so many as the stars of heaven in multitude, and as
the sand, which is by the sea shore, innumerable.

13 These all died in faith, not having received the promises,
but having seen them and greeted them from afar, and
having confessed that they were strangers and pilgrims on
the earth.

14 For they that say such things make it manifest that they
are seeking after a country of their own.

15 And if indeed they had been mindful of that country
from which they went out, they would have had
opportunity to return.

16 But now they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly:
wherefore God is not ashamed of them, to be called their
God: for he has prepared for them a city.

17 By faith Abraham, being tried, offered up Isaac: yea, he
that had gladly received the promises was offering up his
only begotten son;

18 even he to whom it was said, In Isaac shall your seed be
called:

19 accounting that God is able to raise up, even from the
dead; from whence he did also in a parable receive him
back.

20 By faith Isaac blessed Jacob and Esau, even concerning
things to come.

21 By faith Jacob, when he was a dying, blessed each of the
sons of Joseph; and worshipped, leaning upon the top of
his staff.

22 By faith Joseph, when his end was nigh, made mention
of the departure of the children of Israel; and gave
commandment concerning his bones.

23 By faith Moses, when he was born, was hid three months
by his parents, because they saw he was a goodly child; and
they were not afraid of the king's commandment.

24 By faith Moses, when he was grown up, refused to be
called the son of Pharaoh's daughter;

25 choosing rather to be evil entreated with the people of
God, than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a season;

26 accounting the reproach of Christ greater riches than the
treasures of Egypt: for he looked unto the recompense of
reward.

27 By faith he forsook Egypt, not fearing the wrath of the
king: for he endured, as seeing him who is invisible.

28 By faith he kept the passover, and the sprinkling of the
blood, that the destroyer of the firstborn should not touch
them.

29 By faith they passed through the Red sea as by dry land:
which the Egyptians assaying to do were swallowed up.

30 By faith the walls of Jericho fell down, after they had
been compassed about for seven days.

31 By faith Rahab the harlot perished not with them that
were disobedient, having received the spies with peace.

32 And what shall I more say? for the time will fail me if I
tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah; of David and
Samuel and the prophets:

33 who through faith subdued kingdoms, wrought
righteousness, obtained promises, stopped the mouths of
lions,

34 quenched the power of fire, escaped the edge of the
sword, from weakness were made strong, waxed mighty in
war, turned to flight armies of aliens.

35 Women received their dead by a resurrection: and others were tortured, not accepting their deliverance; that they might obtain a better resurrection:

36 and others had trial of mockings and scourgings, yea, moreover of bonds and imprisonment:

37 they were stoned, they were sawn asunder, they were tempted, they were slain with the sword: they went about in sheepskins, in goatskins; being destitute, afflicted, evil entreated

38 (of whom the world was not worthy), wandering in deserts and mountains and caves, and the holes of the earth.

39 And these all, having had witness borne to them through their faith, received not the promise,

40 God having provided some better thing concerning us, that apart from us they should not be made perfect.

Chapter 12

1 Therefore let us also, seeing we are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, lay aside every weight, and the sin which does so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us,

2 looking unto Jesus the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

3 For consider him that has endured such gainsaying of sinners against themselves, that you wax not weary, fainting in your souls.

4 You have not yet resisted unto blood, striving against sin:

5 and you have forgotten the exhortation, which reasons with you as with sons, My son, regard not lightly the chastening of the Lord, Nor faint when you are reproved of him;

6 For whom the Lord loves he chasteneth, And scourges every son whom he receives.

7 It is for chastening that you endure; God deals with you as with sons; for what son is there whom his father chasteneth not?

8 But if you are without chastening, whereof all have been made partakers, then are you bastards, and not sons.

9 Furthermore, we had the fathers of our flesh to chasten us, and we gave them reverence: shall we not much rather be in subjection unto the Father of spirits, and live?

10 For they verily for a few days chastened us as seemed good to them; but he for our profit, that we may be partakers of his holiness.

11 All chastening seems for the present to be not joyous, but grievous: yet afterward it yields peaceable fruit unto them that have been exercised thereby, even the fruit of righteousness.

12 Wherefore lift up the hands that hang down, and the palsied knees;

13 and make straight paths for your feet, that that which is lame be not turned out of the way, but rather be healed.

14 Follow after peace with all men, and the sanctification without which no man shall see the Lord:

15 looking carefully lest there be any man that falls short of the grace of God; lest any root of bitterness springing up trouble you, and thereby the many be defiled;

16 lest there be any fornicator, or profane person, as Esau, who for one mess of meat sold his own birthright.

17 For you know that even when he afterward desired to inherit the blessing, he was rejected (for he found no place of repentance), though he sought it diligently with tears.

18 For you are not come unto a mount that might be touched, and that burned with fire, and unto blackness, and darkness, and tempest,

19 and the sound of a trumpet, and the voice of words; which voice they that heard entreated that no word more should be spoken unto them:

20 for they could not endure that which was enjoined, If even a beast touch the mountain, it shall be stoned;

21 and so fearful was the appearance, that Moses said, I exceedingly fear and quake:

22 but you are come unto mount Zion, and unto the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable hosts of angels,

23 to the general assembly and church of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God the Judge of all, and to the spirits of just men made perfect,

24 and to Jesus the mediator of a new covenant, and to the blood of sprinkling that speaks better than that of Abel.

25 See that you refuse not him that speaks. For if they escaped not, when they refused him that warned them on earth, much more shall not we escape, who turn away from him that warns from heaven:

26 whose voice then shook the earth: but now he has promised, saying, Yet once more will I make to tremble not the earth only, but also the heaven.

27 And this word, Yet once more, signifies the removing of those things that are shaken, as of things that have been made, that those things which are not shaken may remain.

28 Wherefore, receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us have grace, whereby we may offer service well-pleasing to God with reverence and awe:

29 for our God is a consuming fire.

Chapter 13

1 Let love of the brethren continue.

2 Forget not to shew love unto strangers: for thereby some have entertained angels unawares.

3 Remember them that are in bonds, as bound with them; them that are evil entreated, as being yourselves also in the body.

4 Let marriage be had in honour among all, and let the bed be undefiled: for fornicators and adulterers God will judge.

5 Be you free from the love of money; content with such things as you have: for himself has said, I will in no wise fail you, neither will I in any wise forsake you.

6 So that with good courage we say, The Lord is my helper; I will not fear: What shall man do unto me?

7 Remember them that had the rule over you, which spake unto you the word of God; and considering the issue of their life, imitate their faith.

8 Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today, yea and for ever.

9 Be not carried away by divers and strange teachings: for it is good that the heart be stablished by grace; not by meats, wherein they that occupied themselves were not profited.

10 We have an altar, whereof they have no right to eat which serve the tabernacle.

11 For the bodies of those beasts, whose blood is brought into the holy place by the high priest as an offering for sin, are burned without the camp.

12 Wherefore Jesus also, that he might sanctify the people through his own blood, suffered without the gate.

13 Let us therefore go forth unto him without the camp, bearing his reproach.

14 For we have not here an abiding city, but we seek after the city which is to come.

15 Through him then let us offer up a sacrifice of praise to God continually, that is, the fruit of lips which make confession to his name.

16 But to do good and to communicate forget not: for with such sacrifices God is well pleased.

17 Obey them that have the rule over you, and submit to them: for they watch in behalf of your souls, as they that shall give account; that they may do this with joy, and not with grief: for this were unprofitable for you.

18 Pray for us: for we are persuaded that we have a good conscience, desiring to live honestly in all things.

19 And I exhort you the more exceedingly to do this, that I may be restored to you the sooner.

20 Now the God of peace, who brought again from the dead the great shepherd of the sheep with the blood of the eternal covenant, even our Lord Jesus,

21 make you perfect in every good thing to do his will, working in us that which is well-pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ; to whom be the glory for ever and ever. Amen.

22 But I exhort you, brethren, bear with the word of exhortation: for I have written unto you in few words.

23 Know you that our brother Timothy has been set at liberty; with whom, if he come shortly, I will see you.

24 Salute all them that have the rule over you, and all the saints. They of Italy salute you.

25 Grace be with you all. Amen.

James

Chapter 1

1 James, a servant of God and of the Lord Jesus Christ, to the twelve tribes which are of the Dispersion, greeting.

2 Count it all joy, my brethren, when you fall into manifold temptations;

3 Knowing that the proof of your faith works patience.

4 And let patience have its perfect work, that you may be perfect and entire, lacking in nothing.

5 But if any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all liberally and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him.

6 But let him ask in faith, nothing doubting: for he that doubts is like the surge of the sea driven by the wind and tossed.

7 For let not that man think that he shall receive anything of the Lord;

8 a doubleminded man, unstable in all his ways.

9 But let the brother of low degree glory in his high estate:

10 and the rich, in that he is made low: because as the flower of the grass he shall pass away.

11 For the sun arises with the scorching wind, and withers the grass; and the flower thereof falls, and the grace of the fashion of it perishes: so also shall the rich man fade away in his goings.

12 Blessed is the man that endures temptation: for when he has been approved, he shall receive the crown of life, which the Lord promised to them that love him.

13 Let no man say when he is tempted, I am tempted of God: for God cannot be tempted with evil, and he himself tempts no man:

14 but each man is tempted, when he is drawn away by his own lust, and enticed.

15 Then the lust, when it has conceived, bears sin: and the sin, when it is fullgrown, brings forth death.

16 Be not deceived, my beloved brethren.

17 Every good gift and every perfect boon is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom can be no variation, neither shadow that is cast by turning.

18 Of his own will he brought us forth by the word of truth, that we should be a kind of firstfruits of his creatures.

19 You know this, my beloved brethren. But let every man be swift to hear, slow to speak, slow to wrath:

20 for the wrath of man works not the righteousness of God.

21 Wherefore putting away all filthiness and overflowing of wickedness, receive with meekness the implanted word, which is able to save your souls.

22 But be you doers of the word, and not hearers only, deluding your own selves.

23 For if any one is a hearer of the word, and not a doer, he is like unto a man beholding his natural face in a mirror:

24 for he beholds himself, and goes away, and straightway forgets what manner of man he was.

25 But he that looks into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and so continues, being not a hearer that forgets, but a doer that works, this man shall be blessed in his doing.

26 If any man thinks himself to be religious, while he bridles not his tongue but deceives his heart, this man's religion is vain.

27 Pure religion and undefiled before our God and Father is this, to visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction, and to keep himself unspotted from the world.

Chapter 2

1 My brethren, hold not the faith of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Lord of glory, with respect of persons.

2 For if there come into your synagogue a man with a gold ring, in fine clothing, and there come in also a poor man in vile clothing;

3 and you have regard to him that wears the fine clothing, and say, Sit you here in a good place; and you say to the poor man, Stand you there, or sit under my footstool;

4 are you not divided in your own mind, and become judges with evil thoughts?

5 Hearken, my beloved brethren; did not God choose them that are poor as to the world to be rich in faith, and heirs of the kingdom which he promised to them that love him?

6 But you have dishonoured the poor man. Do not the rich oppress you, and themselves drag you before the judgment-seats?

7 Do not they blaspheme the honourable name by the which you are called?

8 Howbeit if you fulfill the royal law, according to the scripture, You shall love your neighbour as yourself, you do well:

9 but if you have respect of persons, you commit sin, being convicted by the law as transgressors.

10 For whosoever shall keep the whole law, and yet stumble in one point, he is become guilty of all.

11 For he that said, Do not commit adultery, said also, Do not kill. Now if you do not commit adultery, but kill, you are become a transgressor of the law.

12 So speak you, and so do, as men that are to be judged by a law of liberty.

13 For judgment is without mercy to him that has shewed no mercy: mercy glories against judgment.

14 What does it profit, my brethren, if a man say he has faith, but have not works? can that faith save him?

15 If a brother or sister be naked, and in lack of daily food,

16 and one of you say unto them, Go in peace, be you warmed and filled; and yet you give them not the things needful to the body; what does it profit?

17 Even so faith, if it have not works, is dead in itself.

18 Yea, a man will say, You have faith, and I have works: shew me your faith apart from your works, and I by my works will shew you my faith.

19 You believe that God is one; you do well: the devils also believe, and shudder.

20 But will you know, O vain man, that faith apart from works is barren?

21 Was not Abraham our father justified by works, in that he offered up Isaac his son upon the altar?

22 You see that faith wrought with his works, and by works was faith made perfect;

23 and the scripture was fulfilled which says, And Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned unto him for righteousness; and he was called the friend of God.

24 You see that by works a man is justified, and not only by faith.

25 And in like manner was not also Rahab the harlot justified by works, in that she received the messengers, and sent them out another way?

26 For as the body apart from the spirit is dead, even so faith apart from works is dead.

Chapter 3

1 Be not many teachers, my brethren, knowing that we shall receive heavier judgment.

2 For in many things we all stumble. If any stumbles not in word, the same is a perfect man, able to bridle the whole body also.

3 Now if we put the horses' bridles into their mouths, that they may obey us, we turn about their whole body also.

4 Behold, the ships also, though they are so great, and are driven by rough winds, are yet turned about by a very small rudder, whither the impulse of the steersman wills.

5 So the tongue also is a little member, and boasts great things. Behold, how much wood is kindled by how small a fire!

6 And the tongue is a fire: the world of iniquity among our members is the tongue, which defiles the whole body, and sets on fire the wheel of nature, and is set on fire by hell.

7 For every kind of beasts and birds, of creeping things and things in the sea, is tamed, and has been tamed by mankind:

8 but the tongue can no man tame; it is a restless evil, it is full of deadly poison.

9 Therewith bless we the Lord and Father; and therewith curse we men, which are made after the likeness of God:

10 out of the same mouth comes forth blessing and cursing. My brethren, these things ought not so to be.

11 Does the fountain send forth from the same opening sweet water and bitter?

12 Can a fig tree, my brethren, yield olives, or a vine figs? neither can salt water yield sweet.

13 Who is wise and understanding among you? let him shew by his good life his works in meekness of wisdom.

14 But if you have bitter jealousy and faction in your heart, glory not and lie not against the truth.

15 This wisdom is not a wisdom that comes down from above, but is earthly, sensual, devilish.

16 For where jealousy and faction are, there is confusion and every vile deed.

17 But the wisdom that is from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, easy to be entreated, full of mercy and good fruits, without variance, without hypocrisy.

18 And the fruit of righteousness is sown in peace for them that make peace.

Chapter 4

1 Whence come wars and whence come fightings among you? come they not hence, even of your pleasures that war in your members?

2 You lust, and have not: you kill, and covet, and cannot obtain: you fight and war; you have not, because you ask not.

3 You ask, and receive not, because you ask amiss, that you may spend it in your pleasures.

4 You adulteresses, know you not that the friendship of the world is enmity with God? Whosoever therefore would be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God.

5 Or think you that the scripture speaks in vain? Does the spirit which he made to dwell in us long unto envying?

6 But he gives more grace. Wherefore the scripture says, God resists the proud, but gives grace to the humble.

7 Be subject therefore unto God; but resist the devil, and he will flee from you.

8 Draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners; and purify your hearts, you doubleminded.

9 Be afflicted, and mourn, and weep: let your laughter be turned to mourning, and your joy to heaviness.

10 Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and he shall exalt you.

11 Speak not one against another, brethren. He that speaks against a brother, or judges his brother, speaks against the law, and judges the law: but if you judge the law, you are not a doer of the law, but a judge.

12 One only is the lawgiver and judge, even he who is able to save and to destroy: but who are you that judge your neighbour?

13 Go to now, you that say, Today or tomorrow we will go into this city, and spend a year there, and trade, and get gain:

14 whereas you know not what shall be on the morrow. What is your life? For you are a vapour, that appears for a little time, and then vanishes away.

15 For that you ought to say, If the Lord will, we shall both live, and do this or that.

16 But now you glory in your vauntings: all such glorying is evil.

17 To him therefore that knows to do good, and does it not, to him it is sin.

Chapter 5

1 Go to now, you rich, weep and howl for your miseries that are coming upon you.

2 Your riches are corrupted, and your garments are moth-eaten.

3 Your gold and your silver are rusted; and their rust shall be for a testimony against you, and shall eat your flesh as fire. You have laid up your treasure in the last days.

4 Behold, the hire of the labourers who mowed your fields, which is of you kept back by fraud, cries out: and the cries of them that reaped have entered into the ears of the Lord of Sabaoth.

5 You have lived delicately on the earth, and taken your pleasure; you have nourished your hearts in a day of slaughter.

6 You have condemned, you have killed the righteous one; he does not resist you.

7 Be patient therefore, brethren, until the coming of the Lord. Behold, the husbandman waits for the precious fruit of the earth, being patient over it, until it receive the early and latter rain.

8 Be you also patient; stablish your hearts: for the coming of the Lord is at hand.

9 Murmur not, brethren, one against another, that you be not judged: behold, the judge stands before the doors.

10 Take, brethren, for an example of suffering and of patience, the prophets who spake in the name of the Lord.

11 Behold, we call them blessed which endured: you have heard of the patience of Job, and have seen the end of the Lord, how that the Lord is full of pity, and merciful.

12 But above all things, my brethren, swear not, neither by the heaven, nor by the earth, nor by any other oath: but let your yea be yea, and your nay, nay; that you fall not under judgment.

13 Is any among you suffering? let him pray. Is any cheerful? let him sing praise.

14 Is any among you sick? let him call for the elders of the church; and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord:

15 and the prayer of faith shall save him that is sick, and the Lord shall raise him up; and if he have committed sins, it shall be forgiven him.

16 Confess therefore your sins one to another, and pray one for another, that you may be healed. The supplication of a righteous man avails much in its working.

17 Elijah was a man of like passions with us, and he prayed fervently that it might not rain; and it rained not on the earth for three years and six months.

18 And he prayed again; and the heaven gave rain, and the earth brought forth her fruit.

19 My brethren, if any among you do err from the truth, and one convert him;

20 let him know, that he which converts a sinner from the error of his way shall save a soul from death, and shall cover a multitude of sins.

1 Peter

Chapter 1

1 Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ, to the elect who are sojourners of the Dispersion in Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia, and Bithynia,

2 according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, in sanctification of the Spirit, unto obedience and sprinkling of the blood of Jesus Christ: Grace to you and peace be multiplied.

3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to his great mercy begat us again unto a living hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,

4 unto an inheritance incorruptible, and undefiled, and that fades not away, reserved in heaven for you,

5 who by the power of God are guarded through faith unto a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.

6 Wherein you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while, if need be, you have been put to grief in manifold temptations,

7 that the proof of your faith, being more precious than gold that perishes though it is proved by fire, might be found unto praise and glory and honour at the revelation of Jesus Christ:

8 whom not having seen you love; on whom, though now you see him not, yet believing, you rejoice greatly with joy unspeakable and full of glory:

9 receiving the end of your faith, even the salvation of your souls.

10 Concerning which salvation the prophets sought and searched diligently, who prophesied of the grace that should come unto you:

11 searching what time or what manner of time the Spirit of Christ which was in them did point unto, when it testified beforehand the sufferings of Christ, and the glories that should follow them.

12 To whom it was revealed, that not unto themselves, but unto you, did they minister these things, which now have been announced unto you through them that preached the gospel unto you by the Holy Ghost sent forth from heaven; which things angels desire to look into.

13 Wherefore girding up the loins of your mind, be sober and set your hope perfectly on the grace that is to be brought unto you at the revelation of Jesus Christ;

14 as children of obedience, not fashioning yourselves according to your former lusts in the time of your ignorance:

15 but like as he which called you is holy, be you yourselves also holy in all manner of living;

16 because it is written, You shall be holy; for I am holy.

17 And if you call on him as Father, who without respect of persons judges according to each man's work, pass the time of your sojourning in fear:

18 knowing that you were redeemed, not with corruptible things, with silver or gold, from your vain manner of life handed down from your fathers;

19 but with precious blood, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot, even the blood of Christ:

20 who was foreknown indeed before the foundation of the world, but was manifested at the end of the times for your sake,

21 who through him are believers in God, which raised him from the dead, and gave him glory; so that your faith and hope might be in God.

22 Seeing you have purified your souls in your obedience to the truth unto unfeigned love of the brethren, love one another from the heart fervently:

23 having been begotten again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, through the word of God, which lives and abides.

24 For, All flesh is as grass, And all the glory thereof as the flower of grass. The grass withers, and the flower falls:

25 But the word of the Lord abides for ever. And this is the word of good tidings which was preached unto you.

Chapter 2

1 Putting away therefore all wickedness, and all guile, and hypocrisies, and envies, and all evil speakings,

2 as newborn babes, long for the spiritual milk which is without guile, that you may grow thereby unto salvation;

3 if you have tasted that the Lord is gracious:

4 unto whom coming, a living stone, rejected indeed of men, but with God elect, precious,

5 you also, as living stones, are built up a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices, acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.

6 Because it is contained in scripture, Behold, I lay in Zion a chief corner stone, elect, precious: And he that believes on him shall not be put to shame.

7 For you therefore which believe is the preciousness: but for such as disbelieve, The stone which the builders rejected, The same was made the head of the corner;

8 and, A stone of stumbling, and a rock of offence; for they stumble at the word, being disobedient: whereunto also they were appointed.

9 But you are an elect race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for God's own possession, that you may shew forth the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light:

10 which in time past were no people, but now are the people of God: which had not obtained mercy, but now have obtained mercy.

11 Beloved, I beseech you as sojourners and pilgrims, to abstain from fleshly lusts, which war against the soul;

12 having your behaviour seemly among the Gentiles; that, wherein they speak against you as evil-doers, they may by your good works, which they behold, glorify God in the day of visitation.

13 Be subject to every ordinance of man for the Lord's sake: whether it be to the king, as supreme;

14 or unto governors, as sent by him for vengeance on evil-doers and for praise to them that do well.

15 For so is the will of God, that by well-doing you should put to silence the ignorance of foolish men:

16 as free, and not using your freedom for a cloke of wickedness, but as bondservants of God.

17 Honour all men. Love the brotherhood. Fear God. Honour the king.

18 Servants, be in subjection to your masters with all fear; not only to the good and gentle, but also to the froward.

19 For this is acceptable, if for conscience toward God a man endures griefs, suffering wrongfully.

20 For what glory is it, if, when you sin, and are buffeted for it, you shall take it patiently? but if, when you do well, and suffer for it, you shall take it patiently, this is acceptable with God.

21 For hereunto were you called: because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, that you should follow his steps:

22 who did no sin, neither was guile found in his mouth:

23 who, when he was reviled, reviled not again; when he suffered, threatened not; but committed himself to him that judges righteously:

24 who his own self bare our sins in his body upon the tree, that we, having died unto sins, might live unto righteousness; by whose stripes you were healed.

25 For you were going astray like sheep; but are now returned unto the Shepherd and Bishop of your souls.

Chapter 3

1 In like manner, you wives, be in subjection to your own husbands; that, even if any obey not the word, they may without the word be gained by the behaviour of their wives;

2 beholding your chaste behaviour coupled with fear.

3 Whose adorning let it not be the outward adorning of plaiting the hair, and of wearing jewels of gold, or of putting on apparel;

4 but let it be the hidden man of the heart, in the incorruptible apparel of a meek and quiet spirit, which is in the sight of God of great price.

5 For after this manner aforetime the holy women also, who hoped in God, adorned themselves, being in subjection to their own husbands:

6 as Sarah obeyed Abraham, calling him lord: whose children you now are, if you do well, and are not put in fear by any terror.

7 You husbands, in like manner, dwell with your wives according to knowledge, giving honour unto the woman, as unto the weaker vessel, as being also joint-heirs of the grace of life; to the end that your prayers be not hindered.

8 Finally, be you all likeminded, compassionate, loving as brethren, tenderhearted, humbleminded:

9 not rendering evil for evil, or reviling for reviling; but contrariwise blessing; for hereunto were you called, that you should inherit a blessing.

10 For, He that would love life, And see good days, Let him refrain his tongue from evil, And his lips that they speak no guile:

11 And let him turn away from evil, and do good; Let him seek peace, and pursue it.

12 For the eyes of the Lord are upon the righteous, And his ears unto their supplication: But the face of the Lord is upon them that do evil.

13 And who is he that will harm you, if you be zealous of that which is good?

14 But and if you should suffer for righteousness' sake, blessed are you: and fear not their fear, neither be troubled;

15 but sanctify in your hearts Christ as Lord: being ready always to give answer to every man that asks you a reason concerning the hope that is in you, yet with meekness and fear:

16 having a good conscience; that, wherein you are spoken against, they may be put to shame who revile your good manner of life in Christ.

17 For it is better, if the will of God should so will, that you suffer for well-doing than for evil-doing.

18 Because Christ also suffered for sins once, the righteous for the unrighteous, that he might bring us to God; being put to death in the flesh, but quickened in the spirit;

19 in which also he went and preached unto the spirits in prison,

20 which aforetime were disobedient, when the longsuffering of God waited in the days of Noah, while the

ark was a preparing, wherein few, that is, eight souls, were saved through water:

21 which also after a true likeness does now save you, even baptism, not the putting away of the filth of the flesh, but the interrogation of a good conscience toward God, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ;

22 who is on the right hand of God, having gone into heaven; angels and authorities and powers being made subject unto him.

Chapter 4

1 Forasmuch then as Christ suffered in the flesh, arm you yourselves also with the same mind; for he that has suffered in the flesh has ceased from sin;

2 that you no longer should live the rest of your time in the flesh to the lusts of men, but to the will of God.

3 For the time past may suffice to have wrought the desire of the Gentiles, and to have walked in lasciviousness, lusts, winebibbings, revellings, carousings, and abominable idolatries:

4 wherein they think it strange that you run not with them into the same excess of riot, speaking evil of you:

5 who shall give account to him that is ready to judge the quick and the dead.

6 For unto this end was the gospel preached even to the dead, that they might be judged according to men in the flesh, but live according to God in the spirit.

7 But the end of all things is at hand: be you therefore of sound mind, and be sober unto prayer:

8 above all things being fervent in your love among yourselves; for love covers a multitude of sins:

9 using hospitality one to another without murmuring:

10 according as each has received a gift, ministering it among yourselves, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God;

11 if any man speaks, speaking as it were oracles of God; if any man ministers, ministering as of the strength which God supplies: that in all things God may be glorified through Jesus Christ, whose is the glory and the dominion for ever and ever. Amen.

12 Beloved, think it not strange concerning the fiery trial among you, which comes upon you to prove you, as though a strange thing happened unto you:

13 but insomuch as you are partakers of Christ's sufferings, rejoice; that at the revelation of his glory also you may rejoice with exceeding joy.

14 If you are reproached for the name of Christ, blessed are you; because the Spirit of glory and the Spirit of God rests upon you.

15 For let none of you suffer as a murderer, or a thief, or an evil-doer, or as a meddler in other men's matters:

16 but if a man suffer as a Christian, let him not be ashamed; but let him glorify God in this name.

17 For the time is come for judgment to begin at the house of God: and if it begin first at us, what shall be the end of them that obey not the gospel of God?

18 And if the righteous is scarcely saved, where shall the ungodly and sinner appear?

19 Wherefore let them also that suffer according to the will of God commit their souls in well-doing unto a faithful Creator.

Chapter 5

1 The elders therefore among you I exhort, who am a fellow-elder, and a witness of the sufferings of Christ, who am also a partaker of the glory that shall be revealed:

2 Tend the flock of God which is among you, exercising the oversight, not of constraint, but willingly, according unto God; nor yet for filthy lucre, but of a ready mind;

3 neither as lording it over the charge allotted to you, but making yourselves ensamples to the flock.

4 And when the chief Shepherd shall be manifested, you shall receive the crown of glory that fades not away.

5 Likewise, you younger, be subject unto the elder. Yea, all of you gird yourselves with humility, to serve one another: for God resists the proud, but gives grace to the humble.

6 Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, that he may exalt you in due time;

7 casting all your anxiety upon him, because he careth for you.

8 Be sober, be watchful: your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walks about, seeking whom he may devour:

9 whom withstand stedfast in your faith, knowing that the same sufferings are accomplished in your brethren who are in the world.

10 And the God of all grace, who called you unto his eternal glory in Christ, after that you have suffered a little while, shall himself perfect, stablish, strengthen you.

11 To him be the dominion for ever and ever. Amen.

12 By Silvanus, our faithful brother, as I account him, I have written unto you briefly, exhorting, and testifying that this is the true grace of God: stand you fast therein.

13 She that is in Babylon, elect together with you, salutes you; and so does Mark my son.

14 Salute one another with a kiss of love. Peace be unto you all that are in Christ.

2 Peter

Chapter 1

1 Simon Peter, a servant and apostle of Jesus Christ, to them that have obtained a like precious faith with us in the righteousness of our God and Saviour Jesus Christ:

2 Grace to you and peace be multiplied in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord;

3 seeing that his divine power has granted unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of him that called us by his own glory and virtue;

4 whereby he has granted unto us his precious and exceeding great promises; that through these you may become partakers of the divine nature, having escaped from the corruption that is in the world by lust.

5 Yea, and for this very cause adding on your part all diligence, in your faith supply virtue; and in your virtue knowledge;

6 and in your knowledge temperance; and in your temperance patience; and in your patience godliness;

7 and in your godliness love of the brethren; and in your love of the brethren love.

8 For if these things are yours and abound, they make you to be not idle nor unfruitful unto the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.

9 For he that lacks these things is blind, seeing only what is near, having forgotten the cleansing from his old sins.

10 Wherefore, brethren, give the more diligence to make your calling and election sure: for if you do these things, you shall never stumble:

11 for thus shall be richly supplied unto you the entrance into the eternal kingdom of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

12 Wherefore I shall be ready always to put you in remembrance of these things, though you know them, and are established in the truth which is with you.

13 And I think it right, as long as I am in this tabernacle, to stir you up by putting you in remembrance;

14 knowing that the putting off of my tabernacle comes swiftly, even as our Lord Jesus Christ signified unto me.

15 Yea, I will give diligence that at every time you may be able after my decease to call these things to remembrance.

16 For we did not follow cunningly devised fables, when we made known unto you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we were eyewitnesses of his majesty.

17 For he received from God the Father honour and glory, when there came such a voice to him from the excellent glory, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased:

18 and this voice we ourselves heard come out of heaven, when we were with him in the holy mount.

19 And we have the word of prophecy made more sure; whereunto you do well that you take heed, as unto a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawn, and the day-star arise in your hearts:

20 knowing this first, that no prophecy of scripture is of private interpretation.

21 For no prophecy ever came by the will of man: but men spake from God, being moved by the Holy Ghost.

Chapter 2

1 But there arose false prophets also among the people, as among you also there shall be false teachers, who shall privily bring in destructive heresies, denying even the Master that bought them, bringing upon themselves swift destruction.

2 And many shall follow their lascivious doings; by reason of whom the way of the truth shall be evil spoken of.

3 And in covetousness shall they with feigned words make merchandise of you: whose sentence now from of old lingers not, and their destruction slumbers not.

4 For if God spared not angels when they sinned, but cast them down to hell, and committed them to pits of darkness, to be reserved unto judgment;

5 and spared not the ancient world, but preserved Noah with seven others, a preacher of righteousness, when he brought a flood upon the world of the ungodly;

6 and turning the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah into ashes condemned them with an overthrow, having made them an example unto those that should live ungodly;

7 and delivered righteous Lot, sore distressed by the lascivious life of the wicked

8 (for that righteous man dwelling among them, in seeing and hearing, vexed his righteous soul from day to day with their lawless deeds):

9 the Lord knows how to deliver the godly out of temptation, and to keep the unrighteous under punishment unto the day of judgment;

10 but chiefly them that walk after the flesh in the lust of defilement, and despise dominion. Daring, selfwilled, they tremble not to rail at dignities:

11 whereas angels, though greater in might and power, bring not a railing judgment against them before the Lord.

12 But these, as creatures without reason, born mere animals to be taken and destroyed, railing in matters

whereof they are ignorant, shall in their destroying surely be destroyed,

13 suffering wrong as the hire of wrong-doing; men that count it pleasure to revel in the day-time, spots and blemishes, revelling in their love-feasts while they feast with you;

14 having eyes full of adultery, and that cannot cease from sin; enticing unstedfast souls; having a heart exercised in covetousness; children of cursing;

15 forsaking the right way, they went astray, having followed the way of Balaam the son of Beor, who loved the hire of wrong-doing;

16 but he was rebuked for his own transgression: a dumb ass spake with man's voice and stayed the madness of the prophet.

17 These are springs without water, and mists driven by a storm; for whom the blackness of darkness has been reserved.

18 For, uttering great swelling words of vanity, they entice in the lusts of the flesh, by lasciviousness, those who are just escaping from them that live in error;

19 promising them liberty, while they themselves are bondservants of corruption; for of whom a man is overcome, of the same is he also brought into bondage.

20 For if, after they have escaped the defilements of the world through the knowledge of the Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, they are again entangled therein and overcome, the last state is become worse with them than the first.

21 For it were better for them not to have known the way of righteousness, than, after knowing it, to turn back from the holy commandment delivered unto them.

22 It has happened unto them according to the true proverb, The dog turning to his own vomit again, and the sow that had washed to wallowing in the mire.

Chapter 3

1 This is now, beloved, the second epistle that I write unto you; and in both of them I stir up your sincere mind by putting you in remembrance;

2 that you should remember the words which were spoken before by the holy prophets, and the commandment of the Lord and Saviour through your apostles:

3 knowing this first, that in the last days mockers shall come with mockery, walking after their own lusts,

4 and saying, Where is the promise of his coming? for, from the day that the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as they were from the beginning of the creation.

5 For this they wilfully forget, that there were heavens from of old, and an earth compacted out of water and amidst water, by the word of God;

6 by which means the world that then was, being overflowed with water, perished:

7 but the heavens that now are, and the earth, by the same word have been stored up for fire, being reserved against the day of judgment and destruction of ungodly men.

8 But forget not this one thing, beloved, that one day is with the Lord as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day.

9 The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some count slackness; but is longsuffering to you-ward, not wishing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.

10 But the day of the Lord will come as a thief; in the which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall be dissolved with fervent heat, and the earth and the works that are therein shall be burned up.

11 Seeing that these things are thus all to be dissolved, what manner of persons ought you to be in all holy living and godliness,

12 looking for and earnestly desiring the coming of the day of God, by reason of which the heavens being on fire shall be dissolved, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat?

13 But, according to his promise, we look for new heavens and a new earth, wherein dwells righteousness.

14 Wherefore, beloved, seeing that you look for these things, give diligence that you may be found in peace, without spot and blameless in his sight.

15 And account that the longsuffering of our Lord is salvation; even as our beloved brother Paul also, according to the wisdom given to him, wrote unto you;

16 as also in all his epistles, speaking in them of these things; wherein are some things hard to be understood, which the ignorant and unstedfast wrest, as they do also the other scriptures, unto their own destruction.

17 You therefore, beloved, knowing these things beforehand, beware lest, being carried away with the error of the wicked, you fall from your own stedfastness.

18 But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. To him be the glory both now and for ever. Amen.

1 John

Chapter 1

1 That which was from the beginning, that which we have heard, that which we have seen with our eyes, that which we beheld, and our hands handled, concerning the Word of life

2 (and the life was manifested, and we have seen, and bear witness, and declare unto you the life, the eternal life, which was with the Father, and was manifested unto us);

3 that which we have seen and heard declare we unto you also, that you also may have fellowship with us: yea, and our fellowship is with the Father, and with his Son Jesus Christ:

4 and these things we write, that our joy may be fulfilled.

5 And this is the message which we have heard from him, and announce unto you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all.

6 If we say that we have fellowship with him, and walk in the darkness, we lie, and do not the truth:

7 but if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin.

8 If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

9 If we confess our sins, he is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

10 If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

Chapter 2

1 My little children, these things write I unto you, that you may not sin. And if any man sin, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous:

2 and he is the propitiation for our sins; and not for ours only, but also for the whole world.

3 And hereby know we that we know him, if we keep his commandments.

4 He that says, I know him, and keeps not his commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him:

5 but whoso keeps his word, in him verily has the love of God been perfected. Hereby know we that we are in him:

6 he that says he abides in him ought himself also to walk even as he walked.

7 Beloved, no new commandment write I unto you, but an old commandment which you had from the beginning: the old commandment is the word which you heard.

8 Again, a new commandment write I unto you, which thing is true in him and in you; because the darkness is passing away, and the true light already shines.

9 He that says he is in the light, and hates his brother, is in the darkness even until now.

10 He that loves his brother abides in the light, and there is none occasion of stumbling in him.

11 But he that hates his brother is in the darkness, and walks in the darkness, and knows not whither he goes, because the darkness has blinded his eyes.

12 I write unto you, my little children, because your sins are forgiven you for his name's sake.

13 I write unto you, fathers, because you know him which is from the beginning. I write unto you, young men, because you have overcome the evil one. I have written unto you, little children, because you know the Father.

14 I have written unto you, fathers, because you know him which is from the beginning. I have written unto you, young men, because you are strong, and the word of God abides in you, and you have overcome the evil one.

15 Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him.

16 For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the vainglory of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world.

17 And the world passes away, and the lust thereof: but he that does the will of God abides for ever.

18 Little children, it is the last hour: and as you heard that antichrist comes, even now have there arisen many antichrists; whereby we know that it is the last hour.

19 They went out from us, but they were not of us; for if they had been of us, they would have continued with us: but they went out, that they might be made manifest how that they all are not of us.

20 And you have an anointing from the Holy One, and you know all things.

21 I have not written unto you because you know not the truth, but because you know it, and because no lie is of the truth.

22 Who is the liar but he that denies that Jesus is the Christ? This is the antichrist, even he that denies the Father and the Son.

23 Whosoever denies the Son, the same has not the Father: he that confesses the Son has the Father also.

24 As for you, let that abide in you which you heard from the beginning. If that which you heard from the beginning

abide in you, you also shall abide in the Son, and in the Father.

25 And this is the promise which he promised us, even the life eternal.

26 These things have I written unto you concerning them that would lead you astray.

27 And as for you, the anointing which you received of him abides in you, and you need not that any one teach you; but as his anointing teaches you concerning all things, and is true, and is no lie, and even as it taught you, you abide in him.

28 And now, my little children, abide in him; that, if he shall be manifested, we may have boldness, and not be ashamed before him at his coming.

29 If you know that he is righteous, you know that every one also that does righteousness is begotten of him.

Chapter 3

1 Behold what manner of love the Father has bestowed upon us, that we should be called children of God: and such we are. For this cause the world knows us not, because it knew him not.

2 Beloved, now are we children of God, and it is not yet made manifest what we shall be. We know that, if he shall be manifested, we shall be like him; for we shall see him even as he is.

3 And every one that has this hope set on him purifies himself, even as he is pure.

4 Every one that does sin does also lawlessness: and sin is lawlessness.

5 And you know that he was manifested to take away sins; and in him is no sin.

6 Whosoever abides in him sins not: whosoever sins has not seen him, neither knows him.

7 My little children, let no man lead you astray: he that does righteousness is righteous, even as he is righteous:

8 he that does sin is of the devil; for the devil sins from the beginning. To this end was the Son of God manifested, that he might destroy the works of the devil.

9 Whosoever is begotten of God does no sin, because his seed abides in him: and he cannot sin, because he is begotten of God.

10 In this the children of God are manifest, and the children of the devil: whosoever does not righteousness is not of God, neither he that loves not his brother.

11 For this is the message which you heard from the beginning, that we should love one another:

12 not as Cain was of the evil one, and slew his brother. And wherefore slew he him? Because his works were evil, and his brother's righteous.

13 Marvel not, brethren, if the world hates you.

14 We know that we have passed out of death into life, because we love the brethren. He that loves not abides in death.

15 Whosoever hates his brother is a murderer: and you know that no murderer has eternal life abiding in him.

16 Hereby know we love, because he laid down his life for us: and we ought to lay down our lives for the brethren.

17 But whoso has the world's goods, and beholds his brother in need, and shuts up his compassion from him, how does the love of God abide in him?

18 My little children, let us not love in word, neither with the tongue; but in deed and truth.

19 Hereby shall we know that we are of the truth, and shall assure our heart before him,

20 whereinsoever our heart condemn us; because God is greater than our heart, and knows all things.

21 Beloved, if our heart condemn us not, we have boldness toward God;

22 and whatsoever we ask, we receive of him, because we keep his commandments, and do the things that are pleasing in his sight.

23 And this is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ, and love one another, even as he gave us commandment.

24 And he that keeps his commandments abides in him, and he in him. And hereby we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit which he gave us.

Chapter 4

1 Beloved, believe not every spirit, but prove the spirits, whether they are of God: because many false prophets are gone out into the world.

2 Hereby know you the Spirit of God: every spirit which confesses that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is of God:

3 and every spirit which confesses not Jesus is not of God: and this is the spirit of the antichrist, whereof you have heard that it comes; and now it is in the world already.

4 You are of God, my little children, and have overcome them: because greater is he that is in you than he that is in the world.

5 They are of the world: therefore speak they as of the world, and the world hears them.

6 We are of God: he that knows God hears us; he who is not of God hears us not. By this we know the spirit of truth, and the spirit of error.

7 Beloved, let us love one another: for love is of God; and every one that loves is begotten of God, and knows God.

8 He that loves not knows not God; for God is love.

9 Herein was the love of God manifested in us, that God has sent his only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through him.

10 Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that he loved us, and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins.

11 Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.

12 No man has beheld God at any time: if we love one another, God abides in us, and his love is perfected in us:

13 hereby know we that we abide in him, and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit.

14 And we have beheld and bear witness that the Father has sent the Son to be the Saviour of the world.

15 Whosoever shall confess that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in him, and he in God.

16 And we know and have believed the love which God has in us. God is love; and he that abides in love abides in God, and God abides in him.

17 Herein is love made perfect with us, that we may have boldness in the day of judgment; because as he is, even so are we in this world.

18 There is no fear in love: but perfect love casts out fear, because fear has punishment; and he that fears is not made perfect in love.

19 We love, because he first loved us.

20 If a man say, I love God, and hates his brother, he is a liar: for he that loves not his brother whom he has seen, cannot love God whom he has not seen.

21 And this commandment have we from him, that he who loves God love his brother also.

Chapter 5

1 Whosoever believes that Jesus is the Christ is begotten of God: and whosoever loves him that begat loves him also that is begotten of him.

2 Hereby we know that we love the children of God, when we love God, and do his commandments.

3 For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments: and his commandments are not grievous.

4 For whatsoever is begotten of God overcomes the world: and this is the victory that has overcome the world, even our faith.

5 And who is he that overcomes the world, but he that believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

6 This is he that came by water and blood, even Jesus Christ; not with the water only, but with the water and with the blood.

7 And it is the Spirit that bears witness, because the Spirit is the truth.

8 For there are three who bear witness, the Spirit, and the water, and the blood: and the three agree in one.

9 If we receive the witness of men, the witness of God is greater: for the witness of God is this, that he has borne witness concerning his Son.

10 He that believes on the Son of God has the witness in him: he that believes not God has made him a liar; because he has not believed in the witness that God has borne concerning his Son.

11 And the witness is this, that God gave unto us eternal life, and this life is in his Son.

12 He that has the Son has the life; he that has not the Son of God has not the life.

13 These things have I written unto you, that you may know that you have eternal life, even unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God.

14 And this is the boldness which we have toward him, that, if we ask anything according to his will, he hears us:

15 and if we know that he hears us whatsoever we ask, we know that we have the petitions which we have asked of him.

16 If any man see his brother sinning a sin not unto death, he shall ask, and God will give him life for them that sin not unto death. There is a sin unto death: not concerning this do I say that he should make request.

17 All unrighteousness is sin: and there is a sin not unto death.

18 We know that whosoever is begotten of God sins not; but he that was begotten of God keeps him, and the evil one touches him not.

19 We know that we are of God, and the whole world lies in the evil one.

20 And we know that the Son of God is come, and has given us an understanding, that we know him that is true, and we are in him that is true, even in his Son Jesus Christ. This is the true God, and eternal life.

21 My little children, guard yourselves from idols.

2 John

Chapter 1

1 The elder unto the elect lady and her children, whom I love in truth; and not I only, but also all they that know the truth;

2 for the truth's sake which abides in us, and it shall be with us for ever:

3 Grace, mercy, peace shall be with us, from God the Father, and from Jesus Christ, the Son of the Father, in truth and love.

4 I rejoice greatly that I have found certain of your children walking in truth, even as we received commandment from the Father.

5 And now I beseech you, lady, not as though I wrote to you a new commandment, but that which we had from the beginning, that we love one another.

6 And this is love, that we should walk after his commandments. This is the commandment, even as you heard from the beginning, that you should walk in it.

7 For many deceivers are gone forth into the world, even they that confess not that Jesus Christ comes in the flesh. This is the deceiver and the antichrist.

8 Look to yourselves, that you lose not the things which we have wrought, but that you receive a full reward.

9 Whosoever goes onward and abides not in the teaching of Christ, has not God: he that abides in the teaching, the same has both the Father and the Son.

10 If any one comes unto you, and brings not this teaching, receive him not into your house, and give him no greeting:

11 for he that gives him greeting partakes in his evil works.

12 Having many things to write unto you, I would not write them with paper and ink: but I hope to come unto you, and to speak face to face, that your joy may be fulfilled.

13 The children of your elect sister salute you.

3 John

Chapter 1

1 The elder unto Gaius the beloved, whom I love in truth.

2 Beloved, I pray that in all things you may prosper and be in health, even as your soul prospers.

3 For I rejoiced greatly, when brethren came and bare witness unto your truth, even as you walk in truth.

4 Greater joy have I none than this, to hear of my children walking in the truth.

5 Beloved, you do a faithful work in whatsoever you do toward them that are brethren and strangers withal;

6 who bare witness to your love before the church: whom you will do well to set forward on their journey worthily of God:

7 because that for the sake of the Name they went forth, taking nothing of the Gentiles.

8 We therefore ought to welcome such, that we may be fellow-workers with the truth.

9 I wrote somewhat unto the church: but Diotrephes, who loves to have the preeminence among them, receives us not.

10 Therefore, if I come, I will bring to remembrance his works which he does, prating against us with wicked words: and not content therewith, neither does he himself receive the brethren, and them that would he forbids, and casts them out of the church.

11 Beloved, imitate not that which is evil, but that which is good. He that does good is of God: he that does evil has not seen God.

12 Demetrius has the witness of all men, and of the truth itself: yea, we also bear witness; and you know that our witness is true.

13 I had many things to write unto you, but I am unwilling to write them to you with ink and pen:

14 but I hope shortly to see you, and we shall speak face to face. Peace be unto you. The friends salute you. Salute the friends by name.

Jude

Chapter 1

1 Judas, a servant of Jesus Christ, and brother of James, to them that are called, beloved in God the Father, and kept for Jesus Christ:

2 Mercy unto you and peace and love be multiplied.

3 Beloved, while I was giving all diligence to write unto you of our common salvation, I was constrained to write unto you exhorting you to contend earnestly for the faith which was once for all delivered unto the saints.

4 For there are certain men crept in privily, even they who were of old set forth unto this condemnation, ungodly men, turning the grace of our God into lasciviousness, and denying our only Master and Lord, Jesus Christ.

5 Now I desire to put you in remembrance, though you know all things once for all, how that the Lord, having saved a people out of the land of Egypt, afterward destroyed them that believed not.

6 And angels which kept not their own principality, but left their proper habitation, he has kept in everlasting bonds under darkness unto the judgment of the great day.

7 Even as Sodom and Gomorrah, and the cities about them, having in like manner with these given themselves over to fornication, and gone after strange flesh, are set forth as an example, suffering the punishment of eternal fire.

8 Yet in like manner these also in their dreamings defile the flesh, and set at nought dominion, and rail at dignities.

9 But Michael the archangel, when contending with the devil he disputed about the body of Moses, durst not bring against him a railing judgment, but said, The Lord rebuke you.

10 But these rail at whatsoever things they know not: and what they understand naturally, like the creatures without reason, in these things are they destroyed.

11 Woe unto them! for they went in the way of Cain, and ran riotously in the error of Balaam for hire, and perished in the gainsaying of Korah.

12 These are they who are hidden rocks in your love-feasts when they feast with you, shepherds that without fear feed themselves; clouds without water, carried along by winds; autumn trees without fruit, twice dead, plucked up by the roots;

13 Wild waves of the sea, foaming out their own shame; wandering stars, for whom the blackness of darkness has been reserved for ever.

14 And to these also Enoch, the seventh from Adam, prophesied, saying, Behold, the Lord came with ten thousands of his holy ones,

15 to execute judgment upon all, and to convict all the ungodly of all their works of ungodliness which they have ungodly wrought, and of all the hard things which ungodly sinners have spoken against him.

16 These are murmurers, complainers, walking after their lusts (and their mouth speaks great swelling words), shewing respect of persons for the sake of advantage.

17 But you, beloved, remember you the words which have been spoken before by the apostles of our Lord Jesus Christ;

18 how that they said to you, In the last time there shall be mockers, walking after their own ungodly lusts.

19 These are they who make separations, sensual, having not the Spirit.

20 But you, beloved, building up yourselves on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Spirit,

21 keep yourselves in the love of God, looking for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ unto eternal life.

22 And on some have mercy, who are in doubt;

23 and some save, snatching them out of the fire; and on some have mercy with fear; hating even the garment spotted by the flesh.

24 Now unto him that is able to guard you from stumbling, and to set you before the presence of his glory without blemish in exceeding joy,

25 to the only God our Saviour, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion and power, before all time, and now, and for evermore. Amen.

Revelation

Chapter 1

1 The Revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave him to shew unto his servants, even the things which must shortly come to pass: and he sent and signified it by his angel unto his servant John;

2 who bare witness of the word of God, and of the testimony of Jesus Christ, even of all things that he saw.

3 Blessed is he that reads, and they that hear the words of the prophecy, and keep the things which are written therein: for the time is at hand.

4 John to the seven churches which are in Asia: Grace to you and peace, from him which is and which was and which is to come; and from the seven Spirits which are before his throne;

5 and from Jesus Christ, who is the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth. Unto him that loves us, and loosed us from our sins by his blood;

6 and he made us to be a kingdom, to be priests unto his God and Father; to him be the glory and the dominion for ever and ever. Amen.

7 Behold, he comes with the clouds; and every eye shall see him, and they which pierced him; and all the tribes of the earth shall mourn over him. Even so, Amen.

8 I am the Alpha and the Omega, says the Lord God, which is and which was and which is to come, the Almighty.

9 I John, your brother and partaker with you in the tribulation and kingdom and patience which are in Jesus, was in the isle that is called Patmos, for the word of God and the testimony of Jesus.

10 I was in the Spirit on the Lord's day, and I heard behind me a great voice, as of a trumpet

11 saying, What you see, write in a book, and send it to the seven churches; unto Ephesus, and unto Smyrna, and unto Pergamum, and unto Thyatira, and unto Sardis, and unto Philadelphia, and unto Laodicea.

12 And I turned to see the voice which spake with me. And having turned I saw seven golden candlesticks;

13 and in the midst of the candlesticks one like unto a son of man, clothed with a garment down to the foot, and girt about at the breasts with a golden girdle.

14 And his head and his hair were white as white wool, white as snow; and his eyes were as a flame of fire;

15 and his feet like unto burnished brass, as if it had been refined in a furnace; and his voice as the voice of many waters.

16 And he had in his right hand seven stars: and out of his mouth proceeded a sharp two-edged sword: and his countenance was as the sun shines in his strength.

17 And when I saw him, I fell at his feet as one dead. And he laid his right hand upon me, saying, Fear not; I am the first and the last,

18 and the Living one; and I was dead, and behold, I am alive for evermore, and I have the keys of death and of Hades.

19 Write therefore the things which you saw, and the things which are, and the things which shall come to pass hereafter;

20 the mystery of the seven stars which you saw in my right hand, and the seven golden candlesticks. The seven stars are the angels of the seven churches: and the seven candlesticks are seven churches.

Chapter 2

1 To the angel of the church in Ephesus write; These things says he that holds the seven stars in his right hand, he that walks in the midst of the seven golden candlesticks:

2 I know your works, and your toil and patience, and that you can not bear evil men, and did try them which call themselves apostles, and they are not, and did find them false;

3 and you have patience and did bear for my name's sake, and have not grown weary.

4 But I have this against you, that you did leave your first love.

5 Remember therefore from whence you are fallen, and repent, and do the first works; or else I come to you, and will move your candlestick out of its place, except you repent.

6 But this you have, that you hate the works of the Nicolaitans, which I also hate.

7 He that has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. To him that overcomes, to him will I give to eat of the tree of life, which is in the Paradise of God.

8 And to the angel of the church in Smyrna write; These things says the first and the last, which was dead, and lived again:

9 I know your tribulation, and your poverty (but you are rich), and the blasphemy of them which say they are Jews, and they are not, but are a synagogue of Satan.

10 Fear not the things which you are about to suffer: behold, the devil is about to cast some of you into prison, that you may be tried; and you shall have tribulation ten days. Be you faithful unto death, and I will give you the crown of life.

11 He that has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. He that overcomes shall not be hurt of the second death.

12 And to the angel of the church in Pergamum write; These things says he that has the sharp two-edged sword:

13 I know where you dwell, even where Satan's throne is: and you hold fast my name, and did not deny my faith, even in the days of Antipas my witness, my faithful one, who was killed among you, where Satan dwells.

14 But I have a few things against you, because you have there some that hold the teaching of Balaam, who taught Balak to cast a stumblingblock before the children of Israel, to eat things sacrificed to idols, and to commit fornication.

15 So have you also some that hold the teaching of the Nicolaitans in like manner.

16 Repent therefore; or else I come to you quickly, and I will make war against them with the sword of my mouth.

17 He that has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. To him that overcomes, to him will I give of the hidden manna, and I will give him a white stone, and upon the stone a new name written, which no one knows but he that receives it.

18 And to the angel of the church in Thyatira write; These things says the Son of God, who has his eyes like a flame of fire, and his feet are like unto burnished brass:

19 I know your works, and your love and faith and ministry and patience, and that your last works are more than the first.

20 But I have this against you, that you suffer the woman Jezebel, which calls herself a prophetess; and she teaches and seduces my servants to commit fornication, and to eat things sacrificed to idols.

21 And I gave her time that she should repent; and she wills not to repent of her fornication.

22 Behold, I do cast her into a bed, and them that commit adultery with her into great tribulation, except they repent of her works.

23 And I will kill her children with death; and all the churches shall know that I am he which searches the reins and hearts: and I will give unto each one of you according to your works.

24 But to you I say, to the rest that are in Thyatira, as many as have not this teaching, which know not the deep things of Satan, as they say; I cast upon you none other burden.

25 Howbeit that which you have, hold fast till I come.

26 And he that overcomes, and he that keeps my works unto the end, to him will I give authority over the nations:

27 and he shall rule them with a rod of iron, as the vessels of the potter are broken to shivers; as I also have received of my Father:

28 and I will give him the morning star.

29 He that has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.

Chapter 3

1 And to the angel of the church in Sardis write; These things says he that has the seven Spirits of God, and the seven stars: I know your works, that you have a name that you live, and you are dead.

2 Be you watchful, and stablish the things that remain, which were ready to die: for I have found no works of yours fulfilled before my God.

3 Remember therefore how you have received and did hear; and keep it, and repent. If therefore you shall not watch, I will come as a thief, and you shall not know what hour I will come upon you.

4 But you have a few names in Sardis which did not defile their garments: and they shall walk with me in white; for they are worthy.

5 He that overcomes shall thus be arrayed in white garments; and I will in no wise blot his name out of the book of life, and I will confess his name before my Father, and before his angels.

6 He that has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.

7 And to the angel of the church in Philadelphia write; These things says he that is holy, he that is true, he that has the key of David, he that opens, and none shall shut, and that shuts, and none opens:

8 I know your works (behold, I have set before you a door opened, which none can shut), that you have a little power, and did keep my word, and did not deny my name.

9 Behold, I give of the synagogue of Satan, of them which say they are Jews, and they are not, but do lie; behold, I will make them to come and worship before your feet, and to know that I have loved you.

10 Because you did keep the word of my patience, I also will keep you from the hour of trial, that hour which is to come upon the whole world, to try them that dwell upon the earth.

11 I come quickly: hold fast that which you have, that no one take your crown.

12 He that overcomes, I will make him a pillar in the temple of my God, and he shall go out thence no more: and I will write upon him the name of my God, and the name of the city of my God, the new Jerusalem, which comes down out of heaven from my God, and mine own new name.

13 He that has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.

14 And to the angel of the church in Laodicea write; These things says the Amen, the faithful and true witness, the beginning of the creation of God:

15 I know your works, that you are neither cold nor hot: I would you were cold or hot.

16 So because you are lukewarm, and neither hot nor cold, I will spew you out of my mouth.

17 Because you say, I am rich, and have gotten riches, and have need of nothing; and know not that you are the wretched one and miserable and poor and blind and naked:

18 I counsel you to buy of me gold refined by fire, that you may become rich; and white garments, that you may clothe yourself, and that the shame of your nakedness be not made manifest; and eyesalve to anoint your eyes, that you may see.

19 As many as I love, I reprove and chasten: be zealous therefore, and repent.

20 Behold, I stand at the door and knock: if any man hear my voice and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me.

21 He that overcomes, I will give to him to sit down with me in my throne, as I also overcame, and sat down with my Father in his throne.

22 He that has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.

Chapter 4

1 After these things I saw, and behold, a door opened in heaven, and the first voice which I heard, a voice as of a trumpet speaking with me, one saying, Come up hither, and I will shew you the things which must come to pass hereafter.

2 Straightway I was in the Spirit: and behold, there was a throne set in heaven, and one sitting upon the throne;

3 and he that sat was to look upon like a jasper stone and a sardius: and there was a rainbow round about the throne, like an emerald to look upon.

4 And round about the throne were four and twenty thrones: and upon the thrones I saw four and twenty elders sitting, arrayed in white garments; and on their heads crowns of gold.

5 And out of the throne proceed lightnings and voices and thunders. And there were seven lamps of fire burning before the throne, which are the seven Spirits of God;

6 and before the throne, as it were a glassy sea like unto crystal; and in the midst of the throne, and round about the throne, four living creatures full of eyes before and behind.

7 And the first creature was like a lion, and the second creature like a calf, and the third creature had a face as of a man, and the fourth creature was like a flying eagle.

8 And the four living creatures, having each one of them six wings, are full of eyes round about and within: and they have no rest day and night, saying, Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord God, the Almighty, which was and which is and which is to come.

9 And when the living creatures shall give glory and honour and thanks to him that sits on the throne, to him that lives for ever and ever,

10 the four and twenty elders shall fall down before him that sits on the throne, and shall worship him that lives for ever and ever, and shall cast their crowns before the throne, saying,

11 Worthy are you, our Lord and our God, to receive the glory and the honour and the power: for you did create all things, and because of your will they were, and were created.

Chapter 5

1 And I saw in the right hand of him that sat on the throne a book written within and on the back, close sealed with seven seals.

2 And I saw a strong angel proclaiming with a great voice, Who is worthy to open the book, and to loose the seals thereof?

3 And no one in the heaven, or on the earth, or under the earth, was able to open the book, or to look thereon.

4 And I wept much, because no one was found worthy to open the book, or to look thereon:

5 and one of the elders says unto me, Weep not: behold, the Lion that is of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has overcome, to open the book and the seven seals thereof.

6 And I saw in the midst of the throne and of the four living creatures, and in the midst of the elders, a Lamb standing, as though it had been slain, having seven horns, and seven eyes, which are the seven Spirits of God, sent forth into all the earth.

7 And he came, and he takes it out of the right hand of him that sat on the throne.

8 And when he had taken the book, the four living creatures and the four and twenty elders fell down before the Lamb, having each one a harp, and golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints.

9 And they sing a new song, saying, Worthy are you to take the book, and to open the seals thereof: for you were slain, and did purchase unto God with your blood men of every tribe, and tongue, and people, and nation,

10 and made them to be unto our God a kingdom and priests; and they reign upon the earth.

11 And I saw, and I heard a voice of many angels round about the throne and the living creatures and the elders; and the number of them was ten thousand times ten thousand, and thousands of thousands;

12 saying with a great voice, Worthy is the Lamb that has been slain to receive the power, and riches, and wisdom, and might, and honour, and glory, and blessing.

13 And every created thing which is in the heaven, and on the earth, and under the earth, and on the sea, and all things that are in them, heard I saying, Unto him that sits on the throne, and unto the Lamb, be the blessing, and the honour, and the glory, and the dominion, for ever and ever.

14 And the four living creatures said, Amen. And the elders fell down and worshipped.

Chapter 6

1 And I saw when the Lamb opened one of the seven seals, and I heard one of the four living creatures saying as with a voice of thunder, Come.

2 And I saw, and behold, a white horse, and he that sat thereon had a bow; and there was given unto him a crown: and he came forth conquering, and to conquer.

3 And when he opened the second seal, I heard the second living creature saying, Come.

4 And another horse came forth, a red horse: and to him that sat thereon it was given to take peace from the earth, and that they should slay one another: and there was given unto him a great sword.

5 And when he opened the third seal, I heard the third living creature saying, Come. And I saw, and behold, a black horse; and he that sat thereon had a balance in his hand.

6 And I heard as it were a voice in the midst of the four living creatures saying, A measure of wheat for a penny and three measures of barley for a penny; and the oil and the wine hurt you not.

7 And when he opened the fourth seal, I heard the voice of the fourth living creature saying, Come.

8 And I saw, and behold, a pale horse: and he that sat upon him, his name was Death; and Hades followed with him. And there was given unto them authority over the fourth part of the earth, to kill with sword, and with famine, and with death, and by the wild beasts of the earth.

9 And when he opened the fifth seal, I saw underneath the altar the souls of them that had been slain for the word of God, and for the testimony which they held:

10 and they cried with a great voice, saying, How long, O Master, the holy and true, do you not judge and avenge our blood on them that dwell on the earth?

11 And there was given them to each one a white robe; and it was said unto them, that they should rest yet for a little time, until their fellow-servants also and their brethren, which should be killed even as they were, should be fulfilled.

12 And I saw when he opened the sixth seal, and there was a great earthquake; and the sun became black as sackcloth of hair, and the whole moon became as blood;

13 and the stars of the heaven fell unto the earth, as a fig tree casts her unripe figs, when she is shaken of a great wind.

14 And the heaven was removed as a scroll when it is rolled up; and every mountain and island were moved out of their places.

15 And the kings of the earth, and the princes, and the chief captains, and the rich, and the strong, and every bondman and freeman, hid themselves in the caves and in the rocks of the mountains;

16 and they say to the mountains and to the rocks, Fall on us, and hide us from the face of him that sits on the throne, and from the wrath of the Lamb:

17 for the great day of their wrath is come; and who is able to stand?

Chapter 7

1 After this I saw four angels standing at the four corners of the earth, holding the four winds of the earth, that no wind should blow on the earth, or on the sea, or upon any tree.

2 And I saw another angel ascend from the sunrising, having the seal of the living God: and he cried with a great voice to the four angels, to whom it was given to hurt the earth and the sea,

3 saying, Hurt not the earth, neither the sea, nor the trees, till we shall have sealed the servants of our God on their foreheads.

4 And I heard the number of them which were sealed, a hundred and forty and four thousand, sealed out of every tribe of the children of Israel.

5 Of the tribe of Judah were sealed twelve thousand: Of the tribe of Reuben twelve thousand: Of the tribe of Gad twelve thousand:

6 Of the tribe of Asher twelve thousand: Of the tribe of Naphtali twelve thousand: Of the tribe of Manasseh twelve thousand:

7 Of the tribe of Simeon twelve thousand: Of the tribe of Levi twelve thousand: Of the tribe of Issachar twelve thousand:

8 Of the tribe of Zebulun twelve thousand: Of the tribe of Joseph twelve thousand: Of the tribe of Benjamin were sealed twelve thousand.

9 After these things I saw, and behold, a great multitude, which no man could number, out of every nation and of all tribes and peoples and tongues, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, arrayed in white robes, and palms in their hands;

10 and they cry with a great voice, saying, Salvation unto our God which sits on the throne, and unto the Lamb.

11 And all the angels were standing round about the throne, and about the elders and the four living creatures; and they fell before the throne on their faces, and worshipped God,

12 saying, Amen: Blessing, and glory, and wisdom, and thanksgiving, and honour, and power, and might, be unto our God for ever and ever. Amen.

13 And one of the elders answered, saying unto me, These which are arrayed in the white robes, who are they, and whence came they?

14 And I say unto him, My lord, you know. And he said to me, These are they which come out of the great tribulation, and they washed their robes, and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

15 Therefore are they before the throne of God; and they serve him day and night in his temple: and he that sits on the throne shall spread his tabernacle over them.

16 They shall hunger no more, neither thirst any more; neither shall the sun strike upon them, nor any heat:

17 for the Lamb which is in the midst of the throne shall be their shepherd, and shall guide them unto fountains of waters of life: and God shall wipe away every tear from their eyes.

Chapter 8

1 And when he opened the seventh seal, there followed a silence in heaven about the space of half an hour.

2 And I saw the seven angels which stand before God; and there were given unto them seven trumpets.

3 And another angel came and stood over the altar, having a golden censer; and there was given unto him much incense, that he should add it unto the prayers of all the saints upon the golden altar which was before the throne.

4 And the smoke of the incense, with the prayers of the saints, went up before God out of the angel's hand.

5 And the angel takes the censer; and he filled it with the fire of the altar, and cast it upon the earth: and there followed thunders, and voices, and lightnings, and an earthquake.

6 And the seven angels which had the seven trumpets prepared themselves to sound.

7 And the first sounded, and there followed hail and fire, mingled with blood, and they were cast upon the earth: and the third part of the earth was burnt up, and the third part of the trees was burnt up, and all green grass was burnt up.

8 And the second angel sounded, and as it were a great mountain burning with fire was cast into the sea: and the third part of the sea became blood;

9 and there died the third part of the creatures which were in the sea, even they that had life; and the third part of the ships was destroyed.

10 And the third angel sounded, and there fell from heaven a great star, burning as a torch, and it fell upon the third part of the rivers, and upon the fountains of the waters;

11 and the name of the star is called Wormwood: and the third part of the waters became wormwood; and many men died of the waters, because they were made bitter.

12 And the fourth angel sounded, and the third part of the sun was smitten, and the third part of the moon, and the third part of the stars; that the third part of them should be darkened, and the day should not shine for the third part of it, and the night in like manner.

13 And I saw, and I heard an eagle, flying in mid heaven, saying with a great voice, Woe, woe, woe, for them that dwell on the earth, by reason of the other voices of the trumpet of the three angels, who are yet to sound.

Chapter 9

1 And the fifth angel sounded, and I saw a star from heaven fallen unto the earth: and there was given to him the key of the pit of the abyss.

2 And he opened the pit of the abyss; and there went up a smoke out of the pit, as the smoke of a great furnace; and the sun and the air were darkened by reason of the smoke of the pit.

3 And out of the smoke came forth locusts upon the earth; and power was given them, as the scorpions of the earth have power.

4 And it was said unto them that they should not hurt the grass of the earth, neither any green thing, neither any tree, but only such men as have not the seal of God on their foreheads.

5 And it was given them that they should not kill them, but that they should be tormented five months: and their torment was as the torment of a scorpion, when it strikes a man.

6 And in those days men shall seek death, and shall in no wise find it; and they shall desire to die, and death flees from them.

7 And the shapes of the locusts were like unto horses prepared for war; and upon their heads as it were crowns like unto gold, and their faces were as men's faces.

8 And they had hair as the hair of women, and their teeth were as the teeth of lions.

9 And they had breastplates, as it were breastplates of iron; and the sound of their wings was as the sound of chariots, of many horses rushing to war.

10 And they have tails like unto scorpions, and stings; and in their tails is their power to hurt men five months.

11 They have over them as king the angel of the abyss: his name in Hebrew is Abaddon, and in the Greek tongue he has the name Apollyon.

12 The first Woe is past: behold, there come yet two Woes hereafter.

13 And the sixth angel sounded, and I heard a voice from the horns of the golden altar which is before God,

14 one saying to the sixth angel, which had the trumpet, Loose the four angels which are bound at the great river Euphrates.

15 And the four angels were loosed, which had been prepared for the hour and day and month and year, that they should kill the third part of men.

16 And the number of the armies of the horsemen was twice ten thousand times ten thousand: I heard the number of them.

17 And thus I saw the horses in the vision, and them that sat on them, having breastplates as of fire and of hyacinth and of brimstone: and the heads of the horses are as the heads of lions; and out of their mouths proceeds fire and smoke and brimstone.

18 By these three plagues was the third part of men killed, by the fire and the smoke and the brimstone, which proceeded out of their mouths.

19 For the power of the horses is in their mouth, and in their tails: for their tails are like unto serpents, and have heads; and with them they do hurt.

20 And the rest of mankind, which were not killed with these plagues, repented not of the works of their hands, that they should not worship devils, and the idols of gold, and of silver, and of brass, and of stone, and of wood; which can neither see, nor hear, nor walk:

21 and they repented not of their murders, nor of their sorceries, nor of their fornication, nor of their thefts.

Chapter 10

1 And I saw another strong angel coming down out of heaven, arrayed with a cloud; and the rainbow was upon his head, and his face was as the sun, and his feet as pillars of fire;

2 and he had in his hand a little book open: and he set his right foot upon the sea, and his left upon the earth;

3 and he cried with a great voice, as a lion roars: and when he cried, the seven thunders uttered their voices.

4 And when the seven thunders uttered their voices, I was about to write: and I heard a voice from heaven saying, Seal up the things which the seven thunders uttered, and write them not.

5 And the angel which I saw standing upon the sea and upon the earth lifted up his right hand to heaven,

6 and sware by him that lives for ever and ever, who created the heaven and the things that are therein, and the earth and the things that are therein, and the sea and the things that are therein, that there shall be time no longer:

7 but in the days of the voice of the seventh angel, when he is about to sound, then is finished the mystery of God, according to the good tidings which he declared to his servants the prophets.

8 And the voice which I heard from heaven, I heard it again speaking with me, and saying, Go, take the book which is open in the hand of the angel that stands upon the sea and upon the earth.

9 And I went unto the angel, saying unto him that he should give me the little book. And he says unto me, Take it, and eat it up; and it shall make your belly bitter, but in your mouth it shall be sweet as honey.

10 And I took the little book out of the angel's hand, and ate it up; and it was in my mouth sweet as honey: and when I had eaten it, my belly was made bitter.

11 And they say unto me, You must prophesy again over many peoples and nations and tongues and kings.

Chapter 11

1 And there was given me a reed like unto a rod: and one said, Rise, and measure the temple of God, and the altar, and them that worship therein.

2 And the court which is without the temple leave without, and measure it not; for it has been given unto the nations: and the holy city shall they tread under foot forty and two months.

3 And I will give unto my two witnesses, and they shall prophesy a thousand two hundred and threescore days, clothed in sackcloth.

4 These are the two olive trees and the two candlesticks, standing before the Lord of the earth.

5 And if any man desires to hurt them, fire proceeds out of their mouth, and devours their enemies: and if any man shall desire to hurt them, in this manner must he be killed.

6 These have the power to shut the heaven, that it rain not during the days of their prophecy: and they have power over the waters to turn them into blood, and to smite the earth with every plague, as often as they shall desire.

7 And when they shall have finished their testimony, the beast that comes up out of the abyss shall make war with them, and overcome them, and kill them.

8 And their dead bodies lie in the street of the great city, which spiritually is called Sodom and Egypt, where also their Lord was crucified.

9 And from among the peoples and tribes and tongues and nations do men look upon their dead bodies three days and a half, and suffer not their dead bodies to be laid in a tomb.

10 And they that dwell on the earth rejoice over them, and make merry; and they shall send gifts one to another; because these two prophets tormented them that dwell on the earth.

11 And after the three days and a half the breath of life from God entered into them, and they stood upon their feet; and great fear fell upon them which beheld them.

12 And they heard a great voice from heaven saying unto them, Come up hither. And they went up into heaven in the cloud; and their enemies beheld them.

13 And in that hour there was a great earthquake, and the tenth part of the city fell; and there were killed in the earthquake seven thousand persons: and the rest were affrighted, and gave glory to the God of heaven.

14 The second Woe is past: behold, the third Woe comes quickly.

15 And the seventh angel sounded; and there followed great voices in heaven, and they said, The kingdom of the world is become the kingdom of our Lord, and of his Christ: and he shall reign for ever and ever.

16 And the four and twenty elders, which sit before God on their thrones, fell upon their faces and worshipped God,

17 saying, We give you thanks, O Lord God, the Almighty, which are and which were; because you have taken your great power, and did reign.

18 And the nations were wroth, and your wrath came, and the time of the dead to be judged, and the time to give their reward to your servants the prophets, and to the saints, and to them that fear your name, the small and the great; and to destroy them that destroy the earth.

19 And there was opened the temple of God that is in heaven; and there was seen in his temple the ark of his covenant; and there followed lightnings, and voices, and thunders, and an earthquake, and great hail.

Chapter 12

1 And a great sign was seen in heaven; a woman arrayed with the sun, and the moon under her feet, and upon her head a crown of twelve stars;

2 and she was with child: and she cries out, travailing in birth, and in pain to be delivered.

3 And there was seen another sign in heaven; and behold, a great red dragon, having seven heads and ten horns, and upon his heads seven diadems.

4 And his tail draws the third part of the stars of heaven, and did cast them to the earth: and the dragon stood before the woman which was about to be delivered, that when she was delivered he might devour her child.

5 And she was delivered of a son, a man child, who is to rule all the nations with a rod of iron: and her child was caught up unto God, and unto his throne.

6 And the woman fled into the wilderness, where she has a place prepared of God, that there they may nourish her a thousand two hundred and threescore days.

7 And there was war in heaven: Michael and his angels going forth to war with the dragon; and the dragon warred and his angels;

8 And they prevailed not, neither was their place found any more in heaven.

9 And the great dragon was cast down, the old serpent, he that is called the Devil and Satan, the deceiver of the whole world; he was cast down to the earth, and his angels were cast down with him.

10 And I heard a great voice in heaven, saying, Now is come the salvation, and the power, and the kingdom of our God, and the authority of his Christ: for the accuser of our brethren is cast down, which accuses them before our God day and night.

11 And they overcame him because of the blood of the Lamb, and because of the word of their testimony; and they loved not their life even unto death.

12 Therefore rejoice, O heavens, and you that dwell in them. Woe for the earth and for the sea: because the devil is gone down unto you, having great wrath, knowing that he has but a short time.

13 And when the dragon saw that he was cast down to the earth, he persecuted the woman which brought forth the man child.

14 And there were given to the woman the two wings of the great eagle, that she might fly into the wilderness unto her place, where she is nourished for a time, and times, and half a time, from the face of the serpent.

15 And the serpent cast out of his mouth after the woman water as a river, that he might cause her to be carried away by the stream.

16 And the earth helped the woman, and the earth opened her mouth, and swallowed up the river which the dragon cast out of his mouth.

17 And the dragon waxed wroth with the woman, and went away to make war with the rest of her seed, which keep the commandments of God, and hold the testimony of Jesus:

Chapter 13

1 and he stood upon the sand of the sea. And I saw a beast coming up out of the sea, having ten horns and seven heads, and on his horns ten diadems, and upon his heads names of blasphemy.

2 And the beast which I saw was like unto a leopard, and his feet were as the feet of a bear, and his mouth as the mouth of a lion: and the dragon gave him his power, and his throne, and great authority.

3 And I saw one of his heads as though it had been smitten unto death; and his death-stroke was healed: and the whole earth wondered after the beast;

4 and they worshipped the dragon, because he gave his authority unto the beast; and they worshipped the beast, saying, Who is like unto the beast? and who is able to war with him?

5 and there was given to him a mouth speaking great things and blasphemies; and there was given to him authority to continue forty and two months.

6 And he opened his mouth for blasphemies against God, to blaspheme his name, and his tabernacle, even them that dwell in the heaven.

7 And it was given unto him to make war with the saints, and to overcome them: and there was given to him authority over every tribe and people and tongue and nation.

8 And all that dwell on the earth shall worship him, every one whose name has not been written in the book of life of the Lamb that has been slain from the foundation of the world.

9 If any man has an ear, let him hear.

10 If any man is for captivity, into captivity he goes: if any man shall kill with the sword, with the sword must he be killed. Here is the patience and the faith of the saints.

11 And I saw another beast coming up out of the earth; and he had two horns like unto a lamb, and he spake as a dragon.

12 And he exercises all the authority of the first beast in his sight. And he makes the earth and them that dwell therein to worship the first beast, whose death-stroke was healed.

13 And he does great signs, that he should even make fire to come down out of heaven upon the earth in the sight of men.

14 And he deceives them that dwell on the earth by reason of the signs which it was given him to do in the sight of the beast; saying to them that dwell on the earth, that they should make an image to the beast, who has the stroke of the sword, and lived.

15 And it was given unto him to give breath to it, even to the image of the beast, that the image of the beast should both speak, and cause that as many as should not worship the image of the beast should be killed.

16 And he causes all, the small and the great, and the rich and the poor, and the free and the bond, that there be given them a mark on their right hand, or upon their forehead;

17 and that no man should be able to buy or to sell, save he that has the mark, even the name of the beast or the number of his name.

18 Here is wisdom. He that has understanding, let him count the number of the beast; for it is the number of a man: and his number is Six hundred and sixty and six.

Chapter 14

1 And I saw, and behold, the Lamb standing on the mount Zion, and with him a hundred and forty and four thousand, having his name, and the name of his Father, written on their foreheads.

2 And I heard a voice from heaven, as the voice of many waters, and as the voice of a great thunder: and the voice which I heard was as the voice of harpers harping with their harps:

3 and they sing as it were a new song before the throne, and before the four living creatures and the elders: and no man could learn the song save the hundred and forty and four thousand, even they that had been purchased out of the earth.

4 These are they which were not defiled with women; for they are virgins. These are they which follow the Lamb whithersoever he goes. These were purchased from among men, to be the firstfruits unto God and unto the Lamb.

5 And in their mouth was found no lie: they are without blemish.

6 And I saw another angel flying in mid heaven, having an eternal gospel to proclaim unto them that dwell on the earth, and unto every nation and tribe and tongue and people;

7 and he says with a great voice, Fear God, and give him glory; for the hour of his judgment is come: and worship him that made the heaven and the earth and sea and fountains of waters.

8 And another, a second angel, followed, saying, Fallen, fallen is Babylon the great, which has made all the nations to drink of the wine of the wrath of her fornication.

9 And another angel, a third, followed them, saying with a great voice, If any man worships the beast and his image, and receives a mark on his forehead, or upon his hand,

10 he also shall drink of the wine of the wrath of God, which is prepared unmixed in the cup of his anger; and he shall be tormented with fire and brimstone in the presence of the holy angels, and in the presence of the Lamb:

11 and the smoke of their torment goes up for ever and ever; and they have no rest day and night, they that worship the beast and his image, and whoso receives the mark of his name.

12 Here is the patience of the saints, they that keep the commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus.

13 And I heard a voice from heaven saying, Write, Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth: yea, says the Spirit, that they may rest from their labours; for their works follow with them.

14 And I saw, and behold, a white cloud; and on the cloud I saw one sitting like unto a son of man, having on his head a golden crown, and in his hand a sharp sickle.

15 And another angel came out from the temple, crying with a great voice to him that sat on the cloud, Send forth your sickle, and reap: for the hour to reap is come; for the harvest of the earth is over-ripe.

16 And he that sat on the cloud cast his sickle upon the earth; and the earth was reaped.

17 And another angel came out from the temple which is in heaven, he also having a sharp sickle.

18 And another angel came out from the altar, he that has power over fire; and he called with a great voice to him that had the sharp sickle, saying, Send forth your sharp sickle, and gather the clusters of the vine of the earth; for her grapes are fully ripe.

19 And the angel cast his sickle into the earth, and gathered the vintage of the earth, and cast it into the winepress, the great winepress, of the wrath of God.

20 And the winepress was trodden without the city, and there came out blood from the winepress, even unto the bridles of the horses, as far as a thousand and six hundred furlongs.

Chapter 15

1 And I saw another sign in heaven, great and marvelous, seven angels having seven plagues, which are the last, for in them is finished the wrath of God.

2 And I saw as it were a glassy sea mingled with fire; and them that come victorious from the beast, and from his image, and from the number of his name, standing by the glassy sea, having harps of God.

3 And they sing the song of Moses the servant of God, and the song of the Lamb, saying, Great and marvelous are your works, O Lord God, the Almighty; righteous and true are your ways, you King of the ages.

4 Who shall not fear, O Lord, and glorify your name? for you only art holy; for all the nations shall come and worship before you; for your righteous acts have been made manifest.

5 And after these things I saw, and the temple of the tabernacle of the testimony in heaven was opened:

6 and there came out from the temple the seven angels that had the seven plagues, arrayed with precious stone, pure and bright, and girt about their breasts with golden girdles.

7 And one of the four living creatures gave unto the seven angels seven golden bowls full of the wrath of God, who lives for ever and ever.

8 And the temple was filled with smoke from the glory of God, and from his power; and none was able to enter into the temple, till the seven plagues of the seven angels should be finished.

Chapter 16

1 And I heard a great voice out of the temple, saying to the seven angels, Go you, and pour out the seven bowls of the wrath of God into the earth.

2 And the first went, and poured out his bowl into the earth; and it became a noisome and grievous sore upon the men which had the mark of the beast, and which worshipped his image.

3 And the second poured out his bowl into the sea; and it became blood as of a dead man; and every living soul died, even the things that were in the sea.

4 And the third poured out his bowl into the rivers and the fountains of the waters; and it became blood.

5 And I heard the angel of the waters saying, Righteous are you, which are and which were, you Holy One, because you did thus judge:

6 for they poured out the blood of saints and prophets, and blood have you given them to drink: they are worthy.

7 And I heard the altar saying, Yea, O Lord God, the Almighty, true and righteous are your judgments.

8 And the fourth poured out his bowl upon the sun; and it was given unto it to scorch men with fire.

9 And men were scorched with great heat: and they blasphemed the name of the God which has the power over these plagues; and they repented not to give him glory.

10 And the fifth poured out his bowl upon the throne of the beast; and his kingdom was darkened; and they gnawed their tongues for pain,

11 and they blasphemed the God of heaven because of their pains and their sores; and they repented not of their works.

12 And the sixth poured out his bowl upon the great river, the river Euphrates; and the water thereof was dried up, that the way might be made ready for the kings that come from the sunrising.

13 And I saw coming out of the mouth of the dragon, and out of the mouth of the beast, and out of the mouth of the false prophet, three unclean spirits, as it were frogs:

14 for they are spirits of devils, working signs; which go forth unto the kings of the whole world, to gather them together unto the war of the great day of God, the Almighty.

15 (Behold, I come as a thief. Blessed is he that watches, and keeps his garments, lest he walk naked, and they see his shame.)

16 And they gathered them together into the place which is called in Hebrew Har-Magedon.

17 And the seventh poured out his bowl upon the air; and there came forth a great voice out of the temple, from the throne, saying, It is done:

18 and there were lightnings, and voices, and thunders; and there was a great earthquake, such as was not since there were men upon the earth, so great an earthquake, so mighty.

19 And the great city was divided into three parts, and the cities of the nations fell: and Babylon the great was remembered in the sight of God, to give unto her the cup of the wine of the fierceness of his wrath.

20 And every island fled away, and the mountains were not found.

21 And great hail, every stone about the weight of a talent, comes down out of heaven upon men: and men blasphemed God because of the plague of the hail; for the plague thereof is exceeding great.

Chapter 17

1 And there came one of the seven angels that had the seven bowls, and spake with me, saying, Come hither, I will shew you the judgment of the great harlot that sits upon many waters;

2 with whom the kings of the earth committed fornication, and they that dwell in the earth were made drunken with the wine of her fornication.

3 And he carried me away in the Spirit into a wilderness: and I saw a woman sitting upon a scarlet-coloured beast, full of names of blasphemy, having seven heads and ten horns.

4 And the woman was arrayed in purple and scarlet, and decked with gold and precious stone and pearls, having in her hand a golden cup full of abominations, even the unclean things of her fornication,

5 and upon her forehead a name written, MYSTERY, BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF THE HARLOTS AND OF THE ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH.

6 And I saw the woman drunken with the blood of the saints, and with the blood of the martyrs of Jesus. And when I saw her, I wondered with a great wonder.

7 And the angel said unto me, Wherefore did you wonder? I will tell you the mystery of the woman, and of the beast that carries her, which has the seven heads and the ten horns.

8 The beast that you saw was, and is not; and is about to come up out of the abyss, and to go into perdition. And they that dwell on the earth shall wonder, they whose name has not been written in the book of life from the foundation of the world, when they behold the beast, how that he was, and is not, and shall come.

9 Here is the mind which has wisdom. The seven heads are seven mountains, on which the woman sits:

10 and they are seven kings; the five are fallen, the one is, the other is not yet come; and when he comes, he must continue a little while.

11 And the beast that was, and is not, is himself also an eighth, and is of the seven; and he goes into perdition.

12 And the ten horns that you saw are ten kings, which have received no kingdom as yet; but they receive authority as kings, with the beast, for one hour.

13 These have one mind, and they give their power and authority unto the beast.

14 These shall war against the Lamb, and the Lamb shall overcome them, for he is Lord of lords, and King of kings; and they also shall overcome that are with him, called and chosen and faithful.

15 And he says unto me, The waters which you saw, where the harlot sits, are peoples, and multitudes, and nations, and tongues.

16 And the ten horns which you saw, and the beast, these shall hate the harlot, and shall make her desolate and naked, and shall eat her flesh, and shall burn her utterly with fire.

17 For God did put in their hearts to do his mind, and to come to one mind, and to give their kingdom unto the beast, until the words of God should be accomplished.

18 And the woman whom you saw is the great city, which reigns over the kings of the earth.

Chapter 18

1 After these things I saw another angel coming down out of heaven, having great authority; and the earth was lightened with his glory.

2 And he cried with a mighty voice, saying, Fallen, fallen is Babylon the great, and is become a habitation of devils, and a hold of every unclean spirit, and a hold of every unclean and hateful bird.

3 For by the wine of the wrath of her fornication all the nations are fallen; and the kings of the earth committed fornication with her, and the merchants of the earth waxed rich by the power of her wantonness.

4 And I heard another voice from heaven, saying, Come forth, my people, out of her, that you have no fellowship with her sins, and that you receive not of her plagues:

5 for her sins have reached even unto heaven, and God has remembered her iniquities.

6 Render unto her even as she rendered, and double unto her the double according to her works: in the cup which she mingled, mingle unto her double.

7 How much soever she glorified herself, and waxed wanton, so much give her of torment and mourning: for she says in her heart, I sit a queen, and am no widow, and shall in no wise see mourning.

8 Therefore in one day shall her plagues come, death, and mourning, and famine; and she shall be utterly burned with fire; for strong is the Lord God which judged her.

9 And the kings of the earth, who committed fornication and lived wantonly with her, shall weep and wail over her, when they look upon the smoke of her burning,

10 standing afar off for the fear of her torment, saying, Woe, woe, the great city, Babylon, the strong city! for in one hour is your judgment come.

11 And the merchants of the earth weep and mourn over her, for no man buys their merchandise any more;

12 merchandise of gold, and silver, and precious stone, and pearls, and fine linen, and purple, and silk, and scarlet; and all thyine wood, and every vessel of ivory, and every vessel made of most precious wood, and of brass, and iron, and marble;

13 and cinnamon, and spice, and incense, and ointment, and frankincense, and wine, and oil, and fine flour, and wheat, and cattle, and sheep; and merchandise of horses and chariots and slaves; and souls of men.

14 And the fruits which your soul lusted after are gone from you, and all things that were dainty and sumptuous are perished from you, and men shall find them no more at all.

15 The merchants of these things, who were made rich by her, shall stand afar off for the fear of her torment, weeping and mourning;

16 saying, Woe, woe, the great city, she that was arrayed in fine linen and purple and scarlet, and decked with gold and precious stone and pearl!

17 for in one hour so great riches is made desolate. And every shipmaster, and every one that sails any whither, and mariners, and as many as gain their living by sea, stood afar off,

18 and cried out as they looked upon the smoke of her burning, saying, What city is like the great city?

19 And they cast dust on their heads, and cried, weeping and mourning, saying, Woe, woe, the great city, wherein were made rich all that had their ships in the sea by reason of her costliness! for in one hour is she made desolate.

20 Rejoice over her, you heaven, and you saints, and you apostles, and you prophets; for God has judged your judgment on her.

21 And a strong angel took up a stone as it were a great millstone, and cast it into the sea, saying, Thus with a mighty fall shall Babylon, the great city, be cast down, and shall be found no more at all.

22 And the voice of harpers and minstrels and flute-players and trumpeters shall be heard no more at all in you; and no craftsman, of whatsoever craft, shall be found any more at all in you; and the voice of a millstone shall be heard no more at all in you;

23 and the light of a lamp shall shine no more at all in you; and the voice of the bridegroom and of the bride shall be heard no more at all in you: for your merchants were the princes of the earth; for with your sorcery were all the nations deceived.

24 And in her was found the blood of prophets and of saints, and of all that have been slain upon the earth.

Chapter 19

1 After these things I heard as it were a great voice of a great multitude in heaven, saying, Hallelujah; Salvation, and glory, and power, belong to our God:

2 for true and righteous are his judgments; for he has judged the great harlot, which did corrupt the earth with her fornication, and he has avenged the blood of his servants at her hand.

3 And a second time they say, Hallelujah. And her smoke goes up for ever and ever.

4 And the four and twenty elders and the four living creatures fell down and worshipped God that sits on the throne, saying, Amen; Hallelujah.

5 And a voice came forth from the throne, saying, Give praise to our God, all you his servants, you that fear him, the small and the great.

6 And I heard as it were the voice of a great multitude, and as the voice of many waters, and as the voice of mighty thunders, saying, Hallelujah: for the Lord our God, the Almighty, reigns.

7 Let us rejoice and be exceeding glad, and let us give the glory unto him: for the marriage of the Lamb is come, and his wife has made herself ready.

8 And it was given unto her that she should array herself in fine linen, bright and pure: for the fine linen is the righteous acts of the saints.

9 And he says unto me, Write, Blessed are they which are bidden to the marriage supper of the Lamb. And he says unto me, These are true words of God.

10 And I fell down before his feet to worship him. And he says unto me, See you do it not: I am a fellow-servant with you and with your brethren that hold the testimony of Jesus: worship God: for the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy.

11 And I saw the heaven opened; and behold, a white horse, and he that sat thereon, called Faithful and True; and in righteousness he does judge and make war.

12 And his eyes are a flame of fire, and upon his head are many diadems; and he has a name written, which no one knows but he himself.

13 And he is arrayed in a garment sprinkled with blood: and his name is called The Word of God.

14 And the armies which are in heaven followed him upon white horses, clothed in fine linen, white and pure.

15 And out of his mouth proceeds a sharp sword, that with it he should smite the nations: and he shall rule them with a rod of iron: and he treads the winepress of the fierceness of the wrath of Almighty God.

16 And he has on his garment and on his thigh a name written, KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS.

17 And I saw an angel standing in the sun; and he cried with a loud voice, saying to all the birds that fly in mid heaven, Come and be gathered together unto the great supper of God;

18 that you may eat the flesh of kings, and the flesh of captains, and the flesh of mighty men, and the flesh of horses and of them that sit thereon, and the flesh of all men, both free and bond, and small and great.

19 And I saw the beast, and the kings of the earth, and their armies, gathered together to make war against him that sat upon the horse, and against his army.

20 And the beast was taken, and with him the false prophet that wrought the signs in his sight, wherewith he deceived them that had received the mark of the beast, and them that worshipped his image: they twain were cast alive into the lake of fire that burns with brimstone:

21 and the rest were killed with the sword of him that sat upon the horse, even the sword which came forth out of his mouth: and all the birds were filled with their flesh.

Chapter 20

1 And I saw an angel coming down out of heaven, having the key of the abyss and a great chain in his hand.

2 And he laid hold on the dragon, the old serpent, which is the Devil and Satan, and bound him for a thousand years,

3 and cast him into the abyss, and shut it, and sealed it over him, that he should deceive the nations no more, until the thousand years should be finished: after this he must be loosed for a little time.

4 And I saw thrones, and they sat upon them, and judgment was given unto them: and I saw the souls of them that had been beheaded for the testimony of Jesus, and for the word of God, and such as worshipped not the beast, neither his image, and received not the mark upon their forehead and upon their hand; and they lived, and reigned with Christ a thousand years.

5 The rest of the dead lived not until the thousand years should be finished. This is the first resurrection.

6 Blessed and holy is he that has part in the first resurrection: over these the second death has no power; but they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with him a thousand years.

7 And when the thousand years are finished, Satan shall be loosed out of his prison,

8 and shall come forth to deceive the nations which are in the four corners of the earth, Gog and Magog, to gather them together to the war: the number of whom is as the sand of the sea.

9 And they went up over the breadth of the earth, and compassed the camp of the saints about, and the beloved city: and fire came down out of heaven, and devoured them.

10 And the devil that deceived them was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone, where are also the beast and the false prophet; and they shall be tormented day and night for ever and ever.

11 And I saw a great white throne, and him that sat upon it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away; and there was found no place for them.

12 And I saw the dead, the great and the small, standing before the throne; and books were opened: and another book was opened, which is the book of life: and the dead

were judged out of the things which were written in the books, according to their works.

13 And the sea gave up the dead which were in it; and death and Hades gave up the dead which were in them: and they were judged every man according to their works.

14 And death and Hades were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death, even the lake of fire.

15 And if any was not found written in the book of life, he was cast into the lake of fire.

Chapter 21

1 And I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth are passed away; and the sea is no more.

2 And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, made ready as a bride adorned for her husband.

3 And I heard a great voice out of the throne saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and he shall dwell with them, and they shall be his peoples, and God himself shall be with them, and be their God:

4 and he shall wipe away every tear from their eyes; and death shall be no more; neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain, any more: the first things are passed away.

5 And he that sits on the throne said, Behold, I make all things new. And he says, Write: for these words are faithful and true.

6 And he said unto me, They are come to pass. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. I will give unto him that is athirst of the fountain of the water of life freely.

7 He that overcomes shall inherit these things; and I will be his God, and he shall be my son.

8 But for the fearful, and unbelieving, and abominable, and murderers, and fornicators, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars, their part shall be in the lake that burns with fire and brimstone; which is the second death.

9 And there came one of the seven angels who had the seven bowls, who were laden with the seven last plagues; and he spake with me, saying, Come hither, I will shew you the bride, the wife of the Lamb.

10 And he carried me away in the Spirit to a mountain great and high, and shewed me the holy city Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God,

11 having the glory of God: her light was like unto a stone most precious, as it were a jasper stone, clear as crystal:

12 having a wall great and high; having twelve gates, and at the gates twelve angels; and names written thereon, which are the names of the twelve tribes of the children of Israel:

13 on the east were three gates; and on the north three gates; and on the south three gates; and on the west three gates.

14 And the wall of the city had twelve foundations, and on them twelve names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb.

15 And he that spake with me had for a measure a golden reed to measure the city, and the gates thereof, and the wall thereof.

16 And the city lies foursquare, and the length thereof is as great as the breadth: and he measured the city with the reed, twelve thousand furlongs: the length and the breadth and the height thereof are equal.

17 And he measured the wall thereof, a hundred and forty and four cubits, according to the measure of a man, that is, of an angel.

18 And the building of the wall thereof was jasper: and the city was pure gold, like unto pure glass.

19 The foundations of the wall of the city were adorned with all manner of precious stones. The first foundation was jasper; the second, sapphire; the third, chalcedony; the fourth, emerald;

20 the fifth, sardonyx; the sixth, sardius; the seventh, chrysolite; the eighth, beryl; the ninth, topaz; the tenth, chrysoprase; the eleventh, jacinth; the twelfth, amethyst.

21 And the twelve gates were twelve pearls; each one of the several gates was of one pearl: and the street of the city was pure gold, as it were transparent glass.

22 And I saw no temple therein: for the Lord God the Almighty, and the Lamb, are the temple thereof.

23 And the city has no need of the sun, neither of the moon, to shine upon it: for the glory of God did lighten it, and the lamp thereof is the Lamb.

24 And the nations shall walk amidst the light thereof: and the kings of the earth do bring their glory into it.

25 And the gates thereof shall in no wise be shut by day (for there shall be no night there):

26 and they shall bring the glory and the honour of the nations into it:

27 and there shall in no wise enter into it anything unclean, or he that makes an abomination and a lie: but only they which are written in the Lamb's book of life.

Chapter 22

1 And he shewed me a river of water of life, bright as crystal, proceeding out of the throne of God and of the Lamb,

2 in the midst of the street thereof. And on this side of the river and on that was the tree of life, bearing twelve manner of fruits, yielding its fruit every month: and the leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations.

3 And there shall be no curse any more: and the throne of God and of the Lamb shall be therein: and his servants shall do him service;

4 and they shall see his face; and his name shall be on their foreheads.

5 And there shall be night no more; and they need no light of lamp, neither light of sun; for the Lord God shall give them light: and they shall reign for ever and ever.

6 And he said unto me, These words are faithful and true: and the Lord, the God of the spirits of the prophets, sent his angel to shew unto his servants the things which must shortly come to pass.

7 And behold, I come quickly. Blessed is he that keeps the words of the prophecy of this book.

8 And I John am he that heard and saw these things. And when I heard and saw, I fell down to worship before the feet of the angel which shewed me these things.

9 And he says unto me, See you do it not: I am a fellow-servant with you and with your brethren the prophets, and with them which keep the words of this book: worship God.

10 And he says unto me, Seal not up the words of the prophecy of this book; for the time is at hand.

11 He that is unrighteous, let him do unrighteousness still: and he that is filthy, let him be made filthy still: and he that is righteous, let him do righteousness still: and he that is holy, let him be made holy still.

12 Behold, I come quickly; and my reward is with me, to render to each man according as his work is.

13 I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end.

14 Blessed are they that wash their robes, that they may have the right to come to the tree of life, and may enter in by the gates into the city.

15 Without are the dogs, and the sorcerers, and the fornicators, and the murderers, and the idolaters, and every one that loves and makes a lie.

16 I Jesus have sent mine angel to testify unto you these things for the churches. I am the root and the offspring of David, the bright, the morning star.

17 And the Spirit and the bride say, Come. And he that hears, let him say, Come. And he that is athirst, let him come: he that will, let him take the water of life freely.

18 I testify unto every man that hears the words of the prophecy of this book, If any man shall add unto them, God shall add unto him the plagues which are written in this book:

19 and if any man shall take away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part from the tree of life, and out of the holy city, which are written in this book.

20 He which testifies these things says, Yea: I come quickly. Amen: come, Lord Jesus.

21 The grace of the Lord Jesus be with the saints. Amen.